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O'Connell, William

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With Bail in the 17/12.
by John E. Makers
~~1882~~ E. J. H. H. H. H. H.
Cor. Avenue 1st + 5th Sts.

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Day of Trial,

Counsel,

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day of

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to be tried.

THE PEOPLE

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vs.

#B

Belovious Assault

JOHN McKEON,
District Attorney.

Indictment
4th April 1882
A True Bill.

Edward J. Mansueti
Prosecutor.

Wm. H. H. H. H. H.
1st March 1882

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The right
57822644
Mrs. Donnelly
was arrested
in person by
constable James

BAILLED,
No. 1 by Mrs. E. Walker
Residence 347 E 5th St
No. 2, by Street 55 W 1st St
Residence
No. 3, by
Residence
No. 4, by
Residence

CLERK'S NO. 4964
Police Court 24
District 18

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Stewart
28 St
1 William St
18

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Completed at City Prison
Offence, A Dec 13

Dated Aug 20 1882

Magistrate
Clerk

Witnesses, Abraham Minkovitch
Clerk

No. 1
No. 2
No. 3
No. 4

to answer
Street

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named William O'Connor

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Aug 20 1882 W. W. Murphy Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named William O'Connor to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated August 20 1882 Presiding at Court Precinct Prison Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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The Dept
5748 Erie wh
Thos Donnelly
was arrested for
impersonation of
Ambrose J. Kearney

BAILED,
No. 1 by Jno. E. Maher
Residence 355 E 57th Street,
Stoneford
No. 2, by East 55th St Car A
Residence _____ Street,
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street.

CLERK'S NO. 726 District: 18
Police Court 726 1914
THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
James J. Sawyer
28 J. P.
William F. Connel
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Offence, Arrest
Dated Aug 20 1882
Magistrate,
Billy
W. H. T. Smith Officer.
Clerk,
Camillus Kearney
Witnesses, 1st Insp. H. J. Smith
Thomas Archer Street,
East 71st Street
William J. O'Brien Street,
East 71st Street
No. _____ Street,
§ _____ to answer § _____
W. J. O'Brien

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named William Donnelly guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.
Dated Aug 20 1882 W. J. O'Brien Police Justice.
I have admitted the above named William Donnelly to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated Aug 20 1882 W. J. O'Brien Police Justice.
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.
Dated _____ 1882 _____ Police Justice.

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305 W 22^d St N.Y.C.
Nov 6th 1882

Judge Bixby;

Sir; This is to certify
that Patrolman William
Collins of the 28th precinct
is unable to leave the
house on account
of swollen feet,

Very Respectfully
P. Morley
Police Surgeon
28th Precinct.

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City and County of New York, ss.:

THE PEOPLE,

vs

William F. Connel

Police Court ----- 7 ----- District.

On Complaint of

For

James Lawler
Aqua B

After being informed of my rights under the law, I hereby waive a trial, by Jury, on this complaint, and my right to make a statement in relation to it, and demand a trial at the COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York

Dated *Aug 20* 188 *2*

William F. Connel

B. J. Brehy

Police Justice.

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Police Court—4 District.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } SS

of No. The 28 Precinct Police Street, James Lawler

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that
on Saturday the 12 day of August
in the year 1882, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by William F. Conner (hooker)

Who threw a large stone at this deponent
striking him on the head, cutting and
injuring deponent severely,

without any justification on the part of the said assailant. Deponent was on duty
at the time

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to
answer the above assault, &c, and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 28 day of Aug 1882 } James Lawler

R. S. G. Rieghy POLICE JUSTICE.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

William F. O'Connell

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

William F. O'Connell

of the CRIME OF Assault and Battery upon another by such means and force as were likely to produce death with intent to kill committed as follows:

The said

William F. O'Connell

late of the City and County of New York, on the ~~twelfth~~ ^{fourth} day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms

in and upon one

James Lawler then and there being, feloniously made an assault, and to at and against him the said James Lawler, a certain stone which he the said William F. O'Connell in his right hand then and there had and held feloniously did then and there cast and throw, and him the said James Lawler in and upon the head of him the said James Lawler then and there with the stone aforesaid so as aforesaid cast and thrown by him the said William F. O'Connell, feloniously did beat strike, cut, wound and fracture, the same being such means and force as were likely to produce the death of him the said James Lawler, with intent him the said James Lawler then and there feloniously to kill, against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity

John McKeon
District Attorney

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O'Donnell, John

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Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed

Day of

1882

Pleads

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B
John O'Donnell
alias
John McDonald

Att. off. Gen.

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

Violation of Excise Laws.

A True Bill.

Edward Garrison

Foreman.

F. Dec. 22/82

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Sec. 198-200.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

John M. Donald being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

John M. Donald

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

35 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

21 Rutgers Place (resided there 7 yrs)

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Bar Tender

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I have nothing to say

Taken before me, this

30

John P. Gosnell

day of

October

188*8*

J. M. Brown Police Justice

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Police Court District 1 919

THE PEOPLE, Sec'y
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Patrick Coughlin
John Mc Donald
Offence, Violation License Law.

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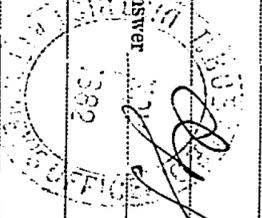
Dated Oct 30 1888

Magistrate
Murray
Clerk.

Witnesses

No. Street

No. Street
\$ 100 to answer
Failed



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

John Mc Donald

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of one Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Oct 30 1888 Murray Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named John Mc Donald to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated Oct 30 1888 Murray Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated 1888 Police Justice.

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Police Court District. 928

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Patrick Engleak
vs.
John de Arnold
Offence, *Violation of Law*

BAILED
No. 1 by *William Costello*
Residence *105 Barclay Street*
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street,
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street.

Dated *Oct 20* 188*2*
Magistrate, *Murray Engleak*
Officer, _____
Clerk, _____

Witnesses, _____ Street,
No. _____ Street,
No. _____ Street,
No. _____ Street,
\$ *100* to answer _____
Bailed

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed,

and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named *John de Arnold*

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *one*

Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he

give such bail.

I have admitted the above named *John de Arnold*

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated *Oct 20* 188*2*
Wm Murray
Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____

guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188*2*
Police Justice.

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Police Court _____ District.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

} ss

Patrick English
of No. *111* *Subidary* Street,
of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the *29* day

of *October* 1887, in the City of New York, in the County of New York, at
premises No. *182* *Canal* Street,

John M. Donald [now here]
did then and there ~~sell and caused, suffered and permitted to be sold~~ *pose for sale*, under his direction and authority, strong and
spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, being intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than five gallons at a time, to be
drunk in the house or premises aforesaid, contrary to and in violation of law.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that said *John M. Donald*
may be arrested and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me this *30* day
of *October* 1887

Patrick English

[Signature]
POLICE JUSTICE.

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Court of General Sessions

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

John O'Donnell

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

John O'Donnell

of the CRIME OF *Selling Spirituous Liquors on Sunday,* ~~without a License,~~

committed as follows:

The said

John O'Donnell

late of the *Sixth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ~~twenty ninth~~ *day* of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, ~~certain strong and spirituous liquors, and certain wines, to wit: one gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whisky, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell, in quantity less than five gallons at one time, to a certain person whose name is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,~~

~~;~~ without having a license therefor, as required by law, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of New York.

SECOND COUNT.—And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said ~~of the crime of exposing for sale and selling spirituous liquors on Sunday, committed as follows, that is to say: The said~~ ~~late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, with force and arms, certain strong and spirituous liquors and certain wines, to wit: One gill of wine, one gill of brandy, one gill of rum, one gill of gin, one gill of whisky, one gill of cordial, one gill of bitters, one gill of ale, one gill of porter, one gill of beer, one gill of lager beer, and one gill of a certain strong and spirituous liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did expose for sale and sell as a beverage to a certain person whose name is to the Grand Jury unknown,~~

~~contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.~~

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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O'Keefe, John

DATE:

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WITNESSES.

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E. & Price

Day of Trial,

Counsel,

Filed *20* day of *Nov* 188*2*

Pleads *Not Guilty (21)*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John O'Shea

Felonious Assault and Battery.

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Jellward Johnson

Foreman.

Dec 7/82

Henry O'Connell

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Form

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss. :

POLICE COURT—FIRST DISTRICT.

James Doran
of No. 81 Roosevelt Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the 13 day of November 187

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he was violently and feloniously assaulted and
beaten by

John O Keefe (now present.)

who cut and stabbed
deponent several times
on the left arm with
a pen knife.

Deponent believes that said injury, as above set forth, was inflicted by said

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him bodily harm, and without any justification
on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended, and dealt with accord-
ing to law.

James Doran

Sworn to, before me, this

13th day of November 1872
Wm J. Bennett
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

John O Keepe being duly examined before the under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against him that the statement is designed to
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used
against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John O Keepe*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *25 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *21 Cherry St (resided there 3 mos)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Iron Smith*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your
exculpation?

Answer. *I have nothing to say*

Taken before me, this *14*
day of *Nov* 188*8*

John O Keepe

Wm Murray Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1 by _____
 Residence _____
 Street, _____

No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street, _____

No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street, _____

No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____
 Street, _____

Police Court-966
 District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Anna Strider
John O'Keefe
 Offence: *Assault*

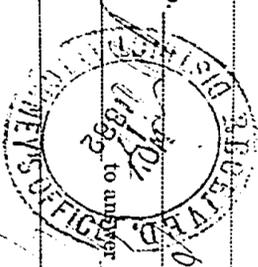
Dated *Mar 14* 188*2*

Wm. Murray Magistrate.
de Smithey Officer.
 Clerk.

Witnesses, _____
 No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____
 \$ _____ to answer



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named _____

John O'Keefe
 guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *one* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *Mar. 14* 188*2* *John Murray* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named _____ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court District.

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
James Jordan
J. Caspary
John O Keele

BAILED,

No. 1 by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Street,

Street,

Street,

Street,

Dated *Nov 14* 188*2*

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Murray

McGuirey

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Witnesses,

No.

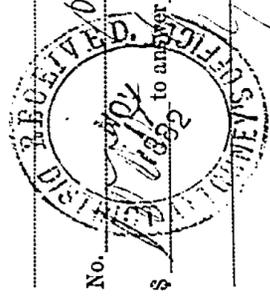
Street,

No.

Street,

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Street,



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed,

and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of

Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he

give such bail.

Dated *Nov 14* 188*2* *John O Keele* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 1882 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated 1882 Police Justice.

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65 BIBLE HOUSE, ASTOR PLACE,

The people
ag^t
John O'Keefe

New York, Dec-4th 1882

I am aware that John's record is not good, but in the charge ag^t him now, he is not as guilty as his Complainant.

I do believe John had commenced to reform, he had not drunk any thing.

John was trying to get Sullivan a man who lives in the same house, home to his family (a commendable deed surely) so that they could get his money, his weeks wages had just been paid him & he had been drinking.

The Complainant opposed John & called him names, twitted him of becoming a saint & till John lost his temper and a fight ensued. Complainant got John down & John used the penknife as I understand in self defence.

John's wife who stood on the street & saw it all says that Corp^t struck John first.

I believe these are the facts in the case. Sullivan had money which accounts for the interest corp^t took in him.

