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THE PEOPLE vs.  
Assault in the First Degree, Etc.  
(Section 217 and 218, Penal Code.)

*Billy Edwards*

*4677*  
~~DELANEY~~  
~~JOHN R. FELLOWS,~~  
District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*W. G. Widmore*  
Foreman.  
*Speedy Separated*  
*29th St. N. J.*

Witness:  
*John B. Hammett*  
*officer A. Jenkins*  
*1500*

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS,

Part I.

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The People of the State of New York, :

-against- :

B i l l y E d w a r d s . :

: Before  
: HON. FREDERICK SMYTH  
: and a jury.  
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Indictment filed May 15th, 1891.

Indicted for assault in the first degree.

New York, May 20th, 1891.

A p p e a r a n c e s :

For the People Assistant District Attorney  
Robert Townsend,

For the Defendant, Mr. J. H. Simms.

J O H N B R U N E T T, a witness for the People,  
sworn, testified:

I am employed on the steam tug boat Catalpa, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. On the 3rd day of May, I was here in New York on leave of absence. At half past nine on that evening I was going into No. 65 East 12th Street between 4th Avenue and Broadway. I was moving furniture for a man in that house by the name of Molas; he was moving to No. 42 East 12th Street. As I was going into the house, I met this man now at the bar and he asked me if I knew a certain person in that house; he asked me if a certain girl was in the house. I went in the house to deliver my message, and when I came out again, I met the defendant outside of the door. Again he asked me if this girl was in there; I

told him I did not know. He says, "You are telling a lie, if you don't tell me the truth I will put a hole in you, " and he pointed this revolver at me. He said, "If you don't tell me who is in the house I will put a hole in you." I had nothing in my hands with which to defend myself, and I said, "Give me a chance and let me go and see who is in there." I went in again. He said we would make it all up between the two of us and that he would give me a quarter if I would go inside and find out if the girl was in the back parlor or the front parlor. Instead of going in and finding out if there was a girl in there, I went through the back door and got out through another house, called an officer and had the man arrested. I informed the officer that this man had a revolver and had attempted to shoot me. The officer took the defendant down to the Mercer Street station house, and when he was searched there they took this pistol from him. I could not say in which pocket it was. I do not recollect ever having seen the defendant before.

**CROSS EXAMINATION:**

Previous to 9 o'clock that evening, I had been in No. 42 East 12th Street; I was boarding and sleeping there; I had not been drinking that evening at all. When I met the defendant, he requested me to go into No. 65 and find out if this girl, whose name he mentioned was in there. I did not know any of the inmates of the house; I think the name he gave me was Blanche. I did not look for the woman

at all, as I promised to do.

- Q Now you say that without anything further, this man deliberately drew a revolver and attempted to shoot you? A It happened this way: When I came out, he said, "Do you know if Blanche is in there?" I told him, "I don't know whether she is in there or not. You had better go in and find out for yourself." Then he said, "If you think that you or any man is going to do me out of this girl, I will put a hole in you." I was somewhat afraid and I said, "I will go inside and inquire for the girl." He promised to give me a quarter if I would do so.
- Q Isn't it a fact that after you went in the first time, you never came out to see this man? A I did come out after I went in the first time, but the second time I went in I did not return.
- Q Did you ever threaten to assault the defendant? A No, sir, I never threatened to assault anybody.

J A M E S H. J E N K I N S, a witness for the people, sworn, testified:

I am a police officer by occupation. On the third of May I arrested the defendant in front of No. 65 East 12th Street; he was standing there in company with three other men. When I came up to the group of three, I asked the complainant which man it was pointed the pistol at him; he indicated the defendant to me and I placed him under arrest. In the station house I searched him and in his pocket I found the revolver which I now produce; it was

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fully loaded.

D E F E N C E .

B I L L Y E D W A R D S, the defendant, sworn, testified:

I live at No. 46 West 24th Street. I am a bartender by occupation. I have been in this city five years. I have never been arrested, charged with any crime before. About half past eight on the evening of the third of May, I left my house 46 West 24th Street, walked down Broadway to 14th Street; there I met a friend, and I had a game of pool with him at the White Elephant. He said to me, "I have a pistol here, try and sell it for me." I says, "All right I will try and sell it for you." I went from there over to visit a young lady at No. 65 East 12th Street. When I got to the corner of Broadway & 12th Street I met the complainant coming across the street. I had seen him two or three days before moving furniture into No. 65 East 12th Street; I knew that he knew the young lady that I knew and wanted to see, because on the Wednesday evening before, he had poured out a glass of sarsaparilla; the young lady's name was Miss Davis. I said to him, "Would you be kind enough to go into the house and see if Miss Davis is there?" I did not think anything about the pistol at that time. I told him that I would give him a quarter if he would tell her to come out as I had some tickets for a Williamsburgh theatre. He came out and said he didn't know

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anything about the young lady. I had the pistol in my hand, but I did not raise it above my waist at any time. When the officer appeared I put the pistol in my pocket. I was very much surprised when this man made a charge of assault against me, as I had done nothing to him.

