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DESCRIPTION:

Fagan, Bernard

DATE:

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Witnesses:

Wm. J. Campbell
29th Dec

Counsel,

Filed *27* day of *May* 188*6*

Pleads *Not guilty, Jan 23*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B

Bernard Torgan

Violation of Excise Law
(Sunday).
[III Rev. Stat., (7th Edition), page 1083 Sec. 97, page 1989, Sec. 5]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

SUPREME COURT PART 1,

A TRUE BILL *December 22 1899*

INDICTMENT DISMISSED,

William W. Kennedy

Foreman.

FILED 1899 DEC 22

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Sec. 198-200

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Bernard Fagin 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 *Bernard Fagin*

Question How old are you?

Answer *27 years*

Question Where were you born?

Answer *Malama*

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

Answer *281 E. 62 St*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer *Liquor Business*

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 was not seeing at the time I was arrested. I demand a trial at the Court of General session Bernard Fagin*

Taken before me this

day of

Sept 11 1885

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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BAILED
No. 1, by *John Curran*
Residence *722-11 Avenue*
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Witnesses _____
*Appear & call
and appear without delay,
the complainant
bailing to appear.
J.W.D.
Detention for April 14
at 10 a.m.*

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE vs.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Samuel J. Connelley

Samuel J. Connelley

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APR 6 1885

Office Violation
Weise Law

Dated *April 16* 1885

Magistrate

Officer

28

150 to City Jail

No. *28* Street *150 to City Jail*

150 to City Jail

150 to City Jail

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150 to City Jail

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 _____ 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 16* 1885 *John Patterson* Police Justice.

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

Dated *Apr 4* 1885 *John Patterson* 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 _____ 1885 _____ Police Justice.

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Court of General Sessions, Part 2

THE PEOPLE

vs

INDICTMENT

For

Bernard Tague

To

M

John Quinn

No.

722 - 11 - Ave Street.

The indictment against the above-named defendant, for whose appearance you are bound, has been placed upon the Calendar for trial at the Court of GENERAL SESSIONS of the Peace, at the Sessions Building, adjoining the New Court House, in the Park of the said City, on Thursday the 21 day of Oct instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

If the defendant is not produced at that time, your bond will be forfeited.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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Sixth Judicial District Court,
61 Union Place,
Fourth Avenue, Southwest, corner 18th Street,
New York, Mar 10th 1885

Dear Judge Patterson

May I ask you to
again adjourn the
case of Bernard Fagan
& Arthur W. Huie, bor-
tenders for Patrick Huron
of 5th & 3rd Avenue
arrested Feb 13th and
Obye
Yours very truly
William H. Kelly

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NEW AMSTERDAM CLUB

11 WEST 24TH STREET.

Dear Judge

In the cases of
^{Hagan & McQuade}
two bartenders of
Patrick Kiernan, N.E.
Cor. 62^d St & 3^d Ave
may I request that
that they be postponed
this morning for a
reasonable time - and
oblye

Yours very truly

William H. Kelly

Feb'y 16th / 85 -

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Sec. 192.

District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before Hon. Jacob M. Patterson a Police Justice
of the City of New York, charging Bernard Hager Defendant with
the offence of Violation of the Excise Law

and he having been brought before said Justice for an examination of said charge, and it having been made to
appear to the satisfaction of said Justice that said examination should be adjourned to some other day, and the hear-
ing thereof having been adjourned.

We Bernard Hager Defendant of No. 1051
3 Albany Street; by occupation a Liquor Business
and Hugh Keeney of No. 417-3 Albany
Street, by occupation a Liquor Business surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that
the above named Bernard Hager Defendant
shall personally appear before the said Justice at the 1051 District Police Court in the City of New York,
during the said examination, or that we will pay to the People of the State of New York, the sum of One
Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 16
day of February 1883

Bernard Hager
Hugh Keeney
J. M. Patterson POLICE JUSTICE

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CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

day of May
1881
Police Justice.

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and
holder within the said County and State, and is worth Two Hundred Dollars,
exclusive of property exempt from execution, and over and above the amount of all his debts and
liabilities, and that his property consists of personal property
situated in premises 617-3rd Ave
in this city and is more or
less unknown to all courts

Hugh Kirman

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Underlying to appear during
the examination.

Taken the day of 188

Justice,

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Excise Violation—Selling on Sunday.

POLICE COURT DISTRICT.

City and County } ss.
of New York,

of No. The 28 Precinct Police Street,

of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on SUNDAY the 15 day

of February 1885 in the City of New York, in the County of New York, at

premises No. 1051 - 3rd Avenue Street,

Bernard Hagen (now here)

did then and there SELL, CAUSE, SUFFER and permit to be sold, and GIVEN A WAY under his direction or authority strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, being intoxicating liquors, to be drunk as a beverage contrary to and in violation of the statute in such case made and provided.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that said Bernard Hagen may be ~~arrested~~ dealt with according to law.

Subscribed to before me, this 16 day } S J Campbell
of February 1885 }

A. W. Hutterer Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0700

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Demond Eagan

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

- Demond Eagan -

of the CRIME OF SELLING INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND WINES AS A BEVERAGE
ON SUNDAY, committed as follows :

The said

Demond Eagan.

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
Thirteenth day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-*nine* 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 intoxicating 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
intoxicating liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did sell as a beverage to

Samuel J. Fairfield, and to

certain *other* persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, 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

Demond Eagan -

of the CRIME OF GIVING AWAY INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND WINES AS A BEVERAGE, ON SUNDAY,
committed as follows :

The said

Demond Eagan.

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

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commonly called and known as Sunday, with force and arms, certain intoxicating 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 intoxicating liquor to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, unlawfully did give away as a beverage to

Samuel J. Randall, and to

certain ~~other~~ persons whose names are to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, 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.

THIRD COUNT:

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

- Bernard T. Aggen -

of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said *Bernard T. Aggen.*

late of the Ward, City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as Sunday, being then and there in charge of and having the control of certain premises at number

105, Third Avenue, -

in the City and County aforesaid, which said place was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, the said place, so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did not close, and keep closed, and on the said day, the said place so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did then and there open, and cause and procure, and suffer and permit, to be open, and to remain open, 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.

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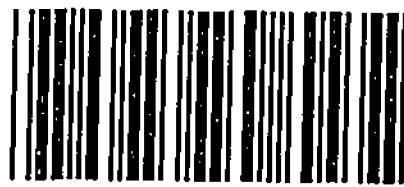
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DESCRIPTION:

Fagan, Felix

DATE:

05/19/86



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Witnesses:

Julius G. Gersch
Ed. William Burke
20th March

1889
Henry G. Gersch
4th of May
1889
Filed
19th of May
1889
Pleads
Indignity
(with leave)
submitted in 6 pages
(with leave)

Grand Larceny, (X Degree)
(From the Person.)
[Sections 538, 539, — Penal Code]

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Felix Fagan

W. H. H. H. H.
come

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Mr. Fagan
read P.D.

A True Bill.

True \$50.

William H. Gersch

Foreman.

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ORIGINAL

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Police Court—

District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 257 West 34th Street, aged 29 years,
occupation Church Organ builder being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 13 day of May 1886 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession and

Person of deponent, in the night time, the following property viz:

One pocket handkerchief, two pen knives
one snuff box one lead pencil, and
good and lawful money of the
United States to the amount of one ^{480/100}
dollar. all of value of Three Dollars.

(+ \$3.00)

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 Felix Fagan. And Richard
W. Gorman. (both now here) from the fact
that deponent was sleeping on a door step
on West 34th St. opposite his own house at the
hour of two o'clock Am. on said date. When
he was awakened by some person fumbling
around his clothing and striking him in the
face, and when he awoke he missed the
aforesaid property. And he is informed by Officer
William Burke of the 20th Precinct Police, that he
saw the defendant Fagan, stopping down by
deponent, and then when deponent moved
the defendant Fagan ran away, the Officer
followed him and arrested him on 8th Ave.
between 29th & 30th Streets, and when the Officer

Sworn to before me this

1886

Printed Justice

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searched Fagan. he found the pencil the
snuff box and one pen knife. in his
possession. all of which deponent fully
identifies as a portion of his property and
the Officer further says. that the defendant
Mr. Brown was standing some distance from
deponent and did not touch deponent.
Wherefore deponent charges said defendant
with feloniously taking stealing and carrying
away the aforesaid property from the pockets
of the pantaloons then and there worn by
deponent as a portion of his bodily clothing
and prays they may be held and dealt with
according to Law.

Sworn to before me
this 13th day May 1886

J. L. Gaepferlein

W. H. Rusk

Police Justice

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 1886 Police Justice.
I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 1886 Police Justice.
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated 1886 Police Justice.

Police Court, District, _____

THE PEOPLE, vs.,
on the complaint of _____

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Offence—LARCENY.

Dated 1886 _____

Magistrate _____

Officer _____

Clerk _____

Witnesses, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

No. _____ Street, _____

\$ _____ to answer _____ Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 1 years, occupation William Burke
Police Officer of No.

20th Precinct Police

~~Street~~, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Julius Goepferich

and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this

day of

May 1888

William Burke

[Signature]

Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss

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

Question What is your name?

Answer

Felix Fagan

Question How old are you?

Answer

19 years old

Question Where were you born?

Answer

New York

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

Answer

226 W. 28 St about 2 years

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Cabinet Maker

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 I found
the snuff box and knife on the
sidewalk the pencil was mine*

Felix Fagan

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK

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

Question What is your name?

Answer

Richard W. Gorman

Question How old are you?

Answer

21 years old

Question Where were you born?

Answer

New York

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

Answer

222 West 28th, About 4 years

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Plumber

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 I know
nothing of this occurrence I was
animating in the street when I saw
Fagan running up the street
with the Officer after him.*

R. W. Gorman

I taken before me this

day of

March 188

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Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0709

BAILED
No. 1, by Michael McLeod
Residence 142 W. 26th St.
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____

Police Court 2 705
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Julius Sobel
257 - Michael St.

Felix Fagan
Richard McLeod

from the Prison

Dated May 13 188 6

Wm. Fagan Magistrate.

Wm. Fagan Officer.

Wm. Fagan Precinct.

Wm. Fagan Precinct.

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Wm. Fagan Precinct.

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 Felix Fagan Richard McLeod Wm. Fagan

guilty thereof, I order that they be held to answer the same and they 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 they give such bail.

Dated May 13 188 6 Wm. Fagan Police Justice.

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

Dated May 12 188 6 Wm. Fagan Police Justice.

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

Dated May 12 188 6 Wm. Fagan Police Justice.

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0710

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, ² DISTRICT.

of No. *William Burke*
20th Precinct Police Street, aged _____ years,
occupation _____ being duly sworn deposes and says,

that on the _____ day of _____ 1908

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, *that I saw*

McGowan. That the defendant
McGowan. Was in company
with the said Tapan. and
acting in concert with him
in the larceny of the property
from the person of John's
Gregg Rich -

Sworn to before me, this _____ day of _____ 1908
of *McCoy*
Police Justice.