Respectfully
S. Leitch

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against

John O'Keefe

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

John O'Keefe

of the CRIME of "Assault and Battery upon another with a deadly weapon with intent to kill," committed as follows:

The said

John O'Keefe

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the ~~thirteenth~~ day of ~~November~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty ~~two~~ with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *James Doran* in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and ~~in~~ the said *James Doran* with a certain ~~knife~~ which the said

John O'Keefe

in ~~his~~ right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound with intent ~~in~~ the said *James Doran* then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

John O'Keefe

of the CRIME of "Assault upon another, without justifiable or excusable cause, with a sharp dangerous weapon, with intent to do bodily harm," committed as follows:

The said

John O'Keefe

afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *James Doran* then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an assault and ~~in~~ the said *James Doran* with a certain ~~knife~~ which the said

John O'Keefe

in ~~his~~ right hand then and there had and held, the same being then and there a sharp, dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously, and without justifiable and excusable cause, did then and there beat, strike, stab, cut and wound, with intent to then and there wilfully and feloniously do bodily harm unto ~~in~~ the said *James Doran* against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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Bail fixed by
Judge Cowing
at \$2000-

Refs returned by

William Valentin

24 Washington

Brooklyn and

Atto L. Johnson

83 Pearl St. N.Y.

Joseph Kane-butler

On 2nd & Nassau

Frank Clarke

his subpoena to City

Storhouse - Clarke

Fate - " - "

Andrew Strouten

" - " - "

" - " - "

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Filed 28 day of Nov 1882

Pleads Guilty (Deck 12)

THE PEOPLE

vs.
Eugene B. Johnson
Pat F. Johnson

JOHN McKEON
District Attorney

Speer of Court

A True Bill

Jewell Johnson

Foreman

January 11. 1883

Speer of Court

Speer and Johnson

Fine \$125. To be
imprisoned one day for
each dollar until fine
is paid.

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 The People } Court of General Sessions. Part First.
 Olof J. Olsson } Before Judge Gildersleeve, Jan. 11. 1883.
 Indictment for felonious assault and battery.
 Jacob A. E. Steen, sworn and examined, testified:
 I live at 235 East Sixth St. I am master and
 mate of vessels; the last time I was first officer
 of a vessel was in 1877. I sailed from Baltimore
 to the Mediterranean. I know the defendant
 Olsson, he is a Swede and master of a vessel,
 which was lying in Pier 12 East River on the
 north side of the pier. He shot ^{at} me with a revol-
 ver on the 27th of December 1881, I guess it
 was about seven o'clock in the evening; it
 was moon light; he was a stranger to me.
 (Witness described the position of the vessels)
 I was standing on the corner of Old Slip
 a little before in the evening and Capt.
 Matheison asked me to have a drink; we
 took a drink and when we were standing
 and had that drink in came Capt. Asker
 and the mate of his brig and had a
 drink of beer; then Capt. Matheison invited
 us all to go on board of his vessel that
 was lying there to take a cigar; he said
 he had nice cigars. We went on board
 and had a cigar and another drink.
 Instead of going ashore to go home I went
 to Capt. Asker's vessel with Capt. Matheison

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and the mate of Capt. Asker. Capt. Matheson went aboard Capt. Olsen's vessel while Capt. Asker was talking to his own crew. Capt. Matheson had been aboard Capt. Olsen's vessel a few minutes when he came and halloed to me and Capt. Asker to come on board while it is all right. Capt. Asker said, Let us come aboard; we all three went on board; we came down on the deck; the cabin is built on deck and the entrance to it is behind Capt. Asker and his mate were ahead and I was behind. Just when I went into the cabin door Capt. Olsen grabbed me with his left hand on the shoulder and said, "you go ashore you scoundrel," or something like that. I said, "All right, I can go ashore, I have nothing to do here." I guess this was about seven o'clock in the evening; he held on to my shoulder and brought me before the fore part of the deck and main mast and there he slipped me. Then I walked up on the railing - some lumber was on the dock - and put my foot on the dock and lifted another foot; then he shot me here (pointing to his thigh). I was not on the boat. I was with one foot of the bulkhead of the pier and another foot ready to put down on the pier. Up to that time I had not struck or did

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anything to Capt. Olsson. Nothing occurred between us only what I testified to. I was laid up in the New York hospital with my wounds till the 22nd of January. Then I removed to Carmine St. and a lady took charge of me. I was lying there two or three weeks in bed. I was about two months under the physician's care, but for a long time after I could not work well. Cross Examined. I saw Capt. Olsson passing up and down the dock. I could not exactly say the first time I saw him. I could not say that it was on the evening of the 19th of Dec. that I saw him at 65 Pike St. I know he was on Pike St. Ben Derricks, a shipping master keeps 65 Pike St. I saw Capt. Olsson there. They say he was there looking for some sailors that had been "stolen" from his boat. I did not visit him the morning after at his vessel. I did not go there any morning after that. I did not go on the morning of the 20th or 21st to his vessel and call him out to see him. I had never been on board his vessel until the night I was shot. I was standing on the railing once. I did not go to ask him anything in relation to the sailors which had been "stolen" from his boat. I don't know anything about sailors that

were taken away. [Mr. Padden stood up in Court.] I saw that man in South St. I don't know what became of the sailors that Capt. Olsson was looking for. I did not employ Mr. Padden (who is an express man) to go to Capt. Olsson's boat and take the luggage belonging to these sailors away. I never employed any man to take any clothes away. That is as true as anything I have told the jury. I had not threatened before I went aboard Capt. Olsson's vessel that evening what I was going to do to Capt. Olsson for charging me with spirit-^{ing} away his sailors. I did not say that I would break his head, nor did I make use of any such language. I never spoke to him up to the time I went on board that boat. I did not give him a pair of black eyes before he shot me. I did not strike him before that. Capt. Olsson ordered me off his boat, but he was not in the act of putting me off the boat when I turned round and struck him twice. I did not do that.

[Dr. Lumbeck stood up in Court.] I saw that gentleman in December, the last time there was a trial here in Court. I saw him once or twice before that in Broad or William St. I did not talk to him after the shooting in relation to how it happened.

Did you tell him before you got shot that you had the satisfaction of giving the Captain a couple of black eyes? No sir, I never spoke to that man. I have commenced a civil suit against the Captain for five thousand dollars damages. Derrick is a shipping master. I was partner with Mr. Derrick, but did not stop with him.

[The evidence of Andreas and Enoch Asker, taken on the last trial, was read by consent. Olof J. Olsson sworn and examined in his own behalf testified. I am Captain of the Swedish brig Gunnell. I arrived in New York on the 12th of Dec. 1881; that was my first visit to this country. I lost some sailors on the 19th of Dec. in the night. It was about 8 o'clock in the evening on the 27th when the complainant came aboard my vessel. I saw him before that at 65 Pike St.; that is the first time I ever saw that man; it is a sailor's boarding house and sailor's runners. I went there in search of my men; the next morning the complainant came down to my vessel and wanted one of the officers on deck to call me out of the cabin; he wanted to see me. He wanted to know who gave me information that my men were in his place. I told him that it was

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my own business how I found out those things. I told him to stay away from my vessel and have nothing to do with me, to let me alone. He said, "Is that the way a man speaks to me? and then he says, 'it will cost you four thousand dollars before you get away from the wharf, and if you don't come and make up matters with me, you will have your head smashed before you leave New York, for I want you to understand that it is not your business to interfere with what I was doing with men.'" I left him and went up town and gave no answer at all to it.

About 8 o'clock on the evening of the 27th of Dec. 1881 I was already turned in. Capt Mathieson came aboard my vessel and called the watch on deck; the watch said the Captain has turned in. He insisted upon seeing me and the watch called me. I turned out of my bed and said, "Let Capt. Mathieson come in." Capt. Mathieson entered my cabin while I was putting on my clothes - stockings and a pair of shoes. He sat down on my sofa in my cabin and he began to speak to me. After we had been talking about five minutes we heard some noise on

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deck. He (the complainant) said nothing but came over from the main deck and did not speak to the watch or anything and did not enter my cabin in front, but went round the house and went into the after cabin. Those two strangers, Capt Asker and his mate were the two first ones that entered. I did not know them and never had spoken to or seen them as I can think of. They entered the outer cabin and Steen was just putting his head into the door. As soon as I saw his face in that door, I thought it was me they were after on account of threatening me. I thought to take the necessary precautions against two strangers, I stepped a couple of steps back and took hold of a revolver that hung above the head of my berth and asked them what they wanted? They gave no answer. I went against them to stop them from coming any further. When I saw this Steen put his head into the door I thought he would come in my cabin and commit violence. I knew Steen was a man that goes about and takes sailors away; he threatened to take my life and I would not let him aboard my vessel. I said, I told you before not

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to come aboard, now you go ashore." Then he put his back against the door of the cabin and said, "I aint going ashore for the likes of you." I noticed that he had something in his hand, I could not see what it was. As soon as I saw that, I caught him with my left hand, I turned him suddenly around so that he got his back towards me so as to prevent him from beginning to assault me. I pushed him along to the cabin until I got to the deck. There was about ten steps from the cabin to the gangway, I let go of him, I saw him put one foot on the step ladder that we use for going over the rail to go ashore. As soon as I let go of him he banged round and struck me and fetched the right eye there. Immediately that was almost shut up so that I could not use that. It was not a moment I got another and that fetched me right back. I was stunned, there was noises in my head, I was almost sinking down on my backside, and as soon as that was done he was ready to haul another blow and I fired immediately my pistol I fired only once, and that was only

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after I was struck in the manner I have stated. I thought my life was in danger and I did it in self defence. Cross
Examined. My cabin is a house built upon the after deck and the gangway is between the bulwarks and the cabin; it is a narrow passage two or three feet I should say. The two Askers were in the cabin. At first when I spoke to him we could be say about fifteen feet apart; he did resist me; he did not go away willingly, for I had to push him. I pushed him until he reached the gangway going out upon the dock; it was high tide, so that the dock was almost even with the railing of the vessel. As soon as I let go of him on the gang plank he began to strike me; he was inside the rail of the vessel. I had a pistol in my hand. After I saw these strangers coming in the cabin I took the pistol. I did not invite any of them in there; they came in of their own accord. I never knew them or saw them before. They did not say they were masters of vessels at all. I stopped them and asked them who they were? They said they belonged to vessels. Then I went on deck and ordered Steen off the vessel. It was

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Not with the fist that he struck me; it was with an implement, for it gave a hard blow; it did cut, ~~for~~ the bone was bruised. I was struck under the eye and that was shut up; it was not a moment before I was struck again. I was struck twice and then I fired the pistol. By the counsel. This question was asked (on the other trial) How came you to fire? Because I thought if he gave me another blow like that it would put my existence out, I thought I would do myself injustice if I did not protect my own life. There was only two of my crew on board and only one on deck. John Padden sworn. I live 289 Front St. and am an express man, I know Steen; he employed me to take baggage from Capt. Olssen's vessel belonging to some of the sailors. Steen went with me to the Captain's vessel at the time I got the baggage. A man named Ben Derrick's a shipping master was with him. Charles Lundbeck sworn. I am a physician. I have had a conversation with Steen with regard to this affair at the corner of William and South William Sts. I think it was some time in March, sometime in winter. He told me that Capt. Olssen had shot him, but he had

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the satisfaction of giving him two black eyes before he got shot. Cross examined. I was standing right opposite the corner of William and South William St. after having been talking with some parties and I saw Steen standing on the corner. It seemed to me that he looked like some Captain that had arrived, as I have a good deal of business with sea captains, Scandinavian nationality. I went and asked him, "Excuse me, I said, are not you a Swedish Captain that arrived with a vessel today?" "No sir," he says, "my name is Steen, I am the man that was shot by Capt. Olssen this Swedish Captain, that was here some time ago." I say, I remember hearing a good deal about that. How do you feel Mr. Steen? O, he says, I am getting along slowly and sure and then he said that he shot me, but I had the satisfaction of giving him two black eyes before he shot me; he volunteered that statement. Mr. Forster read the testimony of John Detman taken on the other trial. Christian Bors, sworn and examined. I reside at 44 East Fifth seventh st. I am the consul for Sweden and Norway. I have been consul for the two countries-

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about sixteen years - in Boston about ten years as vice consul. I know Capt Olsson and as far as I know his character and reputation as a peaceable man is good. I did not see him after the shooting. Christopher Ravn is the vice consul here. The Captains have given Capt Olsson a very good reputation.