**CROSS EXAMINATION:**

Q You say you got the pistol the night before? A No, sir, that same evening about ten minutes before going down to 12th Street.

Q Didn't you discover that it was loaded.

Q You never looked at it? A No, sir.

Q Didn't your friend tell you anything about it? A No, sir.

Q Did you carry this pistol in your hand from the White Elephant down to 12th Street? A Yes, sir; I carried it in my hand all the time.

Q Why did you want to see this lady on that evening? A I wanted to give her tickets for the theatre.

Q Are you married or single? A Single.

Q How long have you lived at 46 W 24th Street? A About a month and a half.

Q How often has you been in the habit of going to 65 West 12th Street? A Every once in a while.

Q How much do you earn when you work? A \$15. a week.

Q Why didn't you go into this house yourself? A Because I did not want to disturb the people in the house.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault in the second degree,

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The jury returned a verdict of guilty of ...

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Indictment filed May 15th 1891

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Part I.

HERP O P L E & C. against BILLY EDWARDS.

Abstract of testimony on trial New York, May 20th 1891.

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D District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

Billy Edwards 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. Billy Edwards

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 22 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York

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

Answer. 46 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street; 3 weeks

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 am not guilty

Billy<sup>his</sup> Edwards  
mark

Taken before me this 4  
day of May 1891  
W. H. ...  
Police Justice.

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Police Court 2 District.

City and County } ss.:  
of New York, }

of No. 419 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, aged \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
occupation Seafaring being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1889 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED ~~and BEATEN~~ by Billy Edwards (now here) who pointed and aimed a loaded revolving pistol containing cartridges of powder and leaden balls, at deponent's body.

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous 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~~ bound to answer for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 4<sup>th</sup> day }  
of May 1889 } v John Brussett  
W. W. Malin 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

THE PEOPLE, Ac.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

*John Bennett*  
*150 West 35th St*  
*Brooklyn*  
*Edwin*

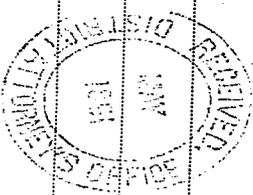
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Office \_\_\_\_\_  
*Del. Assault*

Dated *May 4* 1891

*McMahon* Magistrate,  
*Jenkins* Officer,  
*15* Precinct.

Witnesses: *Call the officer*



No. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. *1000* Street *9.8.*

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

*defendant*

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 *gives* such bail.

Dated *May 4* 1891 *McMahon* Police Justice.

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

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, against

Billy Edwards

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

Billy Edwards of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Billy Edwards

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one John Brunett in the Peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against him the said John Brunett a certain pistol then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said Billy Edwards 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 the same, with intent him the said John Brunett 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 Billy Edwards of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said Billy Edwards

late of the City and County aforesaid, 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 John Brunett in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and to, at and against him the said John Brunett

a certain pistol then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said Billy Edwards,

in his right hand then and there had and held, the same being a weapon and an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully shoot off and discharge the same, 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL, JOHN R. FELLOWS, District Attorney.

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Witnesses:

Anthony Cocciatich

Counsel,  
Filed 28 day of May 1891

Plender  
Wm. H. Gentry

THE PEOPLE

vs.

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Thomas Edwards

and I #

Thomas Curran

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

District Attorney.

[Sec. 325, Penal Code]

A TRUE BILL.

W. S. Skidmore

July 22 1891 Foreman.

Both plead Guilty,  
Jury drops it  
Account taken of  
Mr. Curran's plea  
W.S.

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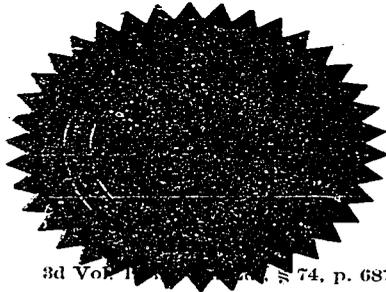
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I, JOHN SPARKS, Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in and for the City and County of New York (each being a Court of Record, having a common seal), do certify that the annexed is a copy of

*An Undertaking to answer*

now on file in the Clerk's Office, and that the same has been compared by me with the original, and is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.



GIVEN UNDER my hand, and attested by the seal of the said Court, this *thirteenth* day of *July* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety *one*,

*[Signature]*

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State of New York, City and County of New York, ss:

An order having been made on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891, by Hon. Charles W. Taubert Police Justice of the City of New York that Thomas Curran be held to answer upon a charge of Violating a Lottery Law upon which he has been duly admitted to bail in the sum of \$100 hundred dollars:

We Thomas Curran Defendant, residing at No. 129 Canal Street, in the said City of New York, occupation, glass blower, and John Haffner residing at No. 336 Eighth Avenue Street, said City, occupation, gentleman, Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that the above-named defendant shall appear and answer the charge above mentioned, in whatever Court it may be prosecuted, and shall at all times render himself amenable to the orders and process of the Court; and, if convicted, shall appear for judgment, and render himself in execution thereof; or if he fail to perform either of these conditions, that we will pay to the People of the State of New York the sum of \$100 hundred dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me,

John Curran Principal.

this 20 day of May 1891,

John Guard Haffner Surety.