William Burke

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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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

~~fully and unjustly did feloniously receive and have~~

Edwin Baagren

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

Edwin Baagren

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

The said *Edwin Baagren*

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *thirteenth* day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, in the *night* time of the said day, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,

one handkerchief of the value of
twenty-five cents, two pairs of the
value of twenty-five cents each, one
pair of shoes of the value of fifty
cents, one head-kerchief of the value
of ten cents, and the sum of one
dollar and eighty cents in money,
lawful money of the United States,
and of the value of one dollar and
eighty cents.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Julius F. Farnsworth*,
on the person of the said *Julius F. Farnsworth*, -
then and there being found, from the person of the said *Julius F. Farnsworth*,
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.

Randolph B. Martin,
District Attorney.

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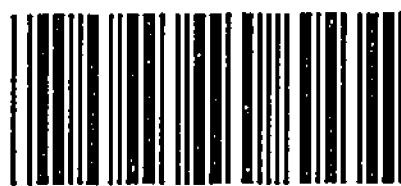
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DESCRIPTION:

Ferme, Pasquale

DATE:

05/11/86



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Witnesses:

Edonette L...

Counsel,

Filed

1886

Pleads,

Indigently (in)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R.

Pasquale Ferme

(2 cases)

Case by Court

Dec 17/86

ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

(Section 219, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Mr. Dec. 13/86. District Attorney.

Reminds Special

Session for trial on

application of Sept. 10

A True Bill. Debraug County

For

Vikim Van Lonschoen

Foreman

Dec 23, 1886.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0714

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
against

Carapade Terme

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

- Carapade Terme -
of the CRIME OF Showing an obscene and indecent
picture and drawing.

committed as follows:

The said

Carapade Terme,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York afore-
said, on the sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid,
did unlawfully show, and cause and
procure to be shown to one Giovanni
Antonetti, a certain indecent and
obscene picture and drawing represent-
ing, divers nude men and women, and
divers men and women with their private
parts exposed, in divers lewd, lascivious
scandalous, filthy, obscene, indecent
and immoral postures and positions,
which said picture and drawing is
so indecent and obscene that a
more particular description of the same
would be offensive to the Court here,
and improper to print the same upon
the records thereof, wherefore the

And you are said to not more particularly describe the same in this indictment: 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 Round: (Section 319, Penal Code)

And the Grand Jury do present
by this indictment further accuse the
said Casapote Lenoir of the crime of
placing an indecent and obscene picture
and drawing in charge of another person
for transportation, with the intent
of having the same conveyed, commit-
ted as follows:

The said Paragale Berner, late
of the Ward, Pity and Pombury, deceased,
afterwards to wit: on the day and
in the year deceased, at the Ward,
Pity and Pombury deceased, and
did place in the charge of one Sal-
more Scarvo for transportation
and delivery to one Tignora. On the 11th
a certain other indecent and obscene
picture and drawing, representing
drivers and men and women, and
drivers men and women with their

private parts exposed, in such a manner,
obscene, scandalous, filthy, obscene,
indecent and immoral pictures and
drawings, which said last mentioned
picture and drawing is so indecent and
obscene that a more particular de-
scription thereof would be deemed to
be tantamount to an exposure of the
same to the public here, and improper to be
spread upon the records thereof,
wherefore the Grand Jury, of said
County, do not more particularly describe the
same in this indictment, with the
intent of having the said indecent and
obscene picture and drawing removed
therefrom the said Salvatore Scamporrino
person to her the said Fugere Antonicelli,
by means whereof the said Salvatore
Scamporrino did then and there convey the
said indecent and obscene picture and
writing to the said Fugere Antonicelli,
and did then and there personally deliver
the same to her, 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.

Respectfully,
District Attorney

James A. Martin

POOR QUALITY
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Witnesses:

Antoinette Gerson

Counsel,

Filed

11 day of May 1886

Pleads

Magistrate (12)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

B.

Parquale James

(2 cases)

*Court by Court
Dec 10/86*

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

*William H. Cannon
Judge 23rd Precinct
Deposed for trial on
Sept 10 - Th. 12. 1886
Cannoning F.D.*

[Section 317a 319 Penal Code]

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0718

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Parasquale Terma

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

Parasquale Terma

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Parasquale Terma

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York
aforesaid, on the *15th* day of *January*, in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*two*, — at the Ward, City and County
aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Agnesa Antonetti*,
in the peace of the said people then and there being, with force and arms, unlawfully
did make an assault and *then* the said *Agnesa Antonetti*,
did then and there unlawfully beat, wound and illtreat, to the great damage of the
said *Agnesa Antonetti*, 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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Witnesses:

Blonette Green

Counsel,

Filed

11 day of May 1886

Pleads,

Magdally (in)

THE PEOPLE

vs.

R.

Pasquale Ferme

(2 cases)

Com. by Court

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ASSAULT IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

(Section 219, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Pr. Dec. 23/86. District Attorney.

Remains to Special

Session for trial on

application of Sept. 1st

A True Bill. De Tracy County

for

William Van Kester

Foreman

Dec 23, 1886.

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DESCRIPTION:

Fielding, Joseph

DATE:

05/25/86



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J. M. G.

Counsel,
Filed, 25 day of May 1886
Pleads, W. B. Kelly

THE PEOPLE
vs.
Joseph Fielding
45 Madison
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RAPPE
(Sections 278 and 218, Penal Code.)
J. M. G. (Seal)
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RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.
Pr June 4 '86
pleads Asst. Atty.
A True Bill.

William Van Curen
Foreman.
14th St. N.Y.

Witnesses:
Margaret Martin
Off. Bernard O'Kelly.
1st Dist. Court.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, { ss

Joseph Fielding 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.

Joseph Fielding

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

45 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

146 Madison St 4 weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Pedler

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

Joseph Fielding

Taken before me this

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day of

March

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Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court 1 District.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss. *In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County*
OF NEW YORK, } *of New York, or to 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 Margaret Martin
of No. 79 Thomas Street, that on the 10 day of May
1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

against Joseph Fielding who did violently
make an assault upon the body of Complainant
and against her will did then and there
seize and carry away

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 2
forthwith before me, at the 82 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 17 day of May 1886

James C. Reilly POLICE JUSTICE.

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Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Margaret Martin
vs.

Joseph Fielding

Warrant-General.

Dated May 17 1886

O'Reilly Magistrate

O'Reilly Officer.

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

O'Reilly Officer.

Dated May 20 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Sam'l C. Kelly Police Justice.

9 15 am

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

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Oedler
S
Sho
Madison St

The within named

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
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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, 1 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Margaret Houston
79. Williams St

Joseph Stoddard

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
JULY 24 1886
CLERK

Offence Rape

Dated May 20 1886

D. O. Reilly Magistrate.

D. Reilly Officer.

Grand Juror.

\$1000 for C. May 20

D. P. M. Street.

W. B. Leach

No. 100 East 23rd Street.

No. Street.

\$2500 to master E. S.

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 Dyandant

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of 2500 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 20 1886 Samuel C. Reilly Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1886 _____ 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 _____ 1886 _____ Police Justice.

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*The New York Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Children*

100 EAST 23D ST. (COR. FOURTH AVE.)

New York, May 27 1886

*Court of General Sessions of the Peace in and for the
City and County of New York.*

*The People
against*

Joseph Fielding

Notice of Prosecution.

*To the District Attorney of the
City and County of New York,*

*Sir: This Society is interested in the prosecution of
the above defendant, and is familiar with the facts of the
case. It respectfully requests that before sending the papers
to the Grand Jury, fixing the day of trial, consenting to
any postponement thereof, or to any reduction of bail, or
final disposition of the charge, you will duly notify me as
its President and Counsel, so that I may confer with you
in regard thereto. This request is made pursuant to the
statute (Laws of 1876, Chapter 30, Section 8), and in
furtherance of the ends of Justice.*

I have the honor to remain, with great respect,

Elbridge T. Gerry,

President, &c.

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N. Y. GENERAL SESSIONS

THE PEOPLE



CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

NOTICE OF PROSECUTION

BY THE SOCIETY.

ELBRIDGE T. GERRY,
President, &c.

**POOR QUALITY
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*The New York Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Children.*

NO 100 EAST 23RD STREET, (CORNER 4TH AVE.)

New York June 1, 1886

N.Y. General Sessions.
The People v. Joseph Fielding.

Hon. Randolph B. Martine,

District Attorney &c.,

Dear Sir:

The complainant in this case is a child Margaret Martin of 79 Thomas Street, aged between 12 and 13. She charges that the prisoner committed a rape upon her on May 10. The charge was preferred before Police Justice Reilly, the prisoner arrested and committed on the testimony of the child alone, without notice to this Society. The case was then sent to the Grand Jury who promptly found an indictment May 25. By that time the Society had information of the matter, having learned that there was such a case but no opportunity having been afforded it to make an investigation.

You will remember that I called your attention to the matter and stated my reluctance to interfere, but you requested me in view of the grave character of the offence to at once commence the examination through our officers, which I have done. The first step was to have the girl examined, and to my utter surprise and astonishment - the examination being made by Dr. Cornelia Simpson of 147 East 53rd Street, the examining physician of this Society, she returned the following certificate: "This certifies that on May 27 I examined Margaret Martin, 12 years of age, to ascertain if rape had been committed upon her. The examination reveals no inflammation of the vulva, or tearing of the parts or any condition that would be evidence that rape had been attempted, the parts all being in a normal and healthy condition. Cornelia S. Simpson, M.D. 147 East 53rd Street, May 27th, 1886."

The story of the child was, that she was enticed by the prisoner, who visited her house to peddle religious books and pictures, into his room, 146 Madison Street. That he took the child and her sister to High Bridge. That she subsequently met him again on Duane Street on the 10th May, when he invited her to his room

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under pretense that he had some ribbons to shew her. That within the bedroom he locked the door, put her on the bed and had connection with her. That he did this twice and continued fifteen minutes in the act of connection. That she cried and shouted a little but not much because he threatened to kill her. That he gave her ten cents on the street and again told her not to tell. She stated further the names of several other children who she says he said he did the same to. On inquiry of these children, they entirely deny anything of the sort and all knowledge of the prisoner. The people with whom the prisoner previously lived state that he always acted at their various places with sobriety and propriety, and never had any children or women visiting him. He denies the charge in toto, and the further examination of the girl's character shews that she is not to be relied on so far as truthfulness is concerned.

The difficulty in the case is, that the Police clerk, in the hurry of business, instead of notifying the Society promptly as he should have done, assumed the girl's story to be correct and her evidence to be sufficient. And the case illustrates the necessity of such notice being given in due time to this Institution in order to prevent improper convictions on the one hand and miscarriages of justice on the other.

In view of the peculiar facts of the case, I respectfully recommend that the prisoner should be discharged on his own recognition.

I have the honor to remain,
With great respect,

Wm. T. Gerry

President &c.

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you desire to see him. I like
the girl and she is a fine
fine girl - now she should
be at Mr. Manning's. This girl
must have some money. I
will say to her by her
father. I will say to her
now. He has a little money
it is some, he cannot make
of course his wife and will not
say to her.