Christopher Ravn sworn. I am the vice consul of Sweden and Norway. I saw Capt. Olsson several times at the Consulate. I saw him on the afternoon he was discharged at the Consulate's office. I noticed his face that he had a big ~~white~~ mark under his right eye. I saw him four days after and the mark was on his face yet. Reinhardt Fisher sworn. I am in the ship brokerage business with G. Tobias & Co. I know Capt. Olsson. I saw him in Dec. 1881; we chartered his vessel. I saw he had a cut in his face and two black eyes. As far as I know he is a peaceable and quiet man.

William Volckens sworn. I am a ship broker of the firm of Funch, Eddy & Co. I know Capt. Olsson; I know him as a peaceable and good man.

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Frederick Bernhard called by the District Attorney. I live at 227 Avenue A. I recollect 65 Pike St. I went there once in Dec. 1881 with two other officers. I am a United States marshal; we went after some sailors. The door was slammed in my face and I broke in again. Steen was there. He said to Capt. Olson he did not have any of his men. One of the men had a revolver.

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of assault and battery with a recommendation to mercy.

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Asst. Dist. Attorney Fellows for the People.
Mr. Foster, for the Defendant.

Indictment for Felonious Assault and Battery.

A Jury was impanelled and sworn.

J A C O B A. E. S T E E N sworn and examined testified:

Q Mr. Steer, what is your business?

A I am a Captain of a vessel, Master of a vessel.

Q Running where?

A From this port.

Q Do you reside in this city?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know the defendant, Mr. Olsson?

A Yes, sir.

Q What is his business?

A He is master of a vessel, a Swedish vessel, a Swedish barque

Q On or about the last of December of last year were you as-
saulted by Mr. Olsson?

A Yes, sir, I was shot by him.

Q Now tell the jury the circumstances of that assault?

A Gentlemen, I was standing on the corner of Old Slip and
South street; one vessel was there and this vessel there
and two other vessels were lying there (witness illustrating
with his hand) the vessels were lying on the dock; there
was another vessel lying there and this vessel of Captain

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Olsson was lying at the end of the dock. There was two vessels lying on this side and a Norwegian vessel was lying on the other side of the dock. I was standing that time on the corner of Old Slip and South street and up came a captain of another vessel and he asked me to go into Mr. Fisk's at the corner store and take a drink. We went in and when we was standing in there taking our drinks in came Captain Asker; we asked him to take a drink with us; Captain Mathieson said, Tom go aboard my vessel, I have got some good cigars. We went aboard his vessel and had another drink and a cigar; Captain Mathieson wanted me to go on board Mr. Olsson's boat, I refused; I went in company with Captain Asker to his vessel which was lying on the end of the dock: We were standing talking with the crew and Captain Mathieson ran on board Captain Olsson's vessel. Then he came out to halloo for us to come on board. He said, there is nothing in the way, it is all right. On that ground we three went on board of Captain Olsson's vessel; and when we passed the side of the house aboard, the cabin on the deck to go around the stern house, I turned this way and said, good evening; he (Captain Olsson) was standing inside the door and he grabbed me with his left hand and he had a revolver in his right hand, I had an umbrella. He said, you go ashore and called me a bad name. I said, yes, I can go ashore, I have nothing to do on board here. He held on to me and brought me from the after part of the cabin, I had passed the main rigging where there is a lot of lumber lying on the dock. He broke with me up there; there he slipped me and just when

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I, put my foot up on the dock and lifted the other foot he shot me here.

Q Where, did the ball strike you?

A Here (pointing to the right side of the hip) the ball passed through as my pants will show.

Q How long were you laid up from your wounds?

A I was laid up in the New York Hospital to the 22d of January, but I was not half cured.

Q You were laid up two or three weeks?

A Yes, sir in the hospital. I had to go to Garmin street I was lying there on a bed where a woman took me from the bed to the sofa two or three weeks.

Q Altogether you were kept in the house six weeks, under a Physician's care?

A Yes, sir, and after that I could not do anything.

Cross-Examined:

Q What was the name of the last vessel that you were master of

A It was the Ellen Stevens.

Q And when did she arrive here?

A I left her in Philadelphia.

Q When did you leave her in Philadelphia?

A 1877.

Q You have not commanded a vessel since that?

A Yes, sir.

Q When was the last vessel that you commanded?

A It was a little Schooner I had.

Q What was the name of her?

A Anna Bell.

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Q When did you leave her?

A I left her about May, 1881.

Q Since you left her have you been a runner for a Sailor's Boarding House at 65 Pike street?

A No, sir.

Q Have you kept a sailor's boarding house yourself?

A No, sir.

Q Have you ever been at 65 Pike street?

A Yes, sir, I have been into the house, but it was never a boarding house.

Q You were a runner for that house?

A No, sir.

Q Who kept that house?

A Benn Derricks, but he had private people sleeping in the house.

Q Well did you ever go on board of Captain Olsson's vessel before this occasion you have spoken of?

A No, sir, not on board, I was standing one time at the railing talking with one of his second mates.

Q Now when was that?

A I could not remember, a couple of days before I was shot.

Q What was your business at that time?

A My business at that time, I was with Benn Derricks as a shipping master;

Q Benn Derricks was a man who kept a sailor boarding house at 65 Pike street?

A He had no sailor boarding house.

Q Well he kept a house at 65 Pike street whatever it was?

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- A Yes, sir.
- Q He had sailors boarding there? Didn't he?
- A No, sir.
- Q You were connected with that house in what capacity?
- A Only for that shipping business, fourteen days before that time.
- Q Shipping what?
- A Shipping crews for Captains, when the Captains wanted some crews.
- Q And that is what you went aboard the vessel for?
- A That is what I speak to the Captain about, if I could not ship a crew.
- Q How long have you been in that business of shipping crews?
- A About 14 days.
- Q About 14 days before what.
- A Before that time I was shot.
- Q What business had you been in prior to that after leaving the vessel in 1877 in Philadelphia?
- A I was on the barque Bell, I was mate of the brig Fanny Loring, I come home the 23d of February last.
- Q What year?
- A 1881, I was mate with her after that.
- Q And from that time you were connected with this house 65 Pike street?
- A No, sir, not that time.
- Q Well what did you do between the time you left that vessel and the time you commenced at 65 Pike street?
- A I was working for Mr. Fisher a ship broker.
- Q Did you see Captain Olsson when he came to 65 Pike street

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to find some of his crew that had been taken away?

A Yes, sir, I did.

Q Did he tell you that you had taken them away?

A He did not tell me that I took them, but he come and searched the house up there where I did not live, 65 Pike street, I was outside the door, I saw him, yes, sir.

Q He told you you took these three men away?

A He did not tell me that, he said we had the men in the house, he did not say I took them.

Q Didn't he tell you never to come aboard his vessel?

A I do not know, I could not remember if he told me that or no, it was not my house.

Q What day was that?

A I do not know.

Q What day of the week was it?

A That I could not remember.

Q How many days was it the time you went aboard his vessel when you say you were shot?

A It was not many days, I guess it was about a week or so.

Q Do you recollect the names of the men that he came there for?

A No, sir, I never knew anything about the men.

Q Well he searched the house?

A Yes, sir, the Marshall searched the house for three men.

Q And you do not recollect the names of the three men?

A I do not recollect anything about the men; he never mentioned any names to me.

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Q Do you recollect them?

A No, I do not.

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By Counsel:

Q What time was this when you went aboard his vessel on this occasion that you have spoken of?

A It was just a little after dark.

Q Was that the only time you had ever been aboard that vessel?

A Except I sat on the railing one time and spoke to the second mate.

Q When was that, how many days before this?

A I could not remember just how many days, it was some days before that, a week I guess.

Q It was then these three men were taken off the vessel?

A I do not know if it was before for I did not know when the men run away.

Q Are you still connected with 65 Pike Street?

A No, sir, I never lived there at that time but I lived at 262 East 11th Street, a private house I was living in. All the business I had with him was a partner with him in the shipping business about 14 days.

Q Are you still connected with 65 Pike Street?

A Never been there since, I never had anything to do with him since I was shot. I am working for R. J. Fisher a shipping Broker when I be able to work, but it is very little I have been able to work.

Q Ever since that?

A Ever since I was shot.

Q How long have you been working for him?

A Since I was able to go out.

Q When did you commence working for him?

A It was the middle part of the summer.

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Q Last summer?

A This summer I mean.

Q What is his business?

A He is a shipping broker.

Q What do you do?

A For him?

Q Yes, sir.

Q I do any kind of work he has for me; he has some ice business, I took a charge of the ice-- any kind of business of light work I can do because I cannot do any heavy work

Q Now this evening that you went aboard Captain Olsson's vessel, what was her name?

A The Gunnell.

Q And where did you say she lay at the dock?

A She laid at the dock at Pier 12 East River out at the end at the North side of the dock.

Q Did you go down stairs?

A To the Captain?

Q Yes, sir.

A The house was on the deck and I just came to the Captain's foot when he grabbed me, I looked in and said Good evening; He grabbed me and ordered me off the ship.

Q He put his hand on you and walked you off the ship, did he?

A Yes, sir.

Q And where were you standing when this shot was fired?

A Just up on the dock, when I landed on the dock then he shot me.

Q Was the dock higher or lower than the vessel?

A I guess it was about a foot higher, I was standing on the

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bulk one foot on the string piece and lifting the other up

Q Had you struck him before that?

A No, sir.

Q Did not you give him a couple of black eyes before he shot you?

A No, sir.

Q Do you know Dr. Charles Lundbeck?

A No, sir.

Q Did you never see him before?

A I have seen him but I do not know what his business is, what he do or anything.

Q Did you ever talk with him about this affair?

A No, sir.

Q Did you ever talk with him about anything?

A It may be he stand there in South William Street, but I never had any talk with that gentleman, I have seen him around there, I have seen his face.

Q What were you talking with him about?

A That I could not remember, I do not think I have ever talked with him.

Q Did not you talk to him about this affair?

A I was never introduced to that man and never knew him before, I know him, I have seen him down at South William Street, saw him, that is all I know about him.

Q Right by the Cigar store?

A I do not know if there is a cigar store at the corner of South William Street, there is at the corner of Beaver street a cigar street.

Q This was after you got out of the hospital?

A That I could not remember if it was after or before, I see

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his face now, I know his face.

Q After this occurrence and after you got out of the hospital did not you have a talk with Dr. Lundbeck?

A No, sir.

Q Did not you tell him you had the satisfaction of giving Captain Olsson a couple of black eyes before he shot you?

A No, sir, I never said that at all.

Q Well you did not give him a couple of black eyes, did you?

A No, sir, I did not put my hand on him.

Q You struck him?

A No, sir.

Q Not with your hand but with a weapon or something you had in your hand, didn't you strike him twice?

A I had an umbrella in my hand.

Q Well with something that you had didn't you strike him twice, before he shot you?

A No, sir, I did not.

Q Well you never told Dr. Lundbeck anything of that sort?

A No, sir.

Q Are you as certain of that as of anything you have testified to?

A Yes, sir, I am.

Q Do you recollect what day of the week this occurrence was?

A No, sir, I do not-- when he shot me?

A Certainly.

A I do not recollect the day; I come to the hospital, the New York Hospital on the 28th of December, I was shot the 27th.