Charles W. Taubert

Police Justice



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State of New York,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

I, John G. Stappes the surety mentioned  
in the annexed undertaking to answer, do hereby authorize and empower any  
Policeman of the City of New York, or  
or either of them, in my name, place, and stead, to take, seize and  
surrender the said Thomas Curran, (in the said  
undertaking held as defendant,) to the Court wherein he is bound to  
appear for trial, or deliver him to the custody of the authorities of said city  
and county, in my exoneration as surety therein.

Dated July 13<sup>th</sup> 1891.

John G. Stappes Surety.



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NEW YORK

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

Recognizance to Answer.  
THE PEOPLE, ETC.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
ss.  
Thomas Curran

Taken the 20 day of May 1891

Approved as to Form and Sufficiency

Dated 1891

District Attorney

Identified by

Filed 22 day of May 1891.

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City, County & State of New York, ss:

GEORGE E. ORAM being duly sworn, deposes and says, that THOMAS EDWARDS and THOMAS CURRAN here present, are the ones known and described in the Affidavit hereto annexed of even date, known respectively as "J. ANDERSON", and "JOHN DOE."

Subscribed and sworn to before:  
me this 19th. day of May 1891.:

*George E. Oram*

*Police Justice*

City, County & State of New York, ss:

ANTHONY COMSTOCK of 41 Park Row, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is informed, has just cause to believe, and verily does believe and charge, his information being based upon Reports and Statements of GEORGE E. ORAM and others, that on, or about, the 8th. day of May 1891 at the City, County and State of New York aforesaid, J. ANDERSON, JOHN B. DORIS, and JOHN DOE, whose full and real names are unknown, but each of whom can be identified by GEORGE E. ORAM, did unlawfully contrive, propose, and draw a Lottery, or assist in contriving, proposing and drawing the same, which said Lottery was then and there set on foot for the purpose of disposing of property by lot or chance, which said Lottery was then and there conducted at No. 351 - 8th. Avenue in what is known as "Doris' Museum", and the property offered for distribution by lot or chance consists of various articles of Glassware, which said property was disposed of at ten cents a chance, and which said Lottery was then and there proposed and drawn in premises occupied by the said J. ANDERSON, JOHN B. DORIS, and JOHN DOE, in violatoon of Chapter 8 of the Penal Code, and particularly Section 325 of the Penal Code in such case made and provided.

Deponent further says, that he is informed upon the Statements of GEORGE E. ORAM and R. B. McCULLY, and verily believes that the said JOHN B. DORIS, JOHN DOE and J. ANDERSON now have in their possession at, in, and upon certain premises occupied by them, situate and known as No. 351 - 8th. Avenue, divers and sundry Cards, Papers, Tickets, Shares Chances, or Interests in a Lottery, divers articles of Glass-

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ware offered for sale by lot or chance in said Lottery, and other apparatus and paraphernalia for carrying on and drawing said Lottery, all with intent to use the same as a means to commit a public offence.

WHEREFORE, Deponent prays that the said J. ANDERSON, JOHN B. DORIS and JOHN DOE may be forthwith arrested, and their unlawful Papers, Tickets, Matters and Things seized, and all dealt with according to Law.

Subscribed, and sworn to :  
before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of :  
May 1891.

*Antony Courtcock*

*Charles N. Justice*  
Police Justice.

City, County & State of New York, ss:

GEORGE E. ORAM of 41 Park Row being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 1st. day of May 1891 he visited the premises occupied and kept by, and known as "JOHN B. DORIS' MUSEUM, 351 - 8th. Avenue"; that said Deponent went there because of Complaints alleging that there was an indecent exhibition and an offensive picture displayed in reference to "Jack the Ripper" plunging knife into his victim as she lay upon the bed; that while in said premises, one BALDWIN was delivering a lecture upon different subjects. After finishing his lecture or talk to persons who were assembled there, he went to the Counter where J. ANDERSON was and then said, "The Professor will tell what he has done with glass", etc. Said ANDERSON then said that "all the Glass Ornaments here on the shelf are to be disposed of by drawing", that each person paying ten cents would draw a card out of the box, and whatever name of article was marked on the card, the person so drawing the card would receive. Then JOHN DOE who had a box in his hand containing cards, called out, "Try your luck, only ten cents. No blanks. Pick out a card. Whatever article is written on it you receive." The said JOHN DOE then took out several cards saying of one, "This one would bring a Wine Glass; this one would bring this Vase", (pointing to a glass ornament in a glass shade on a stand.) He then said, "All these articles are to be disposed of by drawing. Only ten cents. Remember, no blanks." He then replaced the Cards which he had taken out of the box in the box, whereupon a little Girl paid ten cents to JOHN DOE, the

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said ANDERSON being present. Upon the card was written "Wine Glass." The said JOHN DOE received her money and handed her a Wine Glass, which the little girl received. Deponent then paid ten cents and also drew out a card, upon which was written "Magnifying Glass." Deponent received the same.