[illegible]

They have to say that now
and I have all the in-
formation that I can get
I have got a good deal of
information about the
Hawthorne family and will
revised it. I will now
will find that it is a happy
marriage & I will find and
is highly assisted by all who
know him & his family.
I am sure that I have
a good deal of information
for you.

Refugee - a person who has fled his native country because of persecution or fear of persecution on account of race, religion, or political opinion. The word "refugee" is defined in the Immigration and Naturalization Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1501, and the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1502. The word "refugee" is also defined in the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951, and the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, 1967.

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for a terrible charge
of which I assure you before
God, I am not guilty of any
kind. It is an entitled man
and I am not at all
satisfied with it. I would
be very glad to see you
and to hear of you.

I have been thinking of
writing you for some time
but have been so busy that
I have not had time to do so.
I have been very busy with
my work and with my family.

I have been thinking of
writing you for some time
but have been so busy that
I have not had time to do so.
I have been very busy with
my work and with my family.

Yours truly,
Joseph H. Smith

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

Margaret Martin

of No. 79 Thomas

Street, aged 12³/₄ years,

occupation

being duly sworn deposes and says

that on the 10 day of May 1886

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, Joseph Fielding

did violently make an assault upon the body of
deponent and against her will did then and there
ravish and carnally know. Deponent says that
she met said defendant in Hudson Street and
he spoke to her and told her that he had
something nice for her in his pocket. That
said defendant said he had left his
at home and if deponent would accompany
him he said defendant would give her
ribbons and garters. That said defendant
took deponent to No 146 Madison Street and

Sworn to before me this

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placed her on the bed in a room in said premises and
raised her clothes and placed his finger in deponent's
private part. That deponent asked him to stop and
attempted to get away, and he said deponent held
her down on said bed unbuttoned his pants
and took out his "penis" and got on top ^{of her} and put
his penis ~~about~~ in deponent's privates and had
sexual intercourse as aforesaid. Deponent says that
said defendant threatened her with violence if she
made a noise

Police Court,
THE PEOPLE,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF
Dated 1886
Witness,
Disposition,
Brought to before me
this 17th day of May 1886
James C. Kelly Police Justice

Maggie Martin

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ORIGINAL

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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 Fiddling

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

Joseph Fiddling

of the CRIME OF RAPE, committed as follows:

The said

Joseph Fiddling

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
fourth day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-*six*, at the City and County aforesaid,
with force and arms, in and upon one *Maggie Martin*,
then and there being, willfully and feloniously did make an assault, and her the said
Maggie Martin, then and there, by force and with
violence to her the said *Maggie Martin*, against her
will and without her consent, did willfully and feloniously ravish and carnally know,
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

Joseph Fiddling

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Joseph Fiddling

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 her
the said *Maggie Martin*, willfully and feloniously did
make an assault, with intent her the said *Maggie Martin*,
against her will, and without her consent, by force and violence, to then and there
willfully and feloniously ravish and carnally know, 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney

(over)

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Third COUNT.

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

Joseph Fielding
of the CRIME OF Obstruction,
committed as follows:

The said Joseph Fielding late of the City and County
late of the Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, on the
29th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty five, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,
in and upon her the said Maggie Martin,
she, the said Maggie Martin being then
and there a female under the age of sixteen
years, to wit: at the age of twelve years,
feloniously did make another assault, and
then the said Maggie Martin did then
and there feloniously use her for the purpose
of sexual intercourse, and did then and there
feloniously have sexual intercourse with
her the said Maggie Martin, she, the said
Joseph Fielding not being then and there
the husband of her the said Maggie Martin.
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.

Randolph B. Martin,

District Attorney

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Fitzgerald, William

DATE:

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Witnesses:

Max Clarke
McCormack Brady
19 August

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Counsel,
Filed 14 May 1886
Pleads, *Argued*

Sections 498, 506, 528, 532, 558
Argued in the Third Degree.

THE PEOPLE

vs. *R*

Wm. Fitzgerald
18. 1. 1886

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

27 May 30/86
Wm. Fitzgerald

A True Bill.

William Van Kessel

Foreman.

Grace - May 27
6 Mrs May 27

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Police Court—1st District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 349 Eager St Max Morris Street, aged 23 years,
occupation Butcher being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 357-1st Avenue Street, 19 Ward
in the City and County aforesaid the said being a tenement

and which was occupied by deponent as a butcher shop
and in which there was at the time a human being, by name

were **BURGLARIOUSLY** entered by means of forcibly breaking
open a fanlight in the
front of said premises

on the 9 day of May 1888 (in the Night time, and the
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

Seven Hams & three shoulders
of Pork of the value of about
eleven dollars \$11.00

the property of

deponent
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid
BURGLARY was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen and carried away by

William Fitzgerald
(nowhere)

for the reasons following, to wit:

That deponent is in-
formed by officer Thomas
Brady of the 19th Police
District, that he (Brady)
after the time of said
burglary saw deponent
& two others in the neighbor-
hood of the above described
premises. That he (Brady)

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anterior defendant, & found
in his (defendants) possession
property answering in de-
scription the property de-
scribed above. And that
defendant admitted to him
(Brody) that he (defendant) re-
ceived said property from
a person in the above de-
scribed premises.

March 15/16

Sworn to before me this
10th day of May 1886

Andrew J. [Signature]

Police Justice

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 1886 Police Justice.
I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 1886 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 1886 Police Justice.

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

vs.

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Offence—BURGLARY.

Dated 1886

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witness.

No. Street.

No. Street.

No. Street.

to answer General Sessions.

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Thomas Brady
aged 31 years, occupation Police Officer of N.Y.
19th ~~and~~ Police Precinct Street, being duly sworn deposes and
says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Met. Work
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 10
day of May 1888 Thomas Brady

Andrew J. White
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198—200.

4 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {
OF NEW YORK, } ss

William Fitzgerald 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

William Fitzgerald

Question How old are you?

Answer

19 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

England

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

Answer.

954 - 1st Avenue, Bronx

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Coal Miner

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.

Not guilty

W^m Fitzgerald

Taken before me this

day of

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Charles J. Smith
District Justice.

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BAILED,

No. 1, by _____

Residence _____

No. 2, by _____

Residence _____

No. 3, by _____

Residence _____

No. 4, by _____

Residence _____

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE & c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Wm. M. M. C.
349 E. 5th St.
New York City

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Office _____

Dated _____

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Magistrate

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No. _____

Street.

No. _____

Street.

No. _____

Street.

\$ 1500

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 Deplaud

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 May 11 188 Andrew J. White 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 he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
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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 E. Fitzgerald

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

William E. Fitzgerald

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

William E. Fitzgerald

late of the *ninth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *ninth* day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*six*, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *shop* of one

Max Shaders

feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

Max Shaders

in the said *shop*, then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to 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

William Fitzgerald —

of the CRIME OF *Petty* LARCENY, —

committed as follows :

The said

William Fitzgerald

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, in the time of the said day, with force and arms,

Seven Items of the value of

one dollar each, and three

shoulders of coats of the value

of two dollars each.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one *Max Meador*. —

in the *shop* of the said *Max Meador*. —

there situate, then and there being found, in the *shop* aforesaid, 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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THIRD COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said

— *William E. Fitzgerald* —
of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, committed as follows:

The said

William E. Fitzgerald,

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, with force and arms,

*seven trunks of the value of one
dollar each, and three shoulder of
guns of the value of five
dollars each.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Max Madar.

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

Max Madar.

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

William E. Fitzgerald —

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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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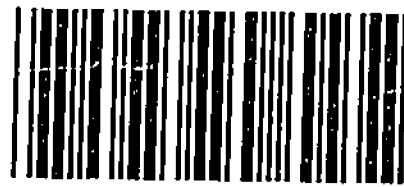
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Ford, William H.

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Witnesses:

May 1st

Off Michael Kelly

16th Precinct

Counsel,

Filed 4 day of May 1886.

Pleads Not Guilty (5)

THE PEOPLE

vs. Henry M.
No. 1000.

Assault in the First Degree, Etc.
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

William H. Ford

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

Mr. Shaw 14/11 District Attorney.

Pleads guilty 1st degree.

A True Bill. S.P. 2 1/2 yrs.

John H. Hunsicker
Foreman.

May 1st

Off Term

at 10:15 a.m. 14th
at 10:15 a.m. 14th

POOR QUALITY
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Police Court Second District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 354 West 14th Street, aged 22 years,

occupation maker of Kent's Neck wear being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on 2nd day of April 1886 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York, Sarah Ford deponent's mother

was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by her husband
William H. Ford (now here) who did willfully
maliciously and feloniously point gun and
discharge a loaded Revolving self Cocking
Pistol at the person of her said Sarah Ford
and discharge several shots at her person
one of which STRUCK her in the left thigh
thereby causing such injuries as to prevent
her said Sarah from appearing in court

Deponent further says that said assault
so committed was done at about 9 o'clock
AM. on said day in said premises

said Sarah
with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do her 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 dealt with according to law.

Sworn before me, this 2nd day

of April 1886

My Omer
Police Justice.

Mary Ford

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK.

William McFord

being duly examined before, the under-
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is h^{is} right to
make a statement in relation to the charge against h^{im}; that the statement is designed to
enable h^{im} if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against h^{im}
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that h^{is} waiver cannot be used
against h^{im} on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer

William McFord

Question. How old are you?

Answer

48 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer

Ireland

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

Answer

354 West 17th Street, 3 years.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer

Truck driver

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

It was an accident.

William McFord
(man)

I taken before me this

day of

April 1886

City of New York

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0751

\$250 for Car
April 29. 1886.

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

Police Court

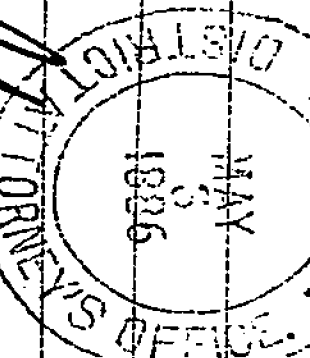
Qd 629
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

William Le Ford

Officer of the City of New York
William Le Ford



Office Assault on
Sarah Ford

Dated

April 27

1886

Magistrate

Officer.

Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

William Le Ford

Street.

No.

William Le Ford

No.

William Le Ford

Street.

No.

William Le Ford

Street.

Committed 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

William Le Ford

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of ~~fifty~~ ^{fifty} ~~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. ~~he be legally discharged~~

Dated

April 27

1886

W J Power

Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated

1886

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

1886

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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I. MAYERS,
LIVERY ESTABLISHMENTS,
366 Eighth Avenue,
436 West 57th St.

NEW YORK,

May 13th 1886

To whom it may concern,

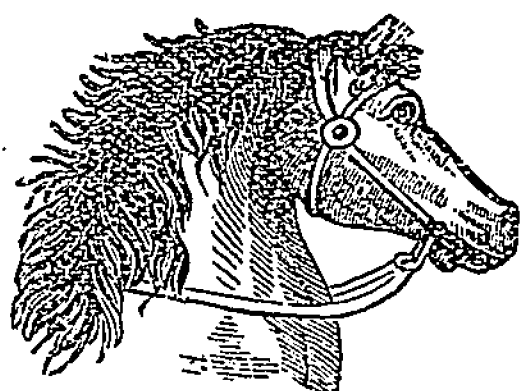
William Ford
having been in my employ for
a number of years, I cheerfully
recommend him as being always
sober, honest, and a very careful
man when driving. If he were out
of his present difficulty, I would
certainly give him a place again
in my employ, if he so desired it.