Q That was on Tuesday was it not?

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- A That I could not swear to.
- Q Now weren't you down to the ship the previous Tuesday about half past 8 o'clock in the morning?
- A That may be.
- Q On Tuesday the 20th?
- A That may be, I was down to the ship, I was not on board, I was down for something.
- Q Did not you tell one of the men that you wanted to see the Captain?
- A Not as I remember.
- Q Did not you see the Captain after that, after sending him that message?
- A That day?
- Q Yes, sir.
- A Yes, sir, I think so.
- Q Right down there by the ship at half past 8 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday the 20th of December?
- A The 20th?
- A Yes, sir, the week before this occurrence?
- A Yes, I think the Captain came up on the dock sometime.
- Q After you had sent for him and said you wanted to see him?
- A No, sir, I did not send for him.
- Q ~~Yes~~ Did not you ask him who gave him the information about his men being at your house 65 Pike street?
- A No, sir.
- Q Did not he tell you it was none of your business?
- A No, sir, I had no conversation with him at that time.
- Q Did not you tell him that it would cost him \$4000 before he

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left that wharf?

A No, sir.

Q Did not you tell him if he did not come to terms that you would let him know he was in New York and that he would get his head smashed?

A No, sir, never.

Q Didn't he tell you not to come aboard his ship then?

A That day?

Q Yes, that morning?

A No, sir, he never told anything to me; he come up after me, I walked up on the dock and he come after me.

Q Now it was the previous evening that he was up to Derricks' with the Marshall searching for the men?

A The evening before?

Q Yes, sir.

A I could not remember, I never took notice what evening because I had nothing to do with it.

Q How long was it before this shooting that he was up there searching for the men?

A That I could not say how many days, I think it was about a week. Me and Derricks were to go home, I had to go up the 2d Avenue and 11th street where I was living at that time. So we had company home when the ~~Marx~~ Marshall grabbed us outside the door to search the house.

Q Who was with you?

A Me and Derricks.

Q Which took place the occasion of his coming there and searching the house with the Marshall or the occasion of you being down on the dock and having such a talk with him

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about a week ebefore this shooting?

A I had no talk with him on the dock; he come ashore one morning.

Q What were you doing there that morning?

A I always used to come down on the dock when I would be down there, I could not say what I was down for, I always went down on the docks to see if anything is going on for my own business, to see if anything was up that I could make a chance, do any vessel or anything ~~or~~ like that.

Q What kind of a chance? What were you looking after?

A I was looking after shipping myself, I was temporarily in that business.

Q You say you did not have a talk with Captain Olsson?

A No, sir.

Q Were you looking for sailors or Captains?

A I was looking for captains.

Q You did not speak to him?

A No, sir, I do not think I was down as far as the end of the dock, I was down on the dock, I remember seeing him come up after me.

A N D R E A S A S K E R sworn and examined, testified:

By Mr. Fellows:

Q Captain Asker, you are a sea going man, are you not, you are a sailor a master of a vessel?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you see the shooting which occurred a year ago betwe on

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Qa the defendant Olsson and Captain Steen?

A I had not seen that, I was in the cabin, Captain Olsson's cabin, I heard that.

Q You heard the shooting?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you go out?

A After Captain Olsson came in I told Captain Steen-- yes, the Captain came in and had a bad eye.

Q Then you heard the report of the pistol, you heard the noise with the pistol?

The witness was examined through the Interpreter hereafter.

Q What is your occupation?

A Captain.

Q Of what vessel?

A The barque Lordny.

Q Were you present on Tuesday the 27th of December last when a shooting affray took place between the prisoner and Captain Steen?

A Yes, sir.

Q Tell the jury what you saw of it?

A At 6 o'clock at night the ship chandlers' store was closed, I wanted to go on board ship; before I came to the last house at pier 12 I met Captains Steen and Mathieson. Steen knew me.

Q Bring him as quickly as possibly to the shooting affray.

A Steen asked me to recommend him to Captain Mathieson as a shipping master. I said I knew him a Captain from Savannah and the last he was Captain from New York, and then Captain

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Mathieson took him as a shipping master. We went on board Captain Mathieson's vessel and Mathieson and Steen talked together about the crew. Steen told him that four of my crew would run away that night; then I went to my vessel and Mathieson went to the Swedish Vessel. Then I talked to my crew and told them not to run away.

Q Did you see any of the shooting?

A I did not see the shooting.

Q Did you hear the shooting?

A Yes, sir.

Q Well now tell what you heard?

A Then I went on board the Swedish vessel, I did not know the Captain, I sat down in the cabin and the Captain went out.

Q Was the Captain he is speaking of Captain Olsson?

A Yes, he went out when I went in.

Q It was on that vessel you went?

A Yes, sir.

Q Well now Captain Olsson went out?

A Then we heard a shot and when Captain Olsson came in, I asked him if he had shot Steen and he said yes. He said Steen struck Olsson and then Olsson then struck-- that is Captain Olsson said so.

Q Was there any mark on Captain Olsson?

A He was hurt here, he was struck, he was cut, he says he had a mark there (pointing to his face).

Q Did Captain Olsson have a pistol in his hand when he came in the cabin?

A Yes, sir.

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Q And he said he had shot Captain Steen?

A Yes, sir.

Cross-Examined:

Q Where was this cut?

A I do not remember if it was under the left or the right eye.

Q Well it was under one eye, was it or was it under both?

A Yes, sir, under one of the eyes.

Q Was it under one or under both?

A Under one.

Q Describe it, what sort of a mark was it?

A It was a heavy black it was thick, it was swollen and there was blood.

Q What was the name of your mate?

A Enoch Asker.

Q You said that Steen told you before you went on board Captain Olsson's vessel that four of your men were going to run away that night did you?

A Yes, sir, Steen told me so.

Q Had you ever been to 65 Pike street?

A I do not believe so.

Q Did you know Steen as a runner?

A I did not know him before, he told me he was a shipping master.

Q He told you that he was a shipping master and four of your of your men were going to run away that night?

A Yes, sir.

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ENOCH ASKER sworn and examined, through the Interpreter testified:

Q Mr. Asker what is your business?

A Mate.

Q Of what vessel?

A The Lordney.

Q Is your brother Captain of that vessel?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were you present in December last when the shooting affray took place?

A Yes, sir.

Q Tell what you saw of it, let us know what you saw of the shooting?

A I went on board together with my brother.

Q On board of what?

A On board of the brig where Captain Olsson was Captain.

We went into the cabin and Captain Steen was with us to the door. When Captain Olsson saw him he told Steen to go on shore and they both went out and I went into the cabin and a little while after we heard a shot, and when we came out we heard that Steen was shot.

Q Did you see Steen after you heard the shot? A. No, sir.

Q Did you hear Captain Olsson say anything? A. He said that Steen had struck him under the eye.

Q Did he say anything about his shooting Steen? A: No, sir

Q Did he have a pistol? A. Yes, sir.

By Counsel:

Q Did you see (Captain Olsson's eyes) eyes? A. I did not see the eye, I saw the blood on it.

Mr. Fellows: That is all. That is the case.

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The Case for the Defense.

Counsel for the defendant opened the case to the jury.

C H A R L E S L U N D B E C K sworn and examined testified:

Q What is your occupation?

A Physician.

Q Did you ever see Jacob A. E. Steen the complainant who was on the witness stand when you were asked to stand up?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever have any conversation with him with regard to this affair?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where was it?

A It was at the corner of South William and William Street.

Q And what did he say, when was it first, Doctor?

A Well I cannot recollect the day, it was sometime in the winter and I mistook him for the Captain being as I have a great deal to do with Scandanavian sea Captains.

I asked him if he was a Swedish Captain that had arrived?

And he said no, I am Captain Steen, I am the man that was shot by that Swedish Captain here some time ago. I said, do you feel well after it? He says, I am better now but I had the satisfaction of giving him two black eyes any way before he shot me he said.

Q He said he had the satisfaction of giving him two black eyes any way before he shot him?

A Yes, sir that was the words.

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O LO F J. O L S S O N sworn and examined, testified:

Q (By Counsel) what is your age?

A I am 38 years of age.

Q And your occupation?

A Sea faring man, I go on a ship now and have for the last 9 years.

Q How long did you say you had been a sea faring man?

A 9 years I have been at sea since 1861.

Q What is the name of your vessel?

A The Swedish Brig Gunnell.

Q How long have you commanded her?

A I have commanded her since I left home.

Q Who commanded her prior?

A I joined her when she was new.

Q You commanded her ever since she was built and you still com and her?

A Yes, sir.

Q Now when was the first time that you were ever in New York?

A The first time ever I was in New York was in December last year, I came from a voyage from South Africa and called at Richmond.

Q Did you come here with the cargo or in ballast?

A In ballast.

Q You came here in ballast to get a cargo?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you have a full crew?

A Yes, I had a full complement, about ten hands.

Q What was their nationality?

A They were all Swedes the same as myself.

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Q When did you arrive here?

A I arrived here on the 12th, my luggage-- on the 12th of December, if I am not mistaken.

Q The 12th of December, 1881?

A Yes, sir.

Q Well now was there anything about any men being got away from your ship?

A Not till the 17th of December, then I lost three young lads, the ages ranging from 17 to 20 ~~xxx~~ about 6 o'clock in the evening.

Q What were their names?

A L. Conrad Olsson, Carl Loyson and Carl Johndong.

Q Now tell us what you did about it?

A I was aboard when this happened-- this happened about 6 o'clock in the evening.

Q With these three men?

A Yes, sir a little bit after dusk. It was I think a few minutes only afterwards it was reported to me, a man come and says to me there is three men have left the ship because their things are gone. I said, what us the watch on deck-- how will you keep watch? One of my sailors was supposed to keep the watch and he was on deck, but he told me that he had seen nothing. So I asked some of my men if he had not seen any of those runners.

Q Where did you go to get your men?

A I went immediately ashore and went to the end of the wharf. there is a man called Fisher, I complained to him I lost three of my men and I will give \$25 to any one that will give me information about where these three lads have gone to.

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to. Well says he, I know that some men have left from some vessel or another down the wharf and one of them put a chest in there and I will find it out. I said, very well if you can give me the information I will give you \$25 each. I will give you \$75 if I get the three men back.

Q Come down to when you went to 65 Pike street? When was that?

A This was on Saturday evening; they ran away on the 17th; on Sunday I could not do anything, I could not get a warrant out.

Q You went to the ~~Gannsakke~~ Consul's office and got a warrant out next day?

A Yes, sir, On Monday evening I went to 65 Pike street.

Q What was 65 Pike street?

A I do not think I could hardly find it myself unless some one went along with me there.

Q How near your ship was it?

A It was ten minutes walk, I went there to search for the men

Q Did you see Steen there?

A Yes, sir, that is the first time I ever saw him.

Q Well did you have any talk with him there that evening?

A Yes, sir, he stopped me from going in and they wanted to have me arrested.

Q They were going to have you arrested?

A Yes, sir and the Policeman that was with me took care that they did not the policeman said when you could not find the men we will go and see that you are all right aboard, this is a nasty place to go alone, I went aboard.

Q That is what the Policeman said to you he took you there.

A Yes, sir.

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Q What took place between you and Steen besides his not letting you come there?

A There was nothing took place only he was swearing.

Q When did you see him next?

A I did not see him from then until the morning when he came down, the next morning the 20th of December.

Q What time in the morning did you see him?

A It was between 8 and 9 o'clock

Q Where did you see him?