Deponent further saw several other persons draw cards from the box after paying ten cents for the privilege. Deponent said to JOHN DOE, "Everyone for ten cents has a chance of winning one of these valuable Ornaments?" The said JOHN DOE said, "Yes, sir, everyone gets something. You may draw out a card for a Wine Glass, or one for one of these large Ornaments." During the drawing of this Lottery the said J. ANDERSON and JOHN DOE were present, and the said drawing was made in full view of all persons present, in the premises occupied by the said JOHN B. DORIS as a Museum.

Deponent further says, that he again visited premises No. 351 - 8th. Avenue, on the 8th. day of May 1891, went upstairs to the second floor, and there saw the said J. ANDERSON and JOHN DOE dusting and arranging matters upon the shelves. Another man delivered a sort of harangue, or lecture, and JOHN B. DORIS came down from the third floor, remained a while upon the second floor, then passed down-stairs to the floor below. The Lecturer when he came to where ANDERSON was, said, "Professor EDWARDS" (referring to ANDERSON), "will explain to you what can be done with glass." The said J. ANDERSON then said, "All these things upon these shelves", (pointing to a variety of Glass Ornaments), "are

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made on the premises, and are all to be disposed of by drawing which only costs ten cents. Draw a card and take home one of these glass ornaments. Whatever article is named upon the card you will receive. My Assistant," (referring to JOHN DOE) "will explain it all to you." The said JOHN DOE then pointed to goods upon the shelves of various forms, prices and shapes said, "All these goods are to be disposed of by drawing. You pay ten cents and draw a card out of this box," (holding the box in front of him), "and whatever article is named on the card you will receive, whether it be a large or small one. No blanks. Try your luck." He then took out several cards from the box and said, "This one would take a Turkish Pipe; this, these (pointing to a handsome vase on the second shelf). "Try your luck. Who will take the next chance?"

Deponent after watching a while, handed JOHN DOE a silver quarter and picked out a card and drew a Turkish Smoking-Pipe. The said JOHN DOE took Deponent's card and handed Deponent the said Pipe. The said JOHN DOE handed the twenty-five cents to J. ANDERSON, who took some change from his pocket and handed JOHN DOE fifteen cents, which the said JOHN DOE handed to Deponent.

Mr. R. B. McCULLY handed JOHN DOE a quarter also, which the said JOHN DOE gave to the said ANDERSON. He then picked out a card and handed same to JOHN DOE, who announced a Glass Pen-holder. The said JOHN DOE then said, "Draw again, we are all out of it." The said McCULLY drew another card and handed it to said JOHN DOE. The said JOHN DOE replied, "A Glass Cigar-holder", which he handed to said McCULLY.

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J. ANDERSON handed McCULLY fifteen cents in change.

Afterwards several persons tried their luck by paying ten cents, drew out cards, and received an article in return there for.

Deponent saw the said JOHN B. DORIS present in the room where these things were, and where the said J. ANDERSON and JOHN DOE were also.

Subscribed & sworn to before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891  
Charles J. ...  
Police Justice

George E. Oran  
" "

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*Affidavits*  
*of*  
*Anthony Comstock et al*  
*vs*  
*John B. Davis*  
*J. Anderson &*  
*John Doe.*

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

District Police Court.

*Thomas Edwards* 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. *Thomas Edwards*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *35 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *England*

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

Answer. *West 27 Street -*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Glass Blower*

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, and demand an examination*

*Tom Edwards.*

Taken before me this

*day of May 1891*

Police Justice

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CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.

*Thomas Curran*

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Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Thomas Curran*

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. *122 Jane Street - 3 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Glass Blower*

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 and demand an examination*

*Thomas Curran*

Taken before me this 19th day of July 1911  
*Charles W. ...*  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

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

Police Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

In the name of the People of the State of New York: To the Sheriff, or any Deputy Sheriff or Peace Officer of the County of New York, or to any Marshal, Constable 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 Anthony Brantock & George E. Oram of No. 41 Park Row Street, charging that on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891 at the City of New York, in the County of New York that the crime of aiding, assisting and abetting in the proposing, promoting, carrying on and drawing of a lottery.

has been committed, and accusing J. Anderson, J. B. Doris and John Dor whose real names, are unknown but who can be identified by George E. Oram thereof.