Very respectfully,

I. Mayers,

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0753



OFFICE OF THE
--* Harragansett * Stables, *

116, 118, 124, 126 EAST 63D STREET,

BRANCH OFFICES:

Mutual District Messenger Co., 763 Madison Ave., bet. 65th and 66th Streets,
Hoffman Arms Building Cor. Madison Avenue and 59th Street

MICHAEL McGRATH, Proprietor,

New York, May 13th 1886

This is to certify that I
have known William
Ford for the past Twenty
Years and on several
occasions during said time
he was in my employ

I know him to be
honest, sober, & industrious,
in fact never knew him
to do a wrong act in
my life, nor did I ever
hear of him being in
any trouble until now.

Yours Respectfully
Michael McGrath
124 & 126 East 63^d St

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

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If not called for in Ten days, return to
MICHAEL McGRATH,
Narragansett Stables,
116 & 118, 124 & 126 E. 63d St.
Bot. Lexington & 4th Avenues, New York.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0755

New York Hospital,

West Fifteenth Street,

New York, *May 5th* 1886

I hereby certify that Susan Ford ~~is~~
will be able to leave the hospital within
a week.

B. B. Gallaudet

House Surgeon

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

0756

I hereby certify that Mrs. S. Ford has
sustained a pistol shot wound of thigh,
that she is not in danger at present, &
will not be able to leave hospital
before a week or ten days.

M. S. Hospital
April 25th/86.

Ben B. Galland
House Surgeon

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0757

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

POLICE COURT, 2 DISTRICT.

of No. 16th Precinct Police Street, aged 39 years,
occupation Policeman being duly sworn deposes and says,
that on the 27th day of April 1886

at the City of New York, in the County of New York, he arrested William V. Ford
(now here) on complaint of his wife Sarah Ford, who
charged the said William V. Ford with having armed
and discharged a repeating pistol loaded with powder
and ball at her, firing two shots, so aimed at her
one of the balls from which struck her in the calf
of one of her legs inflicting such serious injury that was
necessary to send the said Sarah Ford to the hospital
for treatment.

Deponent further says that the said Sarah Ford
identified the said William V. Ford in his presence
as the person who inflicted the injuries above described.

Sworn to before me, this

1886

day

Police Justice

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0758

Wherefore defendant prays that the said William A Ford
may be committed for imprisonment until the said
Sarah Ford can appear in Court and make complaint

From before me
this 17 day of April 1886
J. J. Cowie

M. O'Reilly
Solicitor

Police Court, 2d District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Michael O'Reilly

vs.
William A Ford

AFFIDAVIT.

Dated April 24th 1886

W. J. Cowie Magistrate.

O'Reilly Officer.

Witness,

For Drunk for 24 10:30 AM.
Committed for 24 at 12:30 PM.
Officer regularly arrested for
Intoxication

Disposition,

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0759

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 A. Ford

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

- William A. Ford -

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

The said *William A. Ford,*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty seventh* day of *April,* - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*five,* with force of arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Sarah Ford,* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault and to, at and against *her* the said *Sarah Ford,* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *William A. Ford -* 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 *her* the said *Sarah Ford,* 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

- William A. Ford -

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *William A. Ford,*

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 one *Sarah Ford,* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make an assault, and to, at and against *her* - the said *Sarah Ford,* a certain *pistol* - then and there charged and loaded with gunpowder and one leaden bullet; which the said *William A. Ford,* in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully shoot off and discharge, 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Forrester, Margaret

DATE:

05/06/86



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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Forrester, John Sr.

DATE:

05/06/86



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FOLDER:

2154

DESCRIPTION:

Forrester, John Jr.

DATE:

05/06/86



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ORIGINAL

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Witnesses:

Margaret Sullivan
Off. Sec. & Secy
1049
M. J. Sullivan

Counsel,

Filed day of

1886

Pleas

THE PEOPLE

'08.

ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, ETC.
(Sections 217 and 218, Penal Code).

Margaret Forrester
John Forrester Jr
and
John Forrester Sr

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

No 1 & 2 paid & acquitted.

A True Bill.

William Van Ness
Foreman.
II

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0764

Police Court—1st District.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 20 Beach Street, aged 48 years,

occupation Housekeeper being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on 26 day of April 1886 at the City of New

York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by John Forrester
Margaret Forrester and John Forrester Jr.
the said John Forrester did cut
and stab ^{three times} deponent on the head
with the blade of a knife then
held in his hands as she is informed
by Catherine Turley her present.
The said Mary did strike deponent
three violent blows on the face with
her clenched fist. The said
John Forrester Jr. did pierce
deponent in the right side the
said injuries being inflicted

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 dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 29 day

of April 1886

James C. Kelly Police Justice.

Mary Sullivan
Married

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0765

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

on the complaint of

Margaret Sullivan

vs.

John Farrell

Margaret Farrell

John Farrell Jr

Offence—Felonious Assault & Battery

Dated

188

O'Reilly, Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

\$ to answer General Sessions.

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.

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.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0766

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Catherine Turley
aged *35* years, occupation *Housekeeper* of No.

20 Beach Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of

Mary Sullivan
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this *29* day of *April* 188*6*
Catherine Turley
Mary

Sam'l C. Keck
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0767

Sec. 198—200.

182 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {
OF NEW YORK, } ss

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Margaret Forrester

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

39 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

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

Answer.

251 Beach Street about one year

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Housekeeper

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

his
Margaret Forrester
mark

Taken before me this

day of

April

188

James W. Kelly

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0768

Sec. 198-200.

182

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, } ss

John Forrester Jr 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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
John Forrester Junior

Taken before me this

day of

March 1886

1886

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0769

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 Margaret Sullivan
of No. 20 Beach Street, that on the 26 day of April
1886 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

and feloniously
he was violently Assaulted and Beaten by

John Forester, Mary Forester,
and John Forester Jr.

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 them
forthwith before me, at the 29 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 29 day of April 1886

Sam'l C. Bell POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT, DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Margaret Sullivan

vs.

John Forester Sr.
John Forester Jr.

Mary Forester

Warrant-A. & B.

Dated

April 29 - 1886

Sam'l C. Bell Magistrate.

Sam'l C. Bell Officer.

The Defendants Mary Forester
John Forester Sr.
John Forester Jr.
taken, and brought before the Magistrate, to answer
the within charge, pursuant to the command con-
tained in this Warrant.

Sam'l C. Bell Officer.

Dated

April 30 - 1886

This Warrant may be executed on Sunday or at
night.

Sam'l C. Bell Police Justice

REMARKS.

Time of Arrest,

11:00 am, April 30th

Mary Forester

20 Beach St.

Native of

Ireland

Age,

40 yrs

Sex

Female

Complexion,

fair

Color

fair

Profession,

John Forester Jr.

Married

Yes

Single,

No

Rec'd,

Yes

Write,

Yes

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0770

BAILED
No. 1, by Samuel Munkley
Residence 18 Beach Street
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____

Police Court Dist. 637
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Margaret O'Leary
20 Beach Street
John Forester
Assault
Offence _____

Dated April 30 1886

Samuel Munkley
Magistrate.
Officer.

John Forester
Prisoner.

No. 20 Beach
Street.

No. 300 & 1/2
Street.

No. _____
Street.

No. 10
Street.

\$ 300 to answer Q. S.

No. 2
Committed

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 Margaret Forester & John Forester

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and they 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 they give such bail.

Dated April 30 1886 Samuel Munkley Police Justice.

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

Dated May 1 1886 Samuel Munkley 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 _____ 1886 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0771

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 Forester the elder,
Margaret Forester, and
John Forester the younger*

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

*John Forester the elder, Margaret Forester,
and John Forester the younger*
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Forester the elder, Margaret Forester,
and John Forester the younger*, all —

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
twenty ninth day of *April*, — in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, with force of arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *Margaret Sullivan*,
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault
and *then* the said *Margaret Sullivan*,
with a certain *knife which the said John Forester the elder,
Margaret Forester and John Forester the younger*
which the said *Forester the younger* —
in *their* 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 *then* the said *Margaret Sullivan*,
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
*John Forester the elder, Margaret Forester,
and John Forester the younger*,
of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Forester the elder, Margaret Forester,
Forester and John Forester the younger*, all
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 one *Margaret Sullivan*. —
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and
wrongfully make an assault, and *then* the said *Margaret Sullivan* —
*with a certain knife which the said John Forester the elder,
Margaret Forester and John Forester the younger*
which the said *Forester the younger* —
in *their* right hand then and there had and held, the same being an
instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and
there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully beat, strike, stab, cut and wound,
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.

*Randolph B. Martinie,
District Attorney*

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

2154

DESCRIPTION:

Foster, John

DATE:

05/21/86



2154

Witnesses:

Chas D. Hook

As officer Beple
has been in water
off of the pier
except the
Croat, recovered

FS

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Counsel,

Filed 21

day of

May 1886

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

John Foster

by J. H. Hook
for the
people

Brought in the Third Degree,
and Grand Jurors
Sections 498, 506, 528 and 531.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

Dr. May 27/86
pleads as May 2,

A True Bill.

William Van Kesteren

Foreman

1/4/86, 4, 1700 SP
FS

0773

0774

Police Court—5th District.

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

Charles DeHock
of W. Side-Western Railroad Box 78 & 79th Street aged 37 years,
occupation Superintendent being duly sworn
deposes and says, that the premises No 438 W. 79th Street,
in the City and County aforesaid, the said being a Frame building

and which was occupied by deponent as a Place for Storage of Tools &c
and in which there was was at the time a human being, by name

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly pulling off
the lock & staple and entering
therein with intent to commit a
crime

on the 16th day of May 1886 in the day- time, and the
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

a quantity of Carpenter & masons-
tools together and in all of
the value of Forty-dollars

the property of Samuel James King in default of care & charge as Superintendent
and deponent further says, that he has great cause to believe, and does believe, that the aforesaid
BURGLARY was committed and the aforesaid property taken, stolen, and carried away by

John Foster (now here)

for the reasons following, to wit: that deponent knows of his own knowledge
that said Tool-house was securely closed & locked, that deponent
saw the said John Foster at about the hour of 6 1/2 O'clock P.M.
on said day in a lot in the rear of said Tool-house, with a
Bag in his possession that deponent then & there arrested said
John Foster, and opened the Bag which said Foster had in
his possession & discovered found some of the above described
implements in said Bag that deponent then went back to said
Tool-house & found that the lock & staple have been

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Police Court _____ District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Degree.

vs.

Burglary

Dated

188

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses:

Committed in default of \$

Bail.

Bailed by

No.

Street.

forcibly broken off and entered & the above
described property feloniously taken stolen
and carried away -

Summar before me this

17th day of May, 1886

J. Henry Park

Police Court

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Sec. 198-200.

5th

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY {
OF NEW YORK, } ss

John Foster 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 Foster*

Question How old are you?