A He come alongside my vessel and put his hand on my gangway and told one of my officers that somebody on the dock had wanted to see me. I put a coat on and I was on the point of going ashore; Steen was leaning his hands so fashion in my gangway; he said to me, who gave you the information that your men went in my place; you be a little smart in telling me. I told him, it is none of your business how I find out; they are my affairs; do not have anything to do or say to me at all, I will have no transactions with you of any description whatever; and I went ashore and as I went along the wharf he says it will cost you \$4000 before you leave the wharf, but for what reason he did not tell me; "if you don't come to a final understanding you will find your head smashed or slipped". That is what he told me individually. He says as near as I can express myself in the English language, "we fellows don't want the likes of you to interfere with us what we do with men". I took no more notice, I went along and as soon as I got up town I told some of those people.

Q Was anything said to him at that time about not coming

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aboard your ship?

A Yes, sir, I told him not to come aboard my ship any more on that occasion, and I told him I will have no transactions or anything to do with you and to leave my vessel alone.

Q Now come down to this evening of the 27th, you did not see him again from that time, did you?

A No, I did not see him again until the evening of the 27th.

Q Well where were you when you first saw him?

A I was in my inner cabin when I first saw him.

Q Where did you see him?

A On the outer cabin; there was a lamp burning and those two, the Captain and the mate that were here, I did not know them.

Q You mean Captain Asker?

A Yes, sir, they were quite strangers to me. This Steen put his face so fashion into my door; as soon as I saw him I was on the alert, I thought they went after me and wanted to commit violence. I took my revolver and I went on board. Captain Mathieson come about 5 minutes before that and he had called the watch, I was just speaking to him, I just turned out of my bed, I put my trousers on and put my feet in a pair of common slippers. Captain Mathieson reported to the watch that somebody wanted me. These three strangers came aboard the ship without giving notice to my watch. When I saw Steen making the face I thought it is me they are after. I caught the revolver in my hand; Mathiseon he knew these two fellows, he says they wont do me any harm. I says there is a runner there

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and he must not be left lurking aboard my vessel. I had a revolver in my right hand and went out, I told him now Steen what do you want aboard my ship, I told you before not to come aboard my ship, you will go immediately ashore. He did not go, he put himself against the cabin wall and he thought that he would take his time. I took him by my left hand and pushed him along the cabin along the gangway; he kicked and swore and said nasty language, I cannot remember exactly what he said. As soon as I got before the house he slackened up and went willingly.

Q After you got by the house?

A Yes, sir, it was only so wide between the houses; there was a good chance for him to kick against; as soon as I got to the gangway I let go of him to see that he went ashore. I let go of him and was just on the point of leaving him and he hauled off and banged me in the eye. I saw that he was going to step ashore, I was on the point of leaving and as soon as I left go of him he struck me in the face and blackened my two eyes and gave me a very hard blow, just stunned me, I shut my eyes, I could not see, I fired immediately in the direction towards him. That is as near the truth as I can tell.

Q How come you to fire?

A Because I thought if he gave me another blow like that it would put my existence out, I thought I would do myself injustice if I did not protect my own life.

Q How bad was this blow?

A It was all my feet to bear me to stand up.

Q You say you could not see? A. No, I could not see, I shut

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my eyes; it stunned me; he was that close to me, I fired in the direction at him.

Cross-Examined:

Q What are those houses you speak of, they are little buildings over your cabin, that is something that was on the deck of your vessel?

A Yes, sir, that is what we live in.

Q You had not left your vessel with him, you got him to the gangway?

A Yes, sir.

Q You had not got off your vessel?

A No, sir, I had not got off my vessel, he was still on the vessel.

Q This thing occurred on the deck of your vessel?

A Yes, sir.

By the Court.

Q What position was this complainant in when you fired that shot?

A I think he had one foot lifted up so to step on the gangway, about this position to step up (illustrating) that is about the position I think he was in. As soon as I saw he was taking this step--

Q What position, commence over again was he in when you fired that shot?

A I think he was in this position with one of his legs--

Q Facing the step his back towards you?

A No, he was about halfway facing back to me.

Q His back was towards you when you shot him?

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A No, his face must be to me because he hauled over and struck me.

Q With his fist?

A No, with some implement he had in his hand.

Q Did you see the implement?

A I saw it was something with a big white ball on it.

Q Was it an umbrella?

A I could not say, it was quite dark. It was either an umbrella or a long stick.

Q He says he had an umbrella in his hand, might it not have been his umbrella.

A It is possible I could not say, but whatever it was it was an awful heavy concern.

Q You say he struck you with it on one of your eyes?

A Yes, sir.

Q Then when he struck you with it what was his position?

A His position was--

Q Retreating from your position after he struck you?

A I do not know, I did not see, as soon as he struck me it shut my eyes, I fired, I could not say ^{exactly} the position he was in.

Q You do not know what his position was?

A No, not exactly.

Q Tell as nearly as you can?

A He was standing in the gangway on my left, I was just leaving him when that happened.

Q I understand you to say when he shot him he had one foot on the deck?

A We have steps to get up the railing; when I saw him putting

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one foot on this step and going up on my rail then I left him. As soon as I let go of him he hauled round and struck me with an implement he had in his hand.

Q Did you shoot him in the back of his leg or front?

A I could not say, I fired at random when my eyes were shut.

Q Why did not you lock?

A I could not, I was disabled.

Q Were both your eyes blind?

A Yes, sir, it shut both my eyes and stunned me.

Q You could not see at all?

A No, I could not see with either one of my eyes at all and if I had turned around a little more I might have fired perhaps the other side.

By a Juror:

Q When you went out of your cabin where did you have your revolver?

Q I had my revolver in my right hand.

By Counsel:

Q Captain how came you to take your revolver with you when you went out of the cabin?

A I thought that if it was dark if they got me on the deck they would harm me.

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J O H N O E T M A N sworn and examined through the Interpreter, testified:

Q What is your business?

A I was cook and steward on board this vessel, the Gunnell.

Q Do you know anything ^{about} the getting away of three men or whether Captain Steen had anything to do with it.

The Court: I do not think it is very material. All this ^{before} quarrel ^{might} show motive but it would not be justification for the shooting. I will let it go in.

MR Fellows: I was about to interpose an objection now.

The only materiality I can see is this that it may have furnished Captain Olsson absolute justification for forbidding the presence of Steen upon his vessel.

The Court: He had a right to order him off the vessel.

By Counsel:

Q Did you answer the question?

A He was talking to Captain Spahr about it.

Q Did you see Captain Steen and these three men on the night they ran away?

A He was on board the same night when they went ashore-- Steen.

Q You saw Steen aboard the same night that they went ashore?

A Yes, sir the same night that they went ashore.

Q Did you see Steen with the men?

A I thought he talked with them, he talked with Captain Spahr about it.

Q Did you see Steen and the men go away together?

A No, sir.

Q Were you there when this shooting took place?

A Yes, sir.

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Q Where were you?

A I was cooking in the caboose.

Q Well where was that with reference to where this shooting took place?

A It was near by where the shooting took place.

Q How near?

A As far as from here to that gentleman (illustrating).

Q Well what did you see?

A I saw that the Captain came with him from aft, the Captain had Steen by the shoulder and told him to go on shore, I want you to go on shore. He went willingly with him until he came to the gangway and then he turned around and he hit the Captain.

Q Where did he hit him?

A Here on the right eye.

Q What did he hit him with?

A I could not say if it was a cane or an umbrella. At the same time when he hit him in his face I heard the shot.

As soon as this happened Steen ran away; he said, thank you but you did not hit me that time.

Q What else?

A That was all?

Q There was not another shot fired?

A No, sir, not that I saw.

Q Did you see how hard the Captain was struck?

A There was blood on his face all the way down on his face.

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C H R I S T I A N B O R S sworn and examined testified:

By Counsel:

Q What is your occupation?

A I am the Swedish and Norwegian Consul in New York.

Q How long have you been such?

A In New York, I have been 16 years.

Q And elsewhere?

A In Boston about ten years.

Q Prior to being in New York?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know Captain Olsson?

A I do, yes, sir.

Q Do you know his reputation as a peaceable man?

A Yes, I do.

Q What is it?

A His reputation is very good, quiet and orderly in every respect.

Counsel: I won't take up any more of the time of the Court in this case.

Mr. Fellows: It is a question that must go to the jury. I am very frank to say if I was a member of the jury I should say I would not convict.

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The People } Court of General Sessions, Part I
vs. } Before Judge Cowing.
Olof J. Olsson } Dec. 22. 1882.
On motion of Mr. Foster for a new trial in this
case Assistant District Attorney Fellows said:

I have only this to say - and it is in the direction of a suggestion that I made at the close of the case at the time of the trial - I was very strongly impressed with the idea that this defendant should not have been convicted on that evidence. The ~~only~~ remark I made ~~was~~ before the case went to the jury, ^{was} that if I constituted a member of the jury, there could be no conviction. The only ground upon which this motion can be made under the code of the six causes assigned for a new trial is paragraph 6 section 465: "when the verdict is contrary to law or clearly against evidence." Now I do but express my own belief and my own judgment of the law when I say this was a justifiable shooting, and that in law this party was entitled to an acquittal. Upon the deck of his own vessel at the time in the

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presence of a man who had come there and by all the testimony in the case taken away three of his sailors, who was a man engaged at the time in that business, who had gotten by the watch set upon the deck of the vessel that night, who had come there with two other men both strangers to this defendant, after he had been forbidden access to that vessel, and who when he was approached by the Captain and started off the vessel, made a violent assault upon the Captain, hitting him with an instrument which turns out to have been an umbrella, but the character, and nature of which this defendant could know nothing of at the time - striking him a blow which stunned him, which seriously discolored his face and cut him, seems to me furnishes a man the same justification for shooting as you or I would have in our houses if we were assaulted there in the presence of our families in the same way, and, therefore, I thought the shooting was justifiable.

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in law, and for that reason I said what I did before the jury. The jury took a different view of it under your Honor's instructions; and I have only now to reaffirm my belief that under the evidence in the case this man should not have been convicted in law. Upon the facts there is only this to be said; that while there was an air of candor, sincerity and truthfulness about both of those witnesses, and both of them made an excellent impression upon the jury, whatever discrepancies or inaccuracies there were, were on the part of the people's witnesses. He testified that he did not strike this Captain - that he never said he had struck him. Manifestly he did strike him - manifestly he told this physician, a most reputable gentleman, that he had struck him; and therefore he testified untruthfully in those respects. He testified that he was the master of a vessel. He was not; but as was shown on cross examination he was a

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4 runner for a sailor's boarding house; he was engaged in getting men to turn over to other Captains to ship. So in all the errors, immaterial, perhaps, not directly tending to establish the truth or falsity of the issue involved here, still errors, showing ~~the~~ ^{the} motive and disposition of the complainant; and for that reason I was impressed with the idea that this man should be acquitted. I have only to say that while, as you Hon^{or} knows, I am usually very reluctant indeed to advise an interference with the deliberate conclusion of an intelligent jury, yet I do believe in this case serious injustice will be done if this man should be sent to the State prison, as he must be, if the verdict stands now; and that all the interests of justice can be better subserved if you shall find any reason existing in law under this code or in the facts which would permit you in the exercise of your discretion to grant this unfortunate man a new trial.

J. R. Fellows
Apt. Dist. Ct.

Your Hon^{or}

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This is a motion for a new trial upon the judge's minutes and inasmuch as the learned District Attorney who prosecuted for the people thinks that an injustice has been done to the defendant by the verdict of the jury upon the evidence and has joined with the defendant's counsel in asking a new trial for the defendant, I have examined with great care the evidence, and while I cannot agree with the learned District Attorney that the case is a clear one for the defendant, yet I have come to the conclusion upon the evidence that the people will suffer no injustice by allowing another jury to pass upon the evidence anew.