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, Deputy Sheriffs, Peace Officers, Marshals, Constables and Policemen, and each and every of you, to apprehend the said Defendant and bring them forthwith before me, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891  
Charles J. Hamilton POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT, 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Anthony Brantock vs.  
J. B. Doris  
John Dor

Warrant-General.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188

Hamilton Magistrate.  
Oram 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 3:30 Thomas Calverley

Native of W

England

Age 36

Sex M

Complexion Geo

27, St. S. Ave

Color Thomas Curran

Profession 25

Married N

Single N-D

Wash St

Read M

W

Wm. J. Brantock

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City and County of New York, ss :

In the name of the People of the State of New York:

To any Peace Officer in the City and County of New York:

Proof by affidavit having been this day made before me, by Anthony Bourtooth and George E. Crain of 41 Park Row Street, New York

City, that there is probable cause for believing that J. Anderson, John B. Doris and John Dor, whose full names are unknown but each of whom can be identified by George E. Crain.

has in their possession, at, in and upon certain premises occupied by them and situated and known number 351 Eighth Avenue in said City of New York certain and divers

device, establishment, apparatus and articles suitable for gambling purposes, lottery policies, lottery tickets, circulars, writings, papers and documents in the nature of a bet, wager or insurance upon the drawing or drawn numbers of a lottery, books and other documents for the purpose of enabling others to sell lottery policies and other writings, papers and documents, black

boards and gaming tables, with intent to use the same as a means to commit a public offense. used in conducting and carrying on a lottery, and articles of glass ware to be disposed of by chance

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED, at any time of the day

time to make immediate search on the person of the said J. Anderson, John B. Doris and John Dor aforesaid

and in the building situate and known as number 351 Eighth Avenue aforesaid,

for the following property, to wit: all papers, tickets, cards, or writings representing any shares, chances or interest in a lottery, or in property offered to be disposed of by lot or chance, all property offered for sale or disposed of by lot or chance or used, to promote, carry on, or draw any lottery, all lottery tickets, all circulars, all writings, all papers, all

documents in the nature of bets and wagers, or insurance upon the drawings, or drawn numbers of a lottery, all books

all documents for the purpose of enabling others to gamble or sell lottery policies, or lottery tickets, all black-

boards, all slips or drawn numbers of a lottery, money to gamble with, and all device,

establishment, apparatus and articles suitable for conducting, carrying on, entering or drawing a lottery.

And if you find the same, or any part thereof, to bring it forthwith before me at the Second District

Police Court at Jefferson Market, upon 6th Avenue in the City of New York.

Dated at the City of New York, the

19th day of May 1891-

Charles J. Linton

POLICE JUSTICE.



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Inventory of property taken by Edward J. Connor the Peace Officer by whom this warrant was executed :

~~Table layouts, Roulette Wheels, Roulette layouts, Rouge et Noir lay-  
outs, gaming tables, chips, packs of cards, dice, deal  
boxes, deal trays for holding chips, cue boxes, markers, or tally cards,  
ivory balls, lottery policies, lottery tickets, circulars, writings,  
papers, black boards, slips, or drawn numbers in policy, money,  
manifold books, slates,~~

1 box with 50 Cards for drawing a lottery  
& Glass Vases, 15 Mugs glasses  
7 bottles (called baby bottles)  
3 5 Glass Pens.  
4 Glass pipes.  
2 boquet Holders.

City of New York and County of New York ss:

I, Edward J. Connor the Officer by whom this warrant was executed,

do swear that the above Inventory contains a true and detailed account of all the property taken by me in this warrant.

Sworn to before me, this 19 day of May 1891

Edward J. Connor

Charles W. Foster Police Justice.

Police Court--- District.

2nd District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Anthony Santoboni  
vs.  
J. Andrew  
H. B. Davis  
John Doe

Dated May 19 1891

Justice.

Connor Officer.

Search Warrant.

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1000 each for 2  
May 20th 91. 2 PM

Police Court... 683  
District...

BAILED

No. 1, by

Residence

No. 2, by

Residence

No. 3, by

Residence

No. 4, by

Residence

John Shaples  
336 5th Ave  
Astoria

Placer

Street

Street

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Thomas C. ...  
James ...

Offence  
Lobby Law

Dated May 19 91

Magistrate  
Officer



No. ...  
\$ 1000 each  
to answer

Street  
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 defendants

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

Dated May 19 1891 Charles Linton Police Justice.

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

Dated May 20 1891 Charles Linton Police Justice.

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

Dated May 20 1891 Charles Linton 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

Thomas Edwards  
Thomas Furman

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

Indictment accuse *Thomas Edwards and Thomas Furman*

of the crime of *continuing, proposing and drawing and assisting in continuing, proposing and drawing a lottery,* -  
committed as follows:

The said *Thomas Edwards and Thomas Furman, both*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the  
*eight* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and ~~eighty~~ *ninety-one*, at the City and County aforesaid,

*did voluntarily continue, propose and draw, and assist in continuing, proposing and drawing a certain lottery, the same being a scheme for the distribution of property to individuals at the discretion of the number and a more particular description thereof, being to the Grand Jury of said County (by name, among persons who had paid a valuable consideration for such chance, for more particular description of which*

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said attorney to the Grand Jury  
of said county and 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.

D. Daney Hill,

Attorney

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**BOX:**

436

**FOLDER:**

4025

**DESCRIPTION:**

Egerton, John B.

**DATE:**

05/21/91



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W. J. Barber

Counsel,

Filed 21 May 1891

Pleas. *[Signature]*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*[Symbol]*

John B. Egerton

*[Signature]*

De. Samsay Neale,  
JOHN H. FERRIS,

District Attorney.

*[Signature]*  
(MISAPPROPRIATION.)  
[Sections 528, 531 of the Penal Code].