Answer *37 years*

Question Where were you born?

Answer *Ireland*

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

Answer *83rd St + 9th Avenue 3 months*

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer *Married*

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 guilty of taking the tools
I was intoxicated at the time*

John Foster

Taken before me this

17th

day of *May* 188*6*

William J. Hall
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0777

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

Police Court, 5th District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Charles McHenry
West 6th, Western Ave.
Bat. 78479
John Foster



Offence Burglary

Dated May 17th 1886

John Magistrate
John Kennedy Officer,
31st Precinct.

Witnesses
James McLaughlin
No. 604 West 69th Street.

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
to answer B.S. Street,

Can

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 Foster
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 May 17th 1886 John Kennedy 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 he to be discharged.

Dated _____ 188 _____ Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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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 Foster

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

John Foster —

of the CRIME OF BURGLARY IN THE THIRD DEGREE, committed as follows :

The said *John Foster*,

late of the *Twenty second* Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *sixteenth* day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, with force and arms, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, a certain building there situate, to wit: the *building* of one

Charles De Mada, —

feloniously and burglariously did break into and enter, with intent to commit some crime therein, to wit: with intent, the goods, chattels and personal property of the said

Charles De Mada, —

in the said *building* then and there being, then and there feloniously and burglariously to 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

John Foster —

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

The said *John Foster*,

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, in the *day* time of the said day, with force and arms,

*divers kinds, of a number and
description to the Grand Jury
aforesaid unknown, of the value
of forty dollars.*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Charles De Mada —

in the *indictment* of the said

Charles De Mada —

there situate, then and there being found, in the *indictment* aforesaid, 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.

Paul J. Brennan
District Attorney

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DESCRIPTION:

Frank, John

DATE:

05/14/86



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ORIGINAL

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Counsel,
Filed *J. J. [Signature]*
14 day of May 1886

Pleads *with entry 13*

THE PEOPLE

vs. *BT*

John Frank

Grand Larceny in the second degree.
(MONEY)
(Sec. 528 and 531, Penal Code.)

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

W. J. Van Buren
May 24th 1886. Foreman.
Speedy Acquitted

Witnesses:

Charles Keener

W. L. Evans

2^d District Court

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Police Court—2 District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

Gottlob Reiner

of No. 416 West 32 Street, aged 33 years,
occupation Baker being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 5 day of May 1886 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 to the amount
of Forty five dollars

the property of Deponent

Sworn to before me this
1886 day

Police Justice

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 Frank
from the fact that said money was
under the mattress in deponent's bed room,
and the said Frank was sitting in an
adjoining room and the doors were open so
that Frank could see the bed where said money
was, and while he was sitting there, deponent's
wife went to said bed for the purpose of changing
some money, and while she was at the bed the said
Frank saw her have the money and saw where
she put it. And shortly thereafter Frank left
the house and immediately after he left
deponent missed said money, and deponent
further says that no person other than Frank
could have taken said money for the reason

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that defendant or his wife was in the room,
all the time. And defendant still further says,
that when he accused Frank of stealing the
money, he Frank told defendant he would see
that defendant got his money back. Wherefore
defendant charges the said John Frank with
feloniously taking stealing and carrying away
said money and prays he may be arrested
and dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me } Gottlob Reiner
this 20th day of May 1886 }

M. J. Neede

Police Justice

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 1886 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 1886 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 1886 Police Justice.

Police Court, 2 District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

on the complaint of

Gottlob Reiner

John Frank

Dated

1886

May 17
Neede

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

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to answer

Sessions.

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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss

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

Question What is your name?

Answer

John Frank.

Question How old are you?

Answer

34 years old.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Germany.

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

Answer.

223 Ave B.

Question What is your business or profession?

Answer

Copper 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 am not guilty
John Frank

Taken before me this

day of

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Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0785

Sec. 151.

2 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:

Whereas, Complainant on oath has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police
Justices in and for the said City, by Gottlob Reimer

of No. 416 West 32 Street, that on the 5 day of May
1886 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 Forty five Dollars,
the property of Complainant
was taken, stolen, and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and
believe, by John Frank

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 2 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 10 day of May 1886
Wm. H. Smith POLICE JUSTICE.

POLICE COURT. DISTRICT.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Warrant-Larceny.

Dated May 10 1886

Wm. H. Smith Magistrate

Wm. H. Smith 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 May 10 1886

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

Police Court-2 District. 684

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Gotthart Reuer

416 West 32nd St

John H. Frank

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Offence

Grand Larceny

Dated

May 11th

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Wells Magistrate.

Deane Lewis Officer.

Cook Precinct.

Witnesses

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

No.

Street.

\$

700 to answer

Deane Lewis

Cook

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 Seven 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 11th 188 6 H. A. Wells 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.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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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 Branda

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 Branda*,

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the *25th* day of *May*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine* at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in the *day* time of the same day, *two* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars *each*; *four* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value of ten dollars *each*; *nine* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the value of five dollars *each*; *thirteen* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars, and of the value of two dollars *each*; *forty* promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar *each*; *two* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty dollars *each*; *four* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars *each*; *nine* promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of five dollars *each*, and divers coins, of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of *forty-nine*

dollars,
of the proper moneys, goods, chattels, and personal property of one *Augustus Reimer*, then and there being found, ~~from the person of the said~~ 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,

District Attorney.

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Frey, Charles

DATE:

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Witnesses:

Off. Friday
g. K. Parent

Counsel,
Filed, 19th day of May 1886
Pleads, *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE
So. W. H. H. 18-08.
B
Charles Frey
55 W. Houston
May 18 1886

VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW.
(Keeping Open on Sunday.)
[III Rev. Stat. (7th Edition), page 1989, Sec. 51.]

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
Pr. 62 1/2 1/2 District Attorney.
plead guilty

A True Bill.
Wm. C. D. 25
Wm. C. D. 25

Foreman.
Off for the Term
g. S. S.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

20 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss

Charles Frey 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

Question. How old are you?

Answer

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer

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
and demand a trial by jury, Charles Frey*

Taken before me this

26th

day of January 1887

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0791

BAILED,
No. 1, by Michael Brown
Residence 169 Ward Street.
No. 2, by _____
Residence _____ Street.
No. 3, by _____
Residence _____ Street.
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____ Street.

Police Court District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
VS
THE COMPLAINT OF

Anthony D. Kelly
Charles Brown
JAN 29 1885
Offence 1st of 2nd

Dated January 26 1885

Joseph H. Brown Magistrate.
John H. Brown Officer.
John H. Brown Precinct.

Witnesses

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

No. _____ Street.

\$ 100 to answer 1st

David

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 Michael Brown

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 January 26 1885 John H. Brown Police Justice.

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

Dated January 26 1885 John H. Brown 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 _____ 1885 _____ Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Excise Violation—Keeping Open on Sunday.

POLICE COURT—96 DISTRICT.

City and County } ss.
of New York, }

Anthony Gilligan
of No. Eighth Avenue Street,
of the City of New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on SUNDAY the 25th day
of January 1887, in the City of New York, in the County of New York,
of Charles Frey (now here)

being then and there in lawful charge of the premises No. 55 West Houston
Street, a place duly licensed for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors, wines, ale and beer, to be
drunk upon the premises DID NOT KEEP SAID PLACE CLOSED contrary to and in violation of
the statute in such case made and provided.

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

Sworn to before me, this 26th day
of January 1887

Anthony M. Gilligan
John Horner Police Justice.

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

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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

Charles F. F. F.

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment
accuse *Charles F. F. F.*

of the CRIME OF KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAY a place licensed for the SALE OF STRONG AND
SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, WINES, ALE AND BEER, committed as follows:

The said

Charles F. F. F.

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *25th*
day of *January*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-*five*, the same being the first day of the week, commonly called and known as
Sunday, being then and there in charge of, and having the control of a certain place there
situate which was then duly licensed as a place for the sale of strong and spirituous liquors,
wines, ale and beer, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, the said place, so
licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did not close, and keep closed, and on the said day, the said
place so licensed as aforesaid, unlawfully did open, and cause and procure, and suffer and
permit, to be open, and to remain open; 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.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, District Attorney.

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Froisier, Oscar

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DESCRIPTION:

Godchaux, Solomon

DATE:

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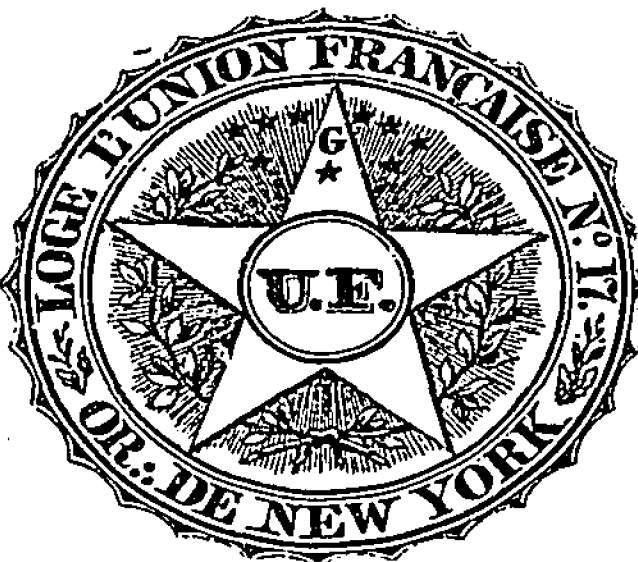
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A.: L.: G.: D.: G.: A.: D.: L'U.:
SOUS LES AUSPICES DE LA GRANDE LOGE DE L'ÉTAT DE NEW YORK.

LA R.: L.: ST. JEAN DE JÉRU-
TUÉE SOUS LE TITRE DISTINCTIF
FONDÉE ET INSTALLÉE PAR LA G.:
26e J.: 10e M.: A.: L.: 5797,



SALEM RÉGULIÈREMENT CONSTI-
DE L'UNION FRANÇAISE No. 17,
L.: DE L'ÉTAT DE NEW YORK, LE
30 DÉCEMBRE 1797, ÈRE VULG.:.

O.: de New York, le J.: M.: A.: L.: 58

Le 7 Jan 1887
T.: C.: F.: Jessaro

La R.: L.: L'UNION FRANÇAISE, No. 17, a la faveur de vous prévenir, qu'elle
s'assemblera *mercredi* prochain, le 11 Jan à 8 heures
précises du soir dans son local ordinaire.

Veuillez l'embellir de votre présence et partager les douceurs de l'amitié qui unit ses membres.
Car vous ne devez pas oublier T.: C.: F.:, que l'exactitude est l'une des vertus maçon.: des
plus utiles à l'Ordre, et que tout Frère qui néglige d'assister aux réunions de son Atelier, com-
met ainsi une infraction aux Statuts généraux et à la bonne discipline qui doit toujours exister
au sein des sociétés les plus fraternelles.

ORDRE DES TRAV.:.

Ouverture des trav.: grad.:.

Lecture de la pl.: des derniers trav.:.

Introduction des FF.: Visit.:.

Lecture de la correspondance.

Affiliat.: du F.:.

Réception au 1^{er} deg.:.