I forbear referring to the evidence or making any comment thereon for the reason that I think, that when the case shall be again tried the jury should form their own conclusions upon the ^{evidence as to the facts} facts, uninfluenced by any opinion of mine given upon this motion.

On reading and filing the minutes of the trial together with the statement of the District Attorney hereto annexed. It is ordered that the defendant's motion for a new trial be granted & that defendant's bail be increased.

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to the sum of ~~\$2000~~ and that the
Case be set down for trial for the
next term of this Court.

Dated N.Y. Decr 22nd 1882

Rufus B. Downing
City Judge

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At General Session

7/18/52
The People

by
Prof. Olson

Copy minutes trial

Mo for new trial
allowed by Judge

Filed Dec 27 1882

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152ND St. & Tenth Ave
NEW YORK, *July 11* 1882

Dear O'Byrne.

The case of Ohlsen for felonies
at 18 is on for today - As I tried this case
once I feel at liberty to say a word to you
about it. Ohlsen was convicted on the former
trial, singularly as I think, & I urged a new
trial for him - The Complainant had
stolen three (3) men from the vessel of which
Ohlsen was Master, for the purpose of shipping
them elsewhere & getting the Complainant. It is
a business largely followed here. He took the
men to a sailor's boarding house - Ohlsen
learned where they were, went there, & although
the men were gone, he warned the Complainant
not to come on his ship again - The Complainant
afterwards did go on the ship, at night
after the watch was set. Capt Ohlsen being
informed of it, took his pistol from the Cabin
& went on deck & warned the Complainant away &
he went as far as the gangway & then turned
the Captain & struck him with something which
cut his face, & staggered & blinded him.

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Capt Okeson then fired in the
direction of Complainant & hit him
in the leg - I think he was
perfectly justified in law & fact
& that it would be a great
injustice to convict him.

I hope you will bring out
all the facts & then I am
sure you will be convinced.

My children are quite ill
& I shall not come down.

Please say to Vincent that I
do not think I can go to Albany in
the McElvin case next Monday

Yours truly
Peacocks

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Police Court—Third District.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Jacob A E Steers

of No. 235 East 6th Street,

47-Master of Vessel being duly sworn, deposes and says, that

on Wednesday the 28th day of December

in the year 1881 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by Olaf Ohlsen

who discharged at deponent a
revolving pistol loaded with powder
and ball, a ball from said pistol
entered deponents hip and passing
through deponents body

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him bodily harm; and with out any justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 27th day
of October 1882

Solomon R Smith
POLICE JUSTICE.

Jacob A. E. Steers

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Police Court

District.

THE PEOPLE, ETC.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Jacob A. E. Steen

vs.

Olaf Ohlsson

AFRIDA VIT-A. & B.
FELONIOUS.

Dated, *Oct 27* 188 *2*

Quid Magistrate.

Officer.

Witness,

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Sec. 198-200.

Third District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK } ss.

Olof Ohlsson being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question What is your name?

Answer.

Olof Ohlsson

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Thirty seven years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Sweden.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

Sweden - all my life

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Ship Captain

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I do not wish to make any statement

Olof Johan Ohlsson

Taken before me this *24* day of *April* 188*8*
Salmon Smith
Vice Justice.

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REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, _____

Native of _____

Age, _____

Sex _____

Complexion, _____

Color _____

Profession, _____

Married _____

Single, _____

Read, _____

Write, _____

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, & c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Jacob A. Stein

vs.

Chas. Ober

Dated *Sept. 27th* 188*2*

Smith Magistrate.

Thompson Officer.

The Defendant
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-
tained in this Warrant.

Officer

Dated _____ 188 _____

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Police Justice.

POLICE JUSTICE.

John Smith

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Dated at the City of New York, this *27th* day of *Oct* 1882

These are, Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said
Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring
forthwith before me, at the DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence
or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to
be dealt with according to law.

answer the said complaint.

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to
appear before me, at the said District Police Court, in the said City, or in case of my absence
or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to
be dealt with according to law.

Stag Olsen who charges

he was ~~violently~~ Assaulted and Beaten by

1881 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,
of No. *235 East 616* Street, that on the *28th* day of *December*

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police
Justices for the City of New York, by *Stag Olsen*, that on the *28th* day of *December*

In the name of the People of the State of New York, To the Sheriff of the County
of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York, GREETING:

District Police Court.

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Sec. 151.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss

In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York. GREETING:

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police Justices for the City of New York, by Jacob A. E. Steere of No. 235 East 616 Street, that on the 28th day of December 1888 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

Delovously he was ~~viciously~~ Assaulted and Beaten by Olaf Ohlrew who displays

as he has a revolving pistol loaded with powder and ball and from said pistol sent a bullet through his body
Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to answer the said complaint.

These are, Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring him forthwith before me, at the 3rd DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to be dealt with according to law.

Dated at the City of New York, this 27th day of Oct, 1888

Robert Smith POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Olaf Ohlrew

Warrant - A. & B.

Dated Oct 27 1888

Robert Smith Magistrate.

Robert Smith Officer.

The Defendant

taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

Officer

Dated _____ 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest, _____

Native of _____

Age, _____

Sex _____

Complexion, _____

Color _____

Profession, _____

Married _____

Single, _____

Read, _____

Write, _____

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REMARKS.

Time of Arrest,
 Native of
 Age,
 Sex
 Complexion,
 Color
 Profession,
 Married
 Single,
 Read,
 Write,

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Warrant - A. & B.

Jacob J. Hill

vs.

Chas. Oliver

Dated Oct. 27th 1887

Smith Magistrate

Thompson Officer

The Defendant taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer the within charge, pursuant to the command contained in this Warrant.

Single, Officer

Dated 1887

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at night.

Police Justice.

Police Justice.

[Signature]
1887

Dated at the City of New York, this 27th day of Oct. 1887

be dealt with according to law.

or inability to act, before the nearest or most accessible Police Justice in this City, to answer the said charge, and to forthwith before me, at the DISTRICT POLICE COURT, in the said City, or in case of my absence

These are, Therefore, in the name of the PEOPLE of the State of New York, to command you the said Sheriff, Marshals and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring him

answer the said complaint.

Wherefore, the said Complainant has prayed that the said Defendant may be apprehended and bound to

Alhama, receiving protection with arms and ball
he was ~~voluntarily~~ Assaulted and Beaten by
Eug. Olsen who discharged

1887 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

of No. 235 East 61st Street, that on the 28th day of December

Whereas, Complaint in writing, and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police

In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York. GREETING:

District Police Court.

0793

BAILED,
 No. 1, by Wm J Peterson
 Residence 53 Pearl Street,
 No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street,
 No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street.

Police Court 3 District 199

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

West S & Stearns
235 W 6th St
Clay Olsen

Offence, Felony
Assault

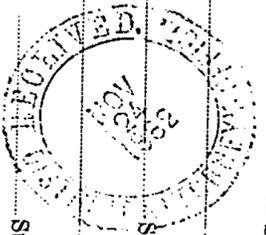
Dated Nov 24th 188 2

Wm J Peterson Magistrate.
Wm J Peterson Officer. ✓
Wm J Peterson Clerk.

No. _____
Street, _____
Witness, Arrested on warrant

No. _____
Street, _____
No. _____
Street, _____
to answer

Wm J Peterson



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Clay Olsen

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Nov 24th 188 2 Colou B Smith Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named Clay Olsen to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated Nov 24 188 2 Colou B Smith Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court - 3 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Jacob S. Stearns
235 E 6th St
Clay Chace
Office, *Stearns*
Academy

BAILLED,
No. 1, by *Otto G. Peterson*
Residence *513 Pearl* Street,

No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street,

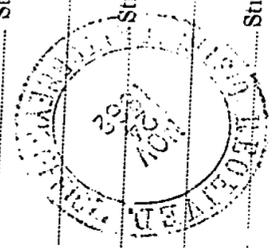
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street,

No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street.

Dated *Nov 24th* 188 *2*
Swinch Magistrate.
Keshaw Officer.
306 Clerk.

Witness, *Armed on warrant*

No. _____ Street,
No. _____ Street,
No. _____ Street,
to answer
Bailed



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named *Clay Chace*

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Five* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *Nov 24th* 188 *2*
Stearns Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named *Clay Chace* to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated *Nov 24th* 188 *2*
Stearns Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____
Police Justice.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Olof J. Olsson

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Olof J. Olsson

of the Crime of "Shooting at another with intent to kill," committed as follows:

The said Olof J. Olsson

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty one with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of Jacob A. E. Steen in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against him the said Jacob A. E. Steen a certain pistol then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said Olof J. Olsson in his right hand then and there had and held the same being a deadly and dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously, did then and there shoot off and discharge, with intent him the said

Jacob A. E. Steen feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

Olof J. Olsson

of the Crime of Shooting and Discharging off a pistol at another, without justifiable or excusable cause, with intent to injure such other, committed as follows:

The said Olof J. Olsson

afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said Jacob A. E. Steen then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against him the said Jacob A. E. Steen a certain pistol then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which he the said Olof J. Olsson in his right hand, then and there had and held, wilfully and feloniously, and without justifiable or excusable cause, did then and there shoot off and discharge, with intent, thereby him the said

Jacob A. E. Steen wilfully and feloniously, then and there to injure, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney,

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

926

DESCRIPTION:

O'Neil, Joseph

DATE:

11/15/82



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Edw. J. [unclear]
John F. [unclear]

WITNESSES:

A.C. 94

Counsel,

Filed *15* day of *Nov* 188*2*

Pleads *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Joseph O'Neil

H. B.

19 [unclear]

JOHN McKEON,

District Attorney.

INDICTMENT.
AGAINST LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

A True Bill.

Edward J. [unclear]

Foreman.

Nov 23/82

Edw. J. [unclear]
[unclear]

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John J. Deaton
District Police Court

Affidavit - Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss

of No. *12 1/2 Washington Street*

John Martin Nagle
Age 21 years. A free man

being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the *11th* day of *November* 188*2*
at the *night time* in the City of New York,
in the County of New York, was feloniously *stolen* taken, stolen and carried away from the possession
of deponent *and from the person of deponent*
the following property, viz:

Twenty two dollars
good and lawful money
of the United States

Sworn before me this

the property of *deponent*

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken

stolen, and carried away by Joseph O'Neil from here. from the fact that deponent was walking along with two other persons to deponent's house and went into deponent's apartment and attempted to take said and carry away the said money. Deponent fully identifies said O'Neil

John Nagle

12th Nov 1882
John J. Deaton
Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Joseph O'Neil being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him; that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Joseph O'Neil*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 years of age*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *108 1/2 Washington St. 3 or 4 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *I am not over anything*
at anything.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. *I say I did not*
go near the man

Joseph O'Neil

Taken before me, this *13th*

day of *December* 188*7*

A. J. Morgan Police Justice.

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Amelmann

W. H. ...
...

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BAILED,
No. 1 by _____
Residence _____
Street _____
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

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Police Court
District

THE PEOPLE, &c.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

...
...

Offence, *...*

Dated *...* 188

... Magistrate.

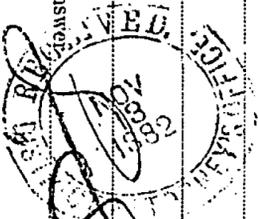
... Officer.

... Clerk.