A True Bill.

W. J. Shidmon  
June 1/91 Foreman.

*[Signature]*

S. L. 2/2  
*[Signature]*

Witnesses;

Charles M. Bartruff

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Police Court 1st District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss:  
of New York, }

Charles M. Bartruff

of No. 150 West Street, aged 50 years,  
occupation: Commission Merchant being duly sworn,  
deposes and says, that on the 28 day of August 1890 at the City of New York,  
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in  
the day time, the following property, viz:

Good and lawful money of the United States of the amount and value of thirty dollars \$30

the property of Deponent's Co-partner

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 John B. Egerton

Deponent says that said defendant was a clerk in his employ and by virtue of such employment did receive and have in his possession the aforesaid sum of money and having so received and taken it into his possession for and on account of his employers did unlawfully and feloniously appropriate the same to his own use with intent to deprive deponent and his Co-partner of the same. Deponent further says that said defendant feloniously appropriated divers sums of money

Sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1890  
Police Justice.

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at divers times to the amount and of the value of \$2897. which he unlawfully appropriated to his own use with intent to deprive the true owners of the same

Charles W. Bantueff

Served to inform me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891

*[Signature]*

Police Justice

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*John B Edgerton* being duly examined before the undersigned according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is his right 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 B Edgerton*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *38 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Union States*

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

Answer. *Jersey City*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *A Clerk*

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 refuse to answer until I consult my counsel.*

*John B Edgerton*

Taken before me this

day of

*May*

188*4*

by

Notary Public

*[Signature]*

**POOR QUALITY ORIGINAL**

1200

Sec. 151.

Police Court / 51- District.

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:

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 Charles M. Bartruff of No. 150 West Street, that on the 28 day of August 1891 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

Good and lawful money of the United States of the value of Twenty Dollars, the property of Complainant and Coparties as John B. Egerton taken, stolen and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and believe, by John B. Egerton

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 every of you, to apprehend the body of the said Defendant and forthwith bring him before me, at the 51- 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 6th day of April 1891  
[Signature] POLICE JUSTICE.

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Police Court ..... District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated ..... 188

Magistrate

*Richard J. ...* Officer.

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

*[Signature]* Officer.

Dated ..... 188

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at  
night.

Police Justice.

having been brought before me under this Warrant, is committed for examination to the  
WARDEN and KEEPER of the City Prison of the City of New York.

Dated ..... 188

Police Justice.

The within named

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De May 12 1891

BAILLED,  
 No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

Police Court...  
 District...  
 No. 642

THE PEOPLE, &c.  
 ON THE COMPLAINT OF

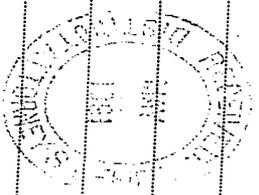
Frank M. Conroy  
 150 West 57 St  
 New York City

Offence Larceny

Dated May 12 1891

E. Hogan Magistrate  
 100th St & Broadway

Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



No. 2000  
 to answer G.S.  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_

Carroll

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 Defendant

~~guilty thereof, forder then~~ he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Twenty 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 May 12 1891 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named \_\_\_\_\_  
 to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.  
 Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

1203

Childrens Hospital  
Park Station  
Philadelphia  
June 4th 1899

Hon. P. H. Coving  
My dear Sir,

I write you  
in behalf of my son.  
My only son, who will  
receive sentence from  
you to-morrow. - While  
mourning and con-  
demning his guilt.  
I beg of you mercy

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ORIGINAL

1204

for him - My com-  
forter and helper  
in long years of  
widowhood. He is  
whom I have placed  
so much hope and  
dependence. I offer  
nothing in return  
for him. but could  
tell you of hours  
of anxiety and  
suffering for an

worried wife and  
three children - So  
much needed means  
was wanted. There  
came temptation -  
and he yielded -  
Oh that I might say  
something to you  
that would cause you  
to be lenient with  
him - I am  
a broken hearted mother  
Ada L. Egerton

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

1205

505 CHESTNUT STREET,  
PHILADELPHIA.

My dear Sir,

I recognize that it is a delicate matter to say anything to you with respect to your duty in sentencing a prisoner, but I am prompted by past friendship and relationship to urge upon you so far as may be consistent with your duty - the imposition of a light sentence upon John B. Egerton, who I understand will be before you for this purpose on Friday. I do so because I feel every reasonable assurance that a speedy return to his family and society may result in bringing him back into the ranks of good citizenship. - While the fact that he has a wife and ~~four~~ children dependent upon him for their support renders this a most desirable end to be achieved. These reasons of course

are always present to your mind but the facts in each case may make them more or less significant.