" 2^e deg.:.

" 3^e deg.:.

Discours par le F.:.

Rapports.

Propositions diverses.

Quotités échnes au

Je vous salue, T.: C.: F.: P.: L.: N.: M.: Q.: V.: S.: C.:.

PAR MANDEMENT DE L'ATEL.:.

Votre dévoué F.:.

Klein
Secret.

POOR QUALITY
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Vicino's house is a restaurant
on first floor (1st floor) ~~the pictures~~
the pictures were on

the 2nd floor in a little room

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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New York, 17 June 1944

Master Randolph B. Martine

I just receive a subpoena
to come to morrow to the Court
I.

I inform you that I can not
be there to morrow.

In this case I expect the
papers from Europe only
in three weeks and then will
prove the truth.

For next subpoena please
send them 807 - 815 Bk
Way.

Respectfully

W. J. Smythe

POOR QUALITY
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in 101m (unmarked)
PART I.
THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE SECOND STORY AND FRONTING THE PARK.
If this Subpoena is disobeyed, an attachment will immediately issue.
Bring this Subpoena with you, and give it to the Officer at the Court Room door, that your attendance may be known.
[SEE OTHER SIDE FOR OTHER DIRECTIONS.]

SUBPOENA
FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE
Court of General Sessions of the Peace,
The People of the State of New York,
To Thos. Smythe
of No. 453 West 22 Street.

GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU, That, all business and excuses ceasing, you *appear* in your proper person, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building, in the Park of the said City, on the 1st day of May instant, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon of the same day, to testify the truth, and give evidence in our behalf, against

J. Froisier et al
in a case of Felony whereof *he stands* indicted. And this you are not to omit, under the penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Witness, Hon. FREDERICK SMYTH, Recorder, of our said City, at the City Hall, in our said City, the first Monday of May in the year of our Lord, 1883.

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE, *District Attorney.*

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translation

N. Y. City 5 January 1887.
To the honorable Prosecutor Martineau.

I very respectfully take the liberty
to ask of the honorable prosecutor a
trial as soon as possible.

I am charged since the 22nd Mar
last 86 with the theft of pictures;
I have had a trial the 12th June when
the jury disagreed. Since this
date I have been locked up from
week to week and now it is nearly
8 months that I have been in prison.

I will not accept any further
delays for my lawyers; and I there-
fore ask the honorable prosecutor
for an immediate trial.

I can not longer suffer such
a precaution, let me be tried to
see if I am guilty or not of the
crime I am charged with.

The american law fixing 60
days ^{as the} delay of trial, I believe
that the honorable prosecutor
will find my request right and
just, and will take the same into
consideration.

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I belong to one of the most honorable families in Belgium and the misfortune is a too heavy load for me. I have been guided in America by the advice of my prosecutor. I am young, my conduct and my honor has always been above the least reproach.

I do not, honorable prosecutor, ask nothing but justice. If this court is not competent to judge to whom the pictures belong, I shall appeal to the civil courts if necessary.

I hope that my request will meet with favor of your honorable person.

I am your most
respectful servant,
C. Troisier

Prison of Tumb.
city.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Je soussigné déclare que les dits tableaux
appartiennent à M^r Oscar Trevisier, ayant
simplement reçu ces objets pour en faciliter
l'envoi à l'expéditeur

En foi de quoi, je fournis ce présent reçu,
et que j'ai juré devant la douane, que
je n'ai rien à voir avec ces tableaux, n'étant
nullement ma propriété.

N. Y. le 15. Mai 1886

J. Amette

POOR QUALITY
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J. P. Mann, Stationer and Printer, 84 Nassau St., N. Y.
Rooms 11 and 13.

STENOGRAPHER'S MINUTES.

*Court General Sessions,
City and County of New York.*

The People

against

*Oscar Fraiser and
Solomon Fodchansky*

BEFORE

Hon Rufus B. Lanning,

And a Jury

June 14th 1886

WITNESSES.

Direct. Cross. Re-Direct. Re-Cross.

Oscar Fraiser

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0005

Court of General Sessions, of the Peace,
City and County of New York.

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THE PEOPLE,
against
OSCAR TROISIER, &
SOLOMON GODCHAUX;
Indicted for Grand Larceny, in
the first degree.

:
:
:
Before
Hon Rufus B. Cowing,
:
And a Jury.
:
:
:

Tried - June 14th, 1886.

Appearances:

Assistant District Attorney Davis, for the People;
Messrs Cooke & Blake for the defence.

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OSCAR TROISIER, being
duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. (By Mr Cooke) Can you speak English ?

A. (Through the official interpreter) No Sir; not a word.

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

0006

Q. When did you come to the country ?

A. On the 5th of March I arrived here in New York .

Q. Where did you come from ?

A. I came from London .

Q. Tell everything in relation to the paintings. Where did you first meet Mr Smythe ?

A. I met Mr Smythe, for the first time, in a restaurant in Union Square, on the 3rd of April last.

Q. Did you then have a conversation with him as to paintings ?

A. Not that day, but about two or three days afterwards, in the same restaurant we talked about it .

Q. And what was the conversation ?

A. First we took dinner there, I made his acquaintance, and I told him, "It worries me that I can't speak English;" and he said, "What is your business?" I said, "In the liquor business;" and he said, "Couldn't we work together in the same business, ? I understand also something about the liquor business." I said, "We could agree to such a thing, and, so talking, we went down, and came on Broadway, and I said to him in the conversation, "I don't know. I am expecting to receive pictures from my family. I don't know when they will be here. It worries me that I can't speak English,"

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to dispose of them, to sell them," and he said, "Then you may send a letter to your family to address the paintings to my address, and I will try to sell them, and you will give me a commission. I must have some benefit from it;" and, at that time, we arrived here at the Post Office, at the General Post Office; and we went down because he said that he is going to get some letters from the Post Office, and he went and got his letters---Mr Smythe---and then we went into a saloon near the Post Office, and had a glass of beer, and then and there I wrote a letter to my family .

Q. (By the Court) When did you write the letter ?

A. Either on the 8th or 15th of April --- about that time. Then I wrote to my family to say to Mr Vanderbeck-- the man who had charge of sending the paintings over here -- who was the shipping agent -- and I instructed my family to tell him, in Belgium, to send the pictures direct to Mr Smythe here, because he would have charge of the sale, and I sent that letter over; and so we went on. I saw Mr Smythe several times, and we had some business transactions together during that time -- small business we had together, since I wrote the letter.

Q. What else ?

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A. On the 14th of April I went, between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to Smythe's place -- between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon -- I went there, and the landlady there told me he is not at home; and the next morning, about half past 9, I went there again, and I found him. It was the 15th of May -- that day. Then he told me he received a letter with the bills of lading in it, representing my pictures, and that we should put the two bills of lading there; and then he said, "I will sign these bills of lading, and pass it to your order." Then he gave me a bill of lading of the Red Star Line, where I have to go there, and pay \$12 for freight and the bill of lading -- it was a receipt of which I had to pay, in the office, the freight. It was a receipt. Then Mr Smythe took a pen, and cancelled his name, because it was in his name written. He cancelled it, and instead of his name, he put mine in it; and then we went together to the office of the Red Star Line, in Broadway; and, about four or five days before this day in question, I gave him \$12 -- I loaned him \$12, for a certain business that he had. The receipt was given in the office, and I paid \$12 for the freight, in the office, and then I received from the Red Star Line a receipt, in which my name was written there, mentioning that I paid

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\$12 for those pictures -- for that freight -- and the receipt is there .

The Court:- Mr Davis, have you such a receipt ?

Mr Davis:- Yes Sir; here it is.

Q. (By the Court to the witness) I don't understand to what paper -- from what paper the name of Smythe was left out -- rubbed out ?

A. It was a receipt. It was probably a notice to go there and pay the freight. Then I had two bills of lading and this receipt from the Red Star Line, and we went together, and we went to Goodwin & Son, the Custom House Brokers. Then Mr Smythe talked to the brokers, in English, because I could not speak English.

Q. And what was the result of the conversation ?

A. That he told the brokers that the goods belonged to me, and he gave them certain documents that he wrote himself.

Q. (By Mr Davis) He told the brokers that the goods belonged to you ?

A. Yes Sir; Smythe wrote that paper. (Paper shown) This he wrote in the room, when I was present -- in his own room.

Q. (By the Court) That is the complainant ?

A. Yes Sir.

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Q. Smythe wrote this ?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. In the morning of the same day ?

A. Yes Sir; the 15th of May. He wrote that, in the morning, in the room, in my presence, on the 15th of May, the same day as we went to the brokers .

Q. That was before the pictures were got out ?

A. Yes Sir. To prove that it is Smythe's handwriting, here is a letter. It is the same handwriting.

The Court to the Interpreter:- Read that.

The Interpreter:- Oscar Troisier, his friend--collection of pictures-- which belonged to me since two years about. This gentleman arrived the 5th of March, by the "Lydian Monarch" and here is a list of the pictures -- that is the prices he paid -- the undersigned -- paid for the pictures mentioned here.

Q. (By the Court to the defendant) This paper the complainant gave to you ?

A. Yes Sir; he gave me that paper. He wrote it for me. I cannot write it in English. I signed it. It is his handwriting, and I signed it. (Paper marked, Defendant's Exhibit I, for

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identification) and the letter marked, Defendant's Exhibit 2 for identification)

A. (Answer continued) Then the Custom House broker made out some papers, and I and Mr Smythe signed them, the papers that the broker made out; and then we went to the Collector, or Superintendent of the Custom House. Then Mr Smythe took the oath to the effect that the goods belonged to me, and I took the oath that the goods were mine, and I had them for two years, and that it was my private gallery for two years; and then from the Custom House we returned to the office of the broker, and I left my direction with the broker, so that he is to notify me where to find him. Then we separated, I went away, and Smythe went away. Five or six days afterwards I didn't receive any news from the broker at all. He told me he would notify me, but he did not, and I went down to Washington Square, four or five days latter. I went over there for some business, and then I met Mr Godchaux. I know him only by sight. I saw him once before, in the Custom House, and I told him of my business -- I have to go to my Custom House broker, to get some goods from the Custom House, and I can't speak English; and he said, "Will you pay me? I will

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go with you." I told him, for that day, if he wants to serve me as interpreter, I will pay him \$2.50, and he was satisfied, and came along with me; and, in the broker's office, I told the broker that I wanted to have my goods as soon as possible, and then the broker gave me this paper, to go there and have my goods appraised, and I went to the First Division of the Custom House, and I gave the description of all my pictures; and then I was told that, the next day, I will be able to get my goods -- that the papers will be sent to the broker; and, the next day, at noon, we went together. Mr Godchaux and I -- because I wanted an interpreter, and the broker gave me the papers -- the papers that are here -- and then I went to get the goods.

Q. (By Mr Cook) And you received the paintings ?

A. Yes Sir; I received the goods; and then I took an expressman, and had my goods carried to the -- first, to 16th Street, and then to 18th Street. In 16th Street, I had a buyer for two, and I left two there, and the others I took to 18th Street.