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
Street _____

\$ _____
to answer



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named *Joseph Weil*

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *Ten* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated *November 12th* 1882 *...* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named _____ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Dated 1881 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated 1881 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 1881 Police Justice.

and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed

Police Court District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Alfred H. Fosco
Paul H. Fosco
Alfred H. Fosco
Paul H. Fosco
Alfred H. Fosco
Paul H. Fosco

BAILED,

No. 1 by

Residence

Street,

No. 2, by

Residence

Street,

No. 3, by

Residence

Street,

No. 4, by

Residence

Street,

Dated 1881

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

to answer

to answer



Committed

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Alfred H. Fosco
Paul H. Fosco
Alfred H. Fosco
Paul H. Fosco

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The People
vs
Joseph O'Neil
Indictment for attempt at petty larceny from the person
Martin Kege sworn and examined.
I Court of General Sessions, Part I
Before Recorder Smythe Nov. 23. 1882
I was walking along Washington St. on the
11th of this month about 1/4 to ten at night. I
had \$22 in money on my person - four
five dollar bills and two single dollars in
the inside pocket of the vest on the right hand
side. I saw the prisoner at that place; he was
with two other men. One of the men came up
to me first and asked me for a match.
I told him I had no match; he caught me
by the coat and put his hand into my pants
pocket and began to try me all over. I told
him to take off his hands. O'Neill came up
and put him away and commenced to
shake me again and put his hand in
my pocket. I never saw O'Neill before. Girls
who were talking to these men passed along
and I did not say anything to them. O'Neill
first put his hand into the pants pocket
and then he put the hand down in my
vest pocket. Of course as soon as I could
get away I ran. I am certain that the
prisoner is one of the men. They did not
get my money. I saw the prisoner arrested
that same night in Washington St. near

where this thing happened I made a complaint. I told an officer and he came with me and arrested this man. I only stopped one night in that neighborhood. I go to sea for a living, I am a fireman. The other two men were standing alongside of me when O'Neill put his hands in my pocket; they were about a yard from me. I said at the station house that I could not tell the color of the eyes of O'Neill. I could not give a general description of him, but I could not see his features any time I would see him. Then I seen two have a hold of me I gave a turn around as quick as I could with all my strength to get away. Before I did get away I put a hand down this way into my pocket; they must consider that I had a revolver; they did not keep a hold quite so strong, and by that means I got away from them. I noticed at the time that O'Neill had a wooden leg. When O'Neill came up he told one man to let me up and in a minute O'Neill caught me by the ~~waist~~ and the other man caught me by the shoulder; the other man took his hands off me when O'Neill told him to take his hands off me. I did not get time to push O'Neill away from me, but I

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wanted to get away but I did not get the least chance to go away. When they seen me put a hand back in this pocket the hold was not so strong. I ran and I could not say where they went to afterwards. I counted my money about an hour and a half afterwards. I came to New York Thursday night, this was on Saturday, I got paid off at the ship on Friday night about ten minutes off five, the steamer Benefactors, which sails to Wilmington North Carolina. \$28.82 were coming to me, but my wages was \$35 and board that night I was at a house called the "Bella Langford" 12th Washington St. I stayed there the night before that; that is where I board John J. Corbett, sworn. On the night of the 11th of Nov. I was on duty at the 27th precinct on Battery Place. I saw the complainant; he reported to me that a man attempted to rob him in Washington St. and in consequence of the information he gave me I arrested the prisoner in front of 63 Washington St. There was a fight occurring at the time in Washington St. when I arrested him and he was in the crowd. I told another officer who was by to arrest O'Neill, I wanted him the time the officer arrested him and brought him to the station house Neale identified him.

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I worked at tobacco for Steckerferger
and Kent. I was arrested once for
taking burned cotton out of a building
that was on fire, but nothing was
done to me. I was arrested once
for disorderly conduct and my mother
sent me to the workhouse for not
coming home one night. I got out
in three months.

The jury rendered a verdict of
guilty.

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Testimony in the
case of

Joseph O'Neill

filed

Nov. 1882

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against

Joseph O'Neil

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
~~accuse~~ Joseph O'Neil
of the CRIME OF LARCENY from the person,

committed as follows:

The said

Joseph O'Neil

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, afore-
said, on the ~~eleventh~~ day of ~~November~~ in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- ~~two~~, at the Ward, City and County
aforesaid, with force and arms, ~~two~~ promissory notes for
the payment of money the same
being then and there due and
unsatisfied, of the kind commonly
called United States Treasury notes
of the denomination and of the
value of five dollars each, four
promissory notes for the payment
of money the same being then and
there due and unsatisfied, of the
kind commonly called United
States Treasury notes of the denom-
ination and of the value of two
dollars each, four promissory notes
for the payment of money, the same
being then and there due and unsat-
isfied of the kind commonly called
United States Treasury notes of the
denomination and of the value of
one dollar each, and divers coins of the
United States of a number and denom-
ination ~~to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown~~
of the value of ~~three~~ dollars
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one ~~Martin Nagle~~
on the person of the said ~~Martin Nagle~~ then and there being found,
from the person of the said ~~Martin Nagle~~ then and there feloniously
~~attempt to~~ did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the statute in such case made and
provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their
dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

926

DESCRIPTION:

O'Rourke, Bernard

DATE:

11/04/82



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

926

DESCRIPTION:

Gully, Thomas

DATE:

11/04/82



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BOX:

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FOLDER:

926

DESCRIPTION:

Geary, Thomas

DATE:

11/04/82



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Original Indictment lost
or mislaid

Witnesses:

Application is made
for a dismissal of the
indictment herein after
a careful search thereof
no papers can be found
upon file in this office
relating to this case, the
names of the witnesses can
not be ascertained and
the people are without
proof to obtain a conviction
and hence recommend
that the indictment
be dismissed and that
the defendant be discharged.

Nov 5. 1887
Randolph B. Mudgett
Dist. Atty.

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Counsel, de
Filed, 4 day of Nov. 188 2
All Pleads, Not Guilty Nov 14/87

THE PEOPLE
vs.
[Section
Penal Code]

Bernard O'Rourke
Thomas Gully
Thomas F. Geary

John T. Kern
~~RANDOLPH B. MUGGETT~~
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Caleb B. Knevals
Foreman.
Part III Nov 10/87.
Indictment dismissed

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District Attorney's Office.

PEOPLE

vs.

Mr. Fay

Tomorrow make a
thorough search for these
two indictments which
Mr. Von B-says are lost
a mislaid.

Nov 1/87

[Signature]

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Mr. [unclear]
Hess [unclear]
[unclear]

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

926

DESCRIPTION:

O'Rourke, Denis

DATE:

11/09/82



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L.O. 37

Filed 9 day of Nov 1882
Pleas *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R

Dennis O'Rourke

Assault and Battery - Felonious.
Firearms.

JOHN McKEON,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Edward Gannon
Foreman.

Deed for

Frederick J. Skyles

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Form

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.:

POLICE COURT—FIRST DISTRICT.

Denis O'Connell

of No. 57 Cherry Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,

that on the 7th day of October 1892

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he was violently and feloniously assaulted and

beaten by.....

Denis O'Rourke now present.

That said O'Rourke did wilfully and maliciously point and aim a pistol or fire arm loaded with powder and lead at deponent and did fire and discharge said pistol while the same was so pointed and aimed the ball or missile from said pistol striking and wounding deponent in his left thigh

Deponent believes that said injury, as above set forth, was inflicted by said

Denis O'Rourke

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do h bodily harm, and without any justification on the part of the said assailant:

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended, and dealt with according to law.

Denis O'Connell

Sworn to, before me, this

day of

1892

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

147 DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss

Dennis O'Rourke being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Dennis O'Rourke

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

27 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

74 Chamber St about two months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Gilder

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer

I am not guilty of the charge

Taken before me, this

day of

1882

Dennis O'Rourke

Wm. J. Murray Police Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1 by _____
 Residence _____ Street, _____

No. 2, by _____
 Residence _____ Street, _____

No. 3, by _____
 Residence _____ Street, _____

No. 4, by _____
 Residence _____ Street, _____

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Sullivan
157 Stuyvesant St
Dennis Rowke

Offence, *fel assault and battery*

Dated *Nov 24* 188*2*

John J. O'Connell Magistrate.
Officer.

H. W. Clerk.

Witnesses, *John J. O'Connell*

No. *2900* Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

\$ *1000* for answer. No. _____ Street, _____



(O'Connell)

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named *Dennis Rowke*

guilty thereof. I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *\$1000* Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail

Dated *Nov 24* 188*2* *James Sullivan* Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named _____ to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named _____

_____ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James Gully
57 Chambers St.
James Howick

BAILED,

No. 1 by

Residence

Street,

No. 2, by

Residence

Street,

No. 3, by

Residence

Street,

No. 4, by

Residence

Street,

Dated

1887

188

Magistrate.

John W. Clarke
Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses, John Howick

No.

29 Oct

Street,

No.

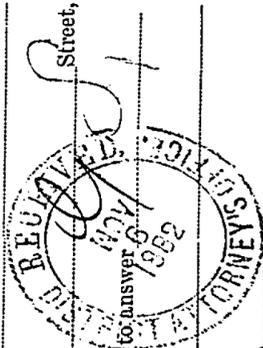
Street,

No.

Street,

\$

1000



(Com)

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of

Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail

I have admitted the above named

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated

188

Police Justice.

Dated

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Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

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Form 10

POLICE COURT-FIRST DISTRICT.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

John J. Clark
of No. *144* *West 121st* Street,
that on the *7th* day of *October* 188*2* at the City of New York,
in the County of New York.

Sworn to, this *7th* day of *October* 188*2*
before me,
[Signature]
Police Justice.

I deposed *Dennis O'Rourke*
now here on a charge of having
shot and wounded one Dennis
Oullitt, now in Hospital
that in deponent's presence
said Oullitt identified the defendant
as the person who did so shoot
and wound him wherefore
deponent asks that O'Rourke
may be dealt with as the law
directs
John J. Clark

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Form 10.

POLICE COURT—FIRST DISTRICT

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

John J. Clarker

vs
Denis Runkle

J. Robert W. Galley
AFFIDAVIT—
on Denis Runkle

Dated

Oct 8 188*2*

Winnay

Justice

Clarker

Officer

H.

*Committed to
Crisis the result*

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Dennis O'Rourke

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Dennis O'Rourke

of the CRIME of "Shooting at another with intent to kill," committed as follows:

The said *Dennis O'Rourke*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the
seventh day of *October* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two* with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Dennis Cullity*
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault
and to, at and against *him* the said *Dennis Cullity*
a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one
leaden bullet, which the said *Dennis O'Rourke*
in *his* right hand then and there had and held the same being a deadly and
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously, did then and there shoot off and discharge,
with intent *to ruin* the said

Dennis Cullity

thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New
York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

Dennis O'Rourke

of the Crime of Shooting and Discharging off a *pistol* at another, without
justifiable or excusable cause, with intent to injure such other, committed as follows:

The said *Dennis O'Rourke*

afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid,
with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *Dennis*
Cullity then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an
assault and to, at and against *him* the said *Dennis*
Cullity a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and
charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which *he* the said
in *his* right hand, then and there had and held, wilfully and feloniously, and
without justifiable or excusable cause, did then and there shoot off and discharge, with
intent, thereby *to ruin* the said

Dennis Cullity

wilfully and feloniously, then and there to injure, against the form of the Statute in such
case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney,

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BOX:

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DESCRIPTION:

O'Neil, Peter

DATE:

11/24/82



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Day of Trial
Counsel
Filed 24 day of Nov. 1882

Pleads *Not guilty (27)*

vs. THE PEOPLE
vs. B
Peter O'Neil

Felonious Assault and Battery.

JOHN McKEON,
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Edward J. Murray
Foreman.
Part 2 Jan. 26. 1883
Tried and convicted
P. A. B.
Lawrence

WITNESSES.