I am with great respect

Yours truly

A. DuBois Miller

Hon. J. Cowing  
New York

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

1206

Baltimore 6<sup>th</sup> June 91

Judge Cowing  
My dear Sir

I have just  
learned an address from my niece  
& write tonight, to plead that  
you will do all that lays in  
your power for her husband,  
who comes before you on Friday.  
Mr Egerton, has I am sure  
impressed you with his truthful,  
gentle & kindly heart. He  
is a devoted son, husband  
& father. I know him too well  
to ever think, he did any thing  
but what he felt sure, he would  
& could return. Strangers they  
went to my city, illness, upon  
illness, fit to their lot, even now  
I fear the wife is a hopeless invalid  
Col Bartroff wrote me he was  
willing to take security for \$2000

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to be paid in six months. I have  
only a monthly stipend of \$25.00.  
I wrote & told Col Bartroff I would  
give my nephew towards paying  
his shortage just as soon as  
he was released & had a position  
but that in the mean time it must  
go to keeping his wife & little children  
from starving. I think you  
ought to know that Col Bartroff  
accepted from Mr Egerton \$25.00 that  
I left for him. I have written to the  
Col tonight that I will use every  
effort of my life to help - our dear  
boy to pay every thing he owes  
him. This is his just due.  
God grant you may be  
able to shorten his separation  
from his hearts idols.  
very truly yours  
R. M. Green

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

1208

Baltimore (June 71)

My dear Mr Le Barbier

My niece Mrs Egerton  
has written me of your  
great goodness to her, &  
I feel that I must express  
my thanks to you. I should  
be with our dear one on  
Friday but illness prevents -  
will you kindly read the  
enclosed & with your  
permission see that Judge  
Carving gets it in due  
time. It is so hard to  
realize that any one so  
gentle & good should

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have to endure a separation  
from those he holds so  
dear - would fail - and  
to express my gratitude  
to you + sincere hope in  
the near future to meet  
+ tell you so

very lovingly yours

Lillian M. G. G. G.

323 West Baltimore St.

Baltimore

Md.

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Tomb. N. J.  
June 1. 1891

Judge Cowley.  
Your Honor

Respected Sir

I have done wrong & am  
sorry for it, and beg the  
clemency of the court.

I have worked hard & faith-  
fully, as far as work goes,  
(eighteen & twenty hours a day  
in the busy season, without  
extra pay) for the firm of  
Bartruff & Van Arsdale for  
the last three years.

But sickness, the frequent  
illnesses of my delicate wife  
& three small children & other  
troubles, the breaking up of my  
mother's home in the South etc,  
have put expenses on me  
that I was unable to meet

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except by using monies  
that did not belong to me.  
These have been the causes  
of my fall, which I most  
truly regret. It is my  
wish & intention to make  
good all monies I owe the  
firm of D & Vaula, no matter  
what may happen to me.  
I have already made one  
small payment on account.  
I most humbly beg your  
honour, if it is possible,  
to suspend sentence in  
my case, so that I can at  
once go to work & with the  
assistance of my friends,  
cancel the debt to my late  
employers as quick as pos-  
sible. This is my first offence  
& with God's help, it will be the  
last. My habits are good.

& I have been a true & good  
husband, father & son.  
& have spent but little  
money on myself.  
Please give me this one  
chance to be an honest man  
& a good citizen, also to  
help my family, who have  
no one to care for them, &  
who would now be destitute  
were it not for the kindness  
of friends.

Respectfully  
John C. Ebertson

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Baltimore

Hon. S. Brown, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

Dear Sir,

I write in the name of my  
brother, J. B. Egan, who  
will come before you on  
Friday for evidence. It  
has never been deemed  
advisable to help or encourage  
him & I am sure that you  
will see in which direc-  
tion in this case we are con-  
sidering with notice.  
He acknowledges his guilt,  
it is his firm opinion &  
there are extenuating cir-  
cumstances. For nearly  
three years he has been  
overworked, getting only

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Three or four hours a  
night free from work,  
for sometime at a time,  
sick & delicate wife, &  
children, & for me, to help  
him peacefully. These  
burdened men have confused  
his mind & frustrated his  
best endeavours, & have  
for which he was punished  
in this life. His acquittal  
& removal of suspension  
of sentence would be the  
greatest kindness, at least  
let me beg for him the  
shortest time of penal ser-  
vice commensurate with justice  
for the sake of those who  
depend on him.

Very respectfully,  
Ernest Augustus Taylor

POOR QUALITY  
ORIGINAL

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Baltimore  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1841

Mr. Wm. W. Barber

Dear Sir -

Will you please read  
+ send at once the  
enclosed to Judge Cowing  
as I have not his address  
fearing it may come  
in time to be of benefit  
to any other.

Yours very truly

Henry Jackson Thayer

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GEORGE W. BIDDLE,  
HENRY GALBRAITH WARD,  
ARTHUR BIDDLE,  
J. ROSMAN PAUL,  
N. DUBOIS MILLER,  
H. LABARRE JAYNE.

TELEPHONE NO. 1000.

[ROBINSON, BRIGHT, BIDDLE & WARD, 150 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.]

BIDDLE & WARD,

COUNSELLORS AT LAW AND PROCTORS IN ADMIRALTY,

JOHN J. WILKINSON,  
HORACE L. CHEYNEY,  
HENRY WIENER, JR.