Q. And what else ?

A. Then, when I had the pictures in my room, I went out to get my dinner, and, when I came back, I was arrested.

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Q. (By the Court) Where did you say the pictures came from, on the other side ?

A. First, from Verviers, and then taken to Brussels, the capital of Belgium; and they were sent to America, via Antwerp.

Q. They were billed to the complainant, as he claims, for his benefit?

A. Yes Sir, to his directions.

Q. Why didn't you have them billed in your own name ?

A. For my benefit they were sent .

Q. Why didn't you use your own name ?

A. I could not speak English, and, when I made his acquaintance, he promised me that he could get them through the Custom House without paying any duty, and that is the reason why I had the goods sent to his address -- in his name .

Q. (By Mr Cook) What is the value of those paintings ?

A. \$240 .

Q. (By the Court) Would you sell the whole of them for \$240 ?

A. That is the cost price, but I would like to make about \$40 or \$50 .

Q. You would like to make a profit then of \$50 ?

A. Yes Sir; according to circumstances, I would sell them for \$280 or \$300 .

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Q. (By Mr Cook) In whose handwriting is that document ?

A. Mr Smythe's .

Q. What is it ?

A. One day, I told him that I and my sister and brother had a house in Belgium, at Verviers, and I told him I would like to get my share out of the house, which amounts to about xx 12.000 francs-- that would be about \$2.400 -- that I would like to get my share out of the house; and then Mr Smythe said, "We will write a letter to your Notary Public on the other side. Your lawyers deal in the real estate business, on the other side," and then he wrote another letter, to my Notary Public, in Verviers, representing himself to be a lawyer in the letter.

Mr Davis:- I don't see how this is material, your Honor .

The Court:- I think, if they had gone into the civil courts, and settled the title to this property, it would have been better.

Mr Davis:- My client will go on the stand, and deny everything, -- contradict this man, in every particular. This is extraneous matter, drawn into the case by the defendant.

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The Court:- The sum and substance of the testimony of the defendant is that he had a private gallery in Belgium, consisting of these pictures, and that he met the complainant, and that he suggested that they should be sent over in his name, and he would sell them; and that they were really, in point of fact, the pictures of the defendant. It is a pure question of veracity, this affair, between the complainant and the defendant. We are now really trying the question of title to the pictures, upon which, it seems, at least, that the defendant paid the freight.

Mr Davis:- We will show that the check was given to him by the complainant.

The Court:- Well, we may go ahead, and the jury can determine which one of them owns the pictures. In as much as the defendant claims to own the pictures, and tells a long story, in detail, I think it would be better if they had gone into a civil court, and determine the title to the pictures first.

Mr Davis:- How do we explain the representation of the other defendant, that his name was Smythe, at the Custom House ?

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Mr Cook:- And why did Smythe represent himself as not the owner, before the Deputy Collector ?

The Court:- When people try to get things through the Custom House, without paying duty, they make extraordinary representations.

Q. (By the Court to the complainant) Is there a genuine Verboeckhoven among the pictures ?

A. Yes Sir; this man claims that he has had the pictures two years, and I can show, on the back of the pictures, that they were painted in 1886 -- written by the painters themselves.

Q. The pictures were in your possession for two years ?

A. Yes Sir -- I swore that in the Custom House .

Q. Had you had them all in your possession for two years ?

A. Yes Sir; some I had for a year, others for a year and a half, and others for longer.

Q. (By Mr Cook to the defendant) Is that what you charge is a copy of a letter sent by Mr Smythe to Europe ?

A. Yes Sir; that is a copy of a letter that was sent to Verviers.

Q. In Belgium ?

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A. Yes Sir.

Q. Is that in the handwriting of Mr Smythe ?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Will you please read that ?

(Objected to, as immaterial, irrelevant and incompetent)

Mr Cook:- It is proper for me to show whether Mr Smythe was the agent or the principal; and we claim that he was our agent, and that he represented himself to be a lawyer, and writes this letter to Europe, in relation to our business affairs.

The Court:- There is some point in that. I will allow it.

The Interpreter reads, "The house is located in Verviers. An approximate value of the house, about 36 to 40... 000 francs. To-day, a mortgage on the house for the third part, which makes 12.000 dollars. The entire public shall get a mortgage of 12.000 francs for one third of the value of the house. That is my share, from my mother's inheritance. The house is let out for 2.200 francs, being one third of it 733 francs. Then, 12.000 francs, at 5 per cent, make 600 francs, and the balance is 133 francs."

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Q. (By the Court) That is a copy of the letter written by the complainant to a Notary Public, in Verviers, in reference to your house -- a house in which you have a third interest?

A. Yes Sir; " The Notary will take one third of the annual amount. He will take one third on the rent, every year, against my receipt, and will hold back the 600 francs on the mortgage, and will keep the other part and send me 133 francs." That is the instructions to the Notary Public .

Q. (By Mr Cook) Don't the "me and my", in the letter, mean that your interest is to be sent to Smythe ?

Mr Davis:- That purports to be a copy of a letter in Smythe's handwriting , and he asks the witness for an interpretation of the writing that Smythe made up.

The Court:- I think the writing speaks for itself . Has there ever been a civil suit for the recovery of the goods ?

Mr Cook:- Unfortunately, the young man has no opportunity, and has been in jail; and the paintings are not only taken from his possession, but withheld, under the circumstances that will appear here.

The Court:- The letter speaks for itself.

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Q. (By Mr Cook) Was that letter signed by Mr Smythe -- the original letter -- which was sent to Belgium ?

A. Yes Sir; signed it as a lawyer, and I countersigned for the Notary Public -- so that the Notary Public should know that it was my consent -- that I am interested in it .

Q. Under what circumstances was that paper (paper shown) written?

A. In the morning of the 15th, when he gave me my bill of lading, I asked him to give me a certificate -- something to show that the goods belonged to me -- that he shall give me something .

Q. (By the Court) A certificate, or some paper, to show that the goods belonged to you ?

A. Yes Sir; and he gave me this paper, and the bills of lading with it, and with the written notice of the Red Star Line, where it was stated that I should go and pay the freights..

The Court:- Translate, Mr Interpreter, that paper.

The Interpreter:- "The undersigned declares that the said pictures belonged to Mr Oscar Troisier. I received only these articles in order to facilitate the sending of them by the sender; and I give this present receipt, and I have sworn, before the Custom House, that I have nothing to

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do with the pictures, and that they are not my property,"
signed by Smythe.)

Q. (By the Court to the defendant) Who wrote that ?

A. Mr Smythe the complainant .

Q. You saw him write it ?

A. Yes Sir; at the same time when he indorsed this -- he wrote
this -- that was written another day.

(Offered in evidence) (Admitted) (Marked, Defendant's

(Exhibit 2)

Q. (By the Court, to the complainant) Did you write these
papers ?

A. Neither of them .

Q. (By Mr Cook, to the defendant) Is your father living ?

A. Yes Sir; at Verviers, Belgium.

Q. Do you receive money for your support here, through the
Belgium Consul ?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. (By the Court) Were the pictures sent from your home
first ?

A. Yes Sir; my family. They were sent from Verviers to Brussels,
and then to Antwerp, by my family, because I was a stranger

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in this country, and could not speak the English language.

Q. (By Mr Cook) Did you put them in a public place for sale, at the time of their removal to 18th Street ?

A. I put the pictures into the room of the house of Mr Viannot,, with the intention to send them, in two or three days -- to commence to look for a buyer .

Q. Did you actually sell any of the paintings ?

A. Yes Sir, two. I received 125 for two pictures. I haven't got the money yet .

Q. This is the permit you received to get the goods from the storehouse ?

A. Yes Sir; and I signed it -- my name; and they told me that it is not sufficient, and that someone else should sign it,, and then this man signed it. I took the pictures in order to sell them myself. I thought -- I changed my mind, and thought I could make the sale myself .

Q. Was the oath that you took, in the Custom House, in the English or French language ?

A. In English -- the oath was said to me in English .

Mr Davis:- Was that the oath witnessed by Smythe ?

Q. (By Mr Cook) Was Mr Smythe present ?

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A. Yes Sir. We came in front of the man who swore me in .

Q. Why didn't you take Mr Smythe with you, when you went to get the papers, in place of Mr Godchaux ?

A. In order to get all the benefit for myself -- so that I didn't need to share with any one the benefit.

Q. Were you employed by Mr Smythe, in the capacity of a clerk or otherwise, at any time ?

A. No Sir; never. I made my own business. I have my own business...

Q. Did you ever do anything for Smythe, or with him, except in connection with the pictures ?

The Court: And the house rent in Belgium ?

A. Once I sold absinthe, and I had some money which I had to give him -- some money coming out of that sale -- and I mention the fact in the letter -- the letter is there -- there is the letter.

Q. (By Mr Cook) Is not your father in the liquor business in Europe, and a man of wealth ?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. And a man of wealth ?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. (By Mr Blake) Did you authorize Mr Godchaux to sign Mr

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Smythe's name to this paper ?

A. Yes Sir; because it was my goods.

Q. You told Mr Godchaux that they were your paintings ?

A. Yes Sir. He came with me to the broker, and he knew all about it.

Q. When did you first meet Mr Godchaux ?

A. I met him on the 18th or 19th of May .

Q. Where ?

A. Washington Square.

Q. (By the Court) You swear then, that these 19 pictures, that were in the house in 18th Street, were your property ?

A. Yes Sir; exclusively my property .

Q. (By Mr Blake) When you were arrested, in your presence, did Mr Godchaux say -- in your presence -- "It is getting hot. You had better give up those pictures"?

A. No Sir; it is not true. When we were brought to Jefferson Market, I insisted that we should be brought to a superior court, so that I can explain all I have to say about the pictures .

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Cross-Examination:

- Q. (By Mr Davis) Do you know how long it would take those pictures to come from Antwerp or Verviers to New York ?
- A. X day, or a day and a half, to Brussels, and from Brussels to Antwerp, half a day; and I don't know how long from there to New York; 8 or 10 days from Antwerp to New York.
- Q. And how long from Verviers to Antwerp ?
- A. One day or two days, in the passenger train--six hours -- from Verviers to Antwerp, -- but the goods goes slowly by the freight train .
- Q. What day did the goods arrive here in New York ?
- A. They arrived here the 10th or 11th, and I went to see Smythe on the 14th of May .
- Q. What day did you pay the freight ?
- A. The 15th of May .
- Q. And you got a receipt on that day ?
- A. Yes Sir; it is there.
- Q. Now, are you positive that it was the 15th of May that you paid the money and got the receipt ?
- A. Yes Sir; it was only Saturday. I am sure it was the 15th of May -- the same day that I received the receipt --

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that I got the receipt.

Q. Who gave it to you ?

A. Mr Smythe gave it to me, the same day .

Q. And you paid the freight yourself ?

A. Yes Sir.

Q. Did you pay it with your own money ?

A. No Sir; with a check, from Mr Smythe, which was written in my order . He owed me \$12.

Q. Exactly \$12 ?

A. No, \$15. He owed me \$15, but he gave me the check for \$12, and the balance is to be settled yet.

Q. And you don't owe him anything ?

A. No Sir; I don't owe him anything ,

Q. You don't owe him \$210 ?

A. No Sir; I don't owe him that, or anything .

Q. As I understand the matter, you paid the freight, and paid the freight with a check that Mr Smythe, the complainant, gave you ?

A. Yes Sir; it was to my order.

Q. Now, I understood you to say, some time ago, that the receipt had on it Mr Smythe's name, and then he crossed it out and put your name on it ?

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The Interpreter: First, the witness called it a receipt, and then afterwards he called it a notice. It was a paper notifying him that there were goods at his disposal and the freight must be paid.

Q. (By Mr Davis to the defendant) To whom was the notice addressed ?

A. To Smythe, and he cancelled his name, and put my name on it, and I went with that notice to the line, and got a receipt for the freight I paid.

Q. When did you arrive in this City ?

A. The 5th of March last.

Q. And when was it that you wrote this letter to ship direct those pictures to be sent to you ?

A. It was the same day between the 8th and 15th of April. I am nearly certain it was the 10th that we wrote that letter, to notify them to send the pictures in Smythe's name. Here, in my memorandum, it is put down as the 10th of April, and it went by the Steamer Umbria.

Q. Then, from the 12th of April to the 10th of May, you had time to send to Europe, to Verviers, in Belgium, directing those pictures to be sent here, and to receive them at

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the Custom House ?

A. There was about eight days to spare yet.

The 8th Juror: He had atleast 12 days to spare,

because I have a brother, to whom I write, in Belgium .

Q. (By Mr Davis, to the defendant) To whom did you write in Verviers ?

A. To my father-- to the house .

Q. Do you know M^dlle des Vars, of Brussels ?

A. No Sir; I do not.

Q. Have you ever seen that letter (paper shown) before ?

A. No Sir; he did not give me this bill of lading .

Q. How many pictures did you sell ?

A. Two .

Q. To whom did you sell them ?

A. I don't know the name -- it is in 16th Street.

Q. That is Mr Lanthier ?

A. Yes Sir; I don't know the name .

Q. Between what Avenues ?

A. Between Union Square and 5th Avenues .

Q. And those are the only ones you sold ?

A. Yes Sir. They are by the painter Musin .

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Q. And you sold them for how much ?

A. I received, on account, only \$5; and I made a mistake by saying dollars. It is 125 francs; in American money, \$25; and there is due me still, \$20 yet. He gave me \$5 on account..

Q. Did you agree to sell them for \$25 ?

A. Yes Sir; to sell them for that .

Q. (By the 6th Juror) Why did you unpack the pictures in 16th Street, and leave the case there, and take them loosely to 18th Street ?

A. They were nailed down in a box, and it was very difficult-- we took the pictures out, and it was difficult to put them back again, because they would have been torn with the nails; and so I decided to take the pictures without the case. On the other hand, this man gave me to understand that he will buy five or six more pictures.

Q. You did not leave them there? You took them away, right away. You did not give the man a chance to buy any more ?

A. He said he will buy some more ?

Q. Why did you credit this man for \$20, when you didn't know his name or address ?

A. I had confidence in the man. He told me he will buy some

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more pictures. He is a person what is in business, and I had confidence in him, and I would trust him with \$20. He has a big store, and I had confidence in him. Possibly, he didn't have, at the same moment that I came with the pictures, the money.

Q. Didn't you say that you wrote a letter to the complainant, admitting that you owed some money to him on the paintings?

A. No Sir; I had \$55 belonging to this man, from the transaction about the absinthe.

Q. But still you claim that the complainant owes you \$3?

A. It is settled already. Those \$3 we spent. We had dinner together, and I do not claim the \$3; that is settled. We spent it together.

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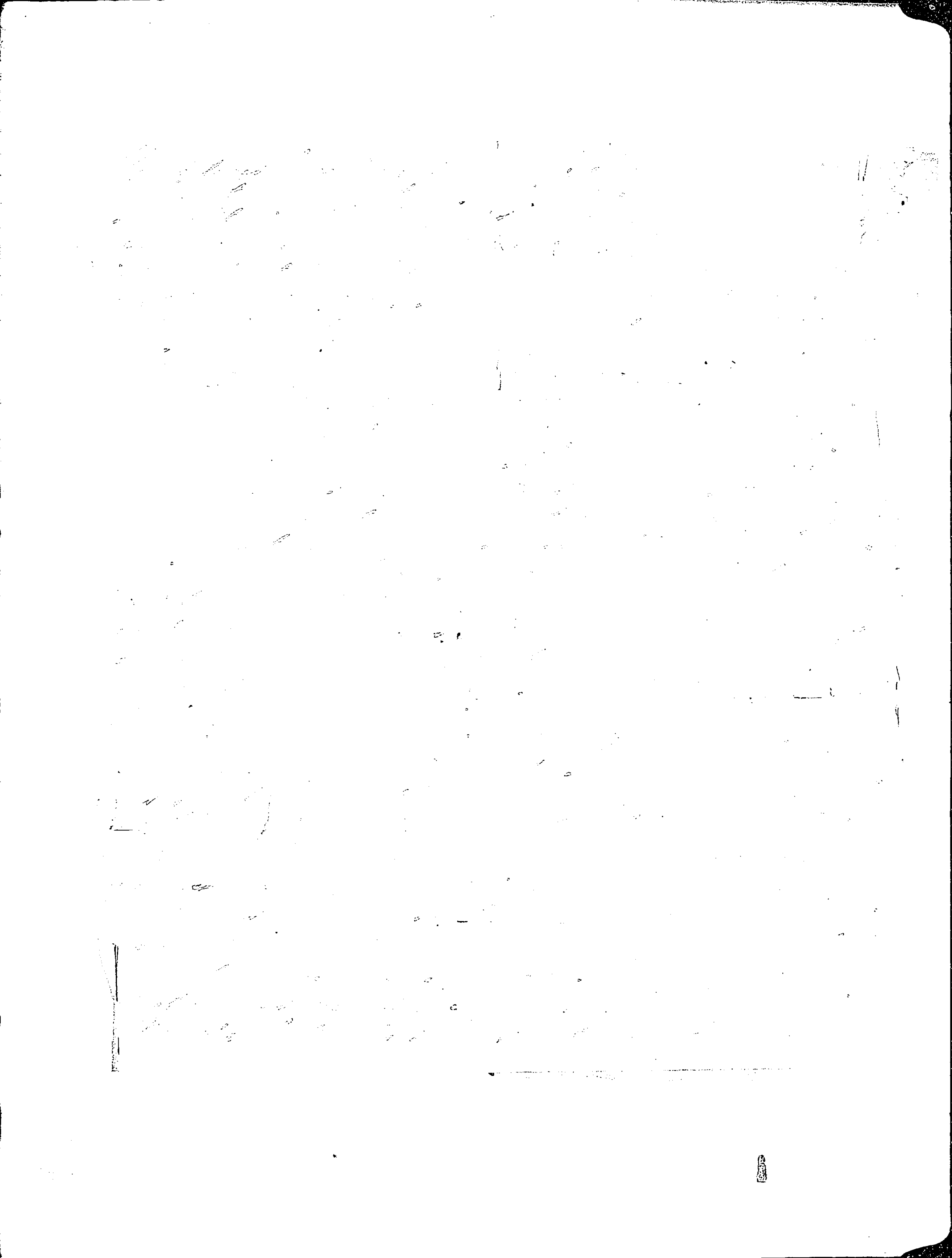
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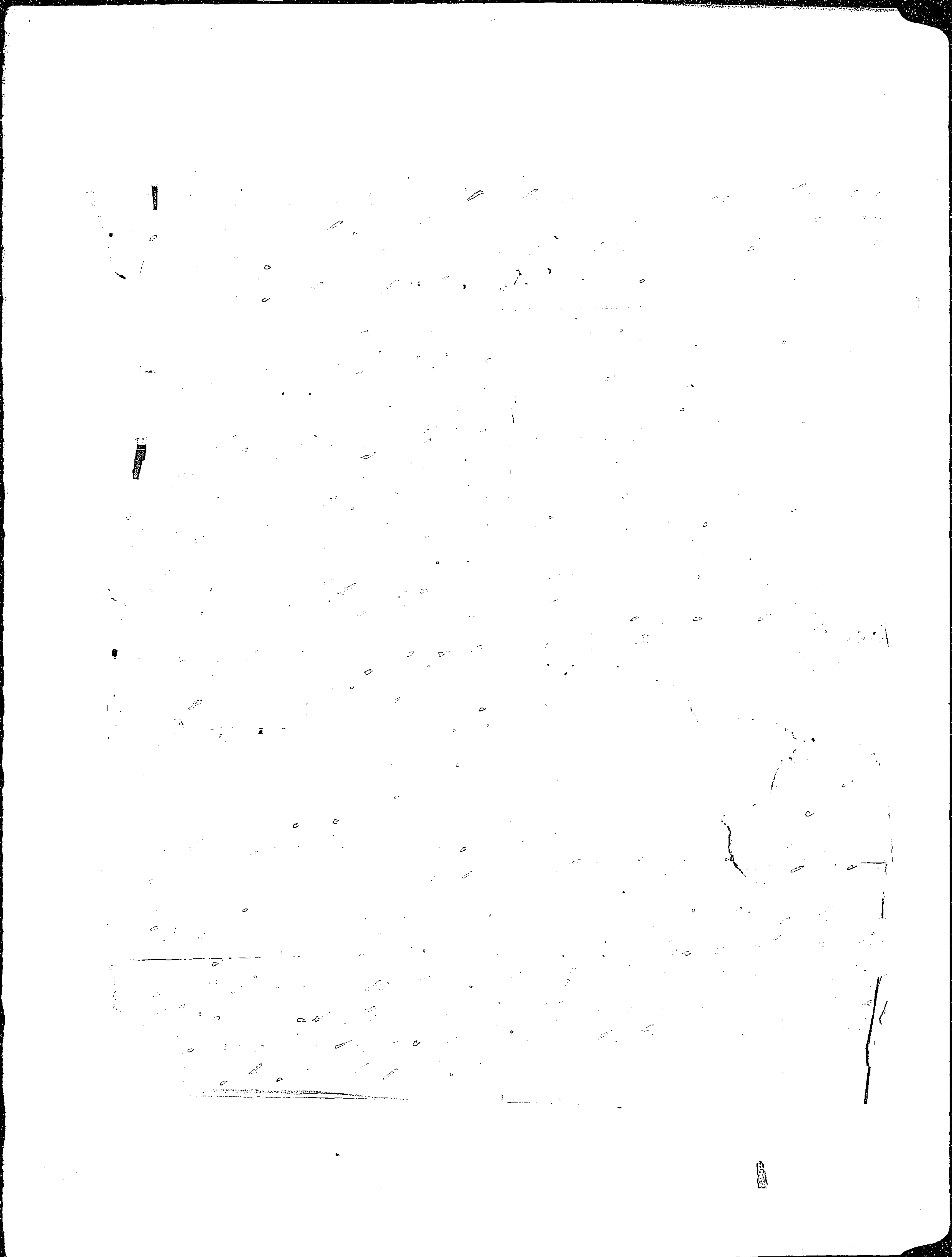
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