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City Clerk }
of New York }

Edward Whalen
aged 21. residing 79 Washington
Street being sworn says I
knew the defendant and
also the complainant I
saw the complainant knock
the defendant down on the
evening of the 3 October
1882 coming along Washington
street with James Donnelly
about 9 1/2 o'clock I cannot
say what J. O'Neil asked
me to go as far as Washington
Street starts as two men were
following him I looked around
and saw the complainant and
a man named Manning.
Pembroke and Manning passed
us and stood in the middle
of the block looking in our
direction We passed them at
the corner of Rector & Washington Streets
O'Neil turned around to see
where Pembroke was and he
struck him and he fell on
the sidewalk with Pembroke

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I separated them I went
with O'Neil to the middle
of the block and went
home

Sum to before me
This 18 day of Nov 1882

his
mark

Wm. M. Sullivan
Police Justice
City County
of Henry Co. Ga.

Timothy Sullivan
of Washington street being
sum say he is 18 years old
I know the complainant and
defendant in this case. I was
coming down Washington street
and between Cedar and
Albany I saw John Donnelly
running around the corner
I asked what the matter
was and he told me that
he had been cut by James
Pembroke the holder of the
complaint I saw him
afterward running after Donnelly
with a knife I went home
from there

Timothy Sullivan

Sum to before me
This 18 day of Nov 1882

Wm. M. Sullivan
Police Justice

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City County
of New York

Catherine O Neil

aged 43 being sworn says
she lives No 87 Washington
street and mother of the
defendants. about half
past 9 o'clock on the
evening of the 3 October
1882 the Small boys
came up to my door
and said William Pembroke
was beating my boy I
went over and spoke
to Pembroke and said
it was almost time you
stopped this fighting. You
are old enough to be his
father and he said
bring his father down and
I will whip him or any
of his generation he said
he would whip him very
soon he would meet him.

Sworn to before me

this 8 day of Nov 1882 } Catherine O Neil
of New York }
Notary Public

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City Council
of New York
Peter O Neil aged
22 years, being sumo corp
He resides no 87 Washington
street

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City Clerk }
of New York }

James F. Penelope
residing 140 Washington St
being sworn says that he
is the brother of the complainant
in this case. I did not
see the commencement of
the fight. A young man
by the name of Manning came
up to my room door and
knocked for a young man
a cousin of mine named
Robert Jones. I heard my
sister conversing with Manning
and what I heard caused
me to go down stairs. I
went to the street door saw
a crowd collected asked
what the matter was.
and was answered by one
of the parties that they
wanted my brother for
the purpose of dumping him.
I returned into the hall
and as I turned around a
bottle struck an iron post.
I saw a young man with

a pistol in his hand. I was standing in the middle of the street. I did not know the man. I saw him in the Station House and I knew him now his name is John Donnelly. I did not see a blow struck nor a shot fired.

Q. Prof. Examination

Q. When I you came down stairs did you have a knife in your hand

A. I did

Q. Did you cut John Donnelly

A. I decline to answer that question on the grounds that it might tend to criminate me

Q. Have you been in the District attorney's office since the commencement of this trial

A. No.

James J. Connelley

Subscribed to before me

this 18 day of Nov 1882

of ~~John~~ ~~Donnelly~~
 Peter Justice

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Nov 15

William J. Penhoke Corp, farmed

Q How many times have you
had difficulty with O'Neil

A Twice before I was cut

Q When first

A Sept 30 1882.

Q Did you have a difficulty with
O'Neil three years ago in Jersey

A No

Q Where did you have a difficulty
three years ago

A at 95 Washington Street

Q Have you stated to other

parties time and again

that whenever or wherever

you meet O'Neil you would

beat him

A No Sir

Q Who was present on the night
you were stabbed

A I cant identify anyone that

was there if I did I would

have him arrested I did

not see my mother he was

not there to my knowledge

Q Was John Donnelly Jr there

A I did not see him

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q Was Edward Whalen there

a Not as I know

q Had you knocked O'Neil down
a little time before

a No Sir

q Did you knock him down on
the 30 Sept

a No nor did I beat him.

q What is your middle name.

a Joseph

q What is your business

a Coal agents

q Did you hear your mother
say the night in question
here he comes give it to the
sons of bitches

a No

q How did she difficulty occur
on the night of the 3 October

a I was standing in my own
doorway at no 140 Washington
Street talking to a friend
of mine James Manning. Five
men came along their names
I do not know except one who
was O'Neil. I know John Donnelly Jr
and Edward Whalen but I
cannot say whether either of

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When one of the fire they
walked passed me about
ten feet. When one of them
said there he is go give,
it to him. O'Neil turned
back and struck at me
I jumped in to the hallway
O'Neil followed me in, and
there was another one behind
him I do not know who
it was Mr. had a tossel
in the hallway. O'Neil spoke
and said Jimmy hit him
which he did O'Neil said
hit him again and he
did so. I staggered into
the yards it was ^{from} twenty
to twenty five feet from the
yard I retraced my steps
through the hallway to look.
For my hat O'Neil and another
party attacked me in the street
and it at this time I was
cut. When I found out I
was cut I ran back to
the door leading from the street
and it was then I recognized
my mother James F Pembroke.

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I then said to my mother
Jim I am cut, I saw
O'Neil cut me it was with
a sharp instrument I was
fighting when I went into
the street I had to. I
held on to O'Neil.

g where was Manning all the
time of this fracas
a As soon as I ^{was} hit by O'Neil
Manning went up stairs and
told them I was being
murdered. I said that when
O'Neil came into the entry
he said Jimmy give it to him
and he did. O'Neil struck
me first and then I told
Jimmy give it to him
sum to before me

This 15 day of November 1882

~~Wm. Manning~~

Police Justice

William J. Pembroke

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Nov 1882

State of New York.

Executive Chamber,

Albany, Nov 9 1882

Sir: Application having been made to the Governor for the
pardon of Peter O'Neil, who was
tried and convicted before you Jan 26, 1883 for
Assault & Battery and sentenced
to the ~~State Prison~~ New York Penitentiary

Will you oblige the Governor with your opinion of the case, together
with any facts or circumstances which may have a bearing on the
question of granting or refusing a pardon?

Very respectfully yours,

Samuel C. Young

To Hon. Frederick A. Smyth

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New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York, Oct 6 1882

This is to certify that Wm J. Bean
broke admitted to this Hospital
on Oct 4 suffering from stab wound
is not in a dangerous condition
and is on a fair way of recovering
in one week.

Respectfully

W. A. Barter
acting House Surgeon

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The Society of the New York Hospital,

HOUSE of RELIEF, 160 Chambers St.

New York, Oct. 4th 1882.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that

N. Pembroke

is ~~was~~ under treatment at this Hospital,

for *stab wounds of neck & abdomen*

of a serious nature.

from

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, to

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and is unable to appear in court.

*W. H. Murray, M.D.,
House-Surgeon*

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Form 10

POLICE COURT-FIRST DISTRICT.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss

Patrick H. Keenan
of No. *the 27 Macaich* Street,

that on the *3rd* day of *October* 188*7*, at the City of New York,
in the County of New York.

being duly sworn, deposes and says,
*we arrested Peter O'Neil now here
charged with having cut and
stabbed one William J. Pembroke
and inflicted injuries of such
a serious character as to necessitate
his removal to Hospital - That
Pembroke's wounds are so serious
as to disable him from appearing
to prosecute and that in Depment's
presence he identified the defendant
as the person who so cut & wounded
him Depment asks that he may
be dealt with as the law directs*

Patrick H. Keenan

Sworn to, this *3rd* day of *October* 188*7*

before me
[Signature]
Police Justice.

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Form 10.

POLICE COURT—FIRST DISTRICT

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael H. Keiron

vs
Peter Meil

Adm. Secy
Wm. J. Dambrovec
AFFIDAVIT

Dated

Oct 14 188*9*

Murray Justice

Keiron Officer

Dy

Committed to
cust. the court
1000 \$ Bail for
E. J. October 16
Mr. 31

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7/8
C. Me
P. M.

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Form

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss. :

POLICE COURT—FIRST DISTRICT.

William J. Pembroke
of No. *140* *Washington* Street, being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the *3* day of *October* 18*92*

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he was violently and feloniously assaulted and
beaten by.....

Peter O Neil (now present.)

who cut and stabbed
deponent several times
with some sharp instrument
on the neck and abdomen

Deponent believes that said injury, as above set forth, was inflicted by said.....

Peter O Neil
with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do *him* bodily harm, and without any justification
on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended, and dealt with accord-
ing to law.

W. J. Pembroke

Sworn to, before me, this

day of *November* 18*92*

Thomas
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

DISTRICT POLICE COURT.

Peter O Neil being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial,

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Peter O Neil*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *22 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Brooklyn New York*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *Washington (resided there 18 yrs)*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Riveter on Elevated Rail Road*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. *I am not guilty*
Peter O Neil

Taken before me, this *14*
day of *Nov* 188*8*

W. J. Murray Police Justice.

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Witnesses

James Manning
79 Criffanell St.

Wm. S. Fenwick
Jas. J. Gorman
BAILED,
140th Street

No. 1 by James Stark
Residence 18 West
Street,

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

Police Court 7861 District 1

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William J. Fenwick
140th Street
Peter O Neil
Offence, Telephoning

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2
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Dated Nov 14 1882

Henry Magistrate.

Kevin Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,



Paul J.
Paul J.

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

Peter O Neil

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of ten Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Nov 14 1882 [Signature] Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named Peter O Neil to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated Nov 18 1882 [Signature] Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named Peter O Neil guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.

Dated Nov 18 1882 [Signature] Police Justice.

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Witnesses

James Manning
79 Cortlandt St.

Wm. J. Pembroke
Das. J. Pembroke } 140 Washington St.
BAILED,

No. 1 by Manner Steak
Residence 18 West Street,

No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street,

No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street,

No. 4 by _____
Residence _____ Street.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William J. Pembroke
140 Washington St.
Peter O'Neil

2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
Offence, Thieves and Burglars

Dated Apr 14 1882

Murray Magistrate.
Kirby Officer.
27 Clerk.

Witnesses, _____ Street,
No. _____

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,

No. _____ Street,
James Manning

Wm. J. Pembroke



It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed,
Peter O'Neil
and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 100
Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he
give such bail.

Dated Apr 14 1882
William J. Pembroke
Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named
Peter O'Neil
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated Apr 18 1882
William J. Pembroke
Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
Peter O'Neil
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated Apr 18 1882
William J. Pembroke
Police Justice.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against

Peter O'Neil

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
Peter O'Neil
of the CRIME OF "Assault and Battery upon another with a deadly weapon with intent to
kill," committed as follows:

The said *Peter O'Neil*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the
third day of *October* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *two* with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *William J. Pembroke*
in the peace of the said people then and there being, feloniously did make an assault
and *him* the said *William J. Pembroke*
with a certain *knife*
which the said

Peter O'Neil

in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and
dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously did beat, strike, stab, cut and wound with
intent *him* the said *William J. Pembroke*
then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute in such
case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said

Peter O'Neil

of the CRIME OF "Assault upon another, without justifiable or excusable cause, with a
sharp dangerous weapon, with intent to do bodily harm," committed as follows:

The said *Peter O'Neil*

afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid,
with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *William J. Pembroke*
Pembroke then and there being, wilfully and feloniously did make an
assault and *him* the said *William J. Pembroke*
with a certain *knife* which the said

Peter O'Neil.

in *his* right hand then and there
had and held, the same being then and there a sharp, dangerous weapon, wilfully and
feloniously, and without justifiable and excusable cause, did then and there beat, strike,
stab, cut and wound, with intent to then and there wilfully and feloniously do bodily
harm unto *him* the said *William J. Pembroke*
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of
the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.