505 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA,

June 3<sup>d</sup> 1891

Dear Sir,

At the request of Messrs.  
Egerton, I have written a note  
to Judge Cowing, which I enclose.  
If you think that it will be of  
any service to her son I beg that  
you will present it. It says very  
little, but all that I feel justified  
in saying in view of my knowledge  
at this time. Possibly such letters  
may direct his mind favorably.

I am, yours truly,  
H. DeBoill Miller

C. E. LaBarre Esq.

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VI.

STATE OF NEW YORK.  
Executive Chamber,  
ALBANY.

March 7, 1892

Sir:

Application for Executive clemency having been made on behalf of  
*John B. Edgerton* who was convicted of *Grand Larceny*  
in the county of *New York* and sentenced *June 1891*  
to imprisonment in the *Sing Sing Prison* for the term of  
*two years & six months*

I am directed by the Governor respectfully to request that, in pursuance of section 695 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, you will forward to him a concise statement of the facts of the case, together with your opinion of the merits of the application.

It is particularly requested that each letter of inquiry from the Executive Chamber should be separately answered.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. S. Williams*

Private Secretary.

*Hon. De Lancey Nicoll*

*New York City.*

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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 C. Hagston*

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

of the CRIME OF *Grand* LARCENY, in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *John C. Hagston,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twentieth* day of *August*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety*, at the City and County aforesaid, being then and there the clerk and servant of *Charles M. Bartlett*

and *Stephen T. Van Arsdale, partners,*

and as such clerk and servant then and there having in his possession, custody and control certain moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Charles M. Bartlett and Stephen T. Van Arsdale,* the true owners thereof, to wit: *the sum of twenty dollars in money, lawful money of the United States of America, and of the value of twenty dollars,*

the said *John C. Hagston,* afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, did feloniously appropriate the said *sum of money*

to his own use, with intent to deprive and defraud the said *Charles M. Bartlett and Stephen T. Van Arsdale* of the same, and of the use and benefit thereof; and the same moneys, goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Charles M. Bartlett and Stephen T. Van Arsdale,*

did then and there and thereby feloniously steal, 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 R. Fellows*  
JOHN R. FELLOWS,  
District Attorney.

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**BOX:**

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**FOLDER:**

4025

**DESCRIPTION:**

Engelbrecht, Catharine

**DATE:**

05/25/91



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*W. B. F.*  
*Whitcomb*

*E. H.*

Counsel,  
Filed *25 May 1891*  
Pleas, *at 10 o'clock*

THE PEOPLE vs. *Catharine Engelbrecht*  
Grand Larceny *in the* Degree  
[Sections 528, 531, 532 Penal Code.]

*Catharine Engelbrecht*

DE KANCEY NICOLL,  
*Deputy* District Attorney.

*Deputy*  
*Spec. Deput.*

A TRUE BILL.

*W. S. Skidmore*

*Foreman.*

*W. S.*

Witnesses:

*Wm. Flynn*  
*Clerk*

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Police Court \_\_\_\_\_ District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County }  
of New York, } ss.

Augusta Beers

of No. 22 Rector Street, aged 28 years,  
occupation House work

deposes and says, that on the 27 day of April 1891 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession of deponent, in the day time, the following property, viz:

one cloth jacket, one hat, one black silk skirt and other wearing apparel all of the value of Twenty seven dollars

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

Jessie Catharine Engelbrecht (now here) from the fact that deponent

found said property in her possession - deponent further says

that said defendant has the jacket and hat in her possession at the present time

Mrs. Auguste Beers,

Sworn to before me, this

27 day

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of Charles W. Matthews

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Catharine Engelbrecht* being duly examined before the under-  
signed according to law, on the annexed charge; and being informed that it is *her* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against *her*; that the statement is designed to  
enable *her* if she see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against *her*  
that *she* is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that *her* waiver cannot be used  
against *her* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Catharine Engelbrecht*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *28 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Germany*

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

Answer. *Hoboken New Jersey*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Servant*

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*

*M. Engelbrecht*

Taken before me this

*21*

day of *May* 1891

*Charles J. ...*

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

*Catharine Engelbrecht*

THE GRAND JURY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this  
indictment, accuse *Catharine Engelbrecht*

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the *second* degree committed as follows:

The said

*Catharine Engelbrecht*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *27th*  
day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
*ninety-one* at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*one jacket of the value of five  
dollars, one hat of the value of  
five dollars, one skirt of the value  
of sixteen dollars, and divers other  
articles of wearing apparel of a  
number and description to the  
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown of  
the value of five dollars,*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

*Auguste Beers*

then and there being found, then and there feloniously 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.

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SECOND COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said  
*Catharine Engelbrecht*  
of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS, committed as follows:

The said

*Catharine Engelbrecht*  
late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards to wit: on the day and in the year  
aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

*the same goods, chattels and per-  
sonal property described in the  
first count of this indictment*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Auguste Beers*

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said *Auguste Beers*

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; the said

*Catharine Engelbrecht*  
then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have been  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried 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.

DE LANCEY NICOLL,

**District Attorney.**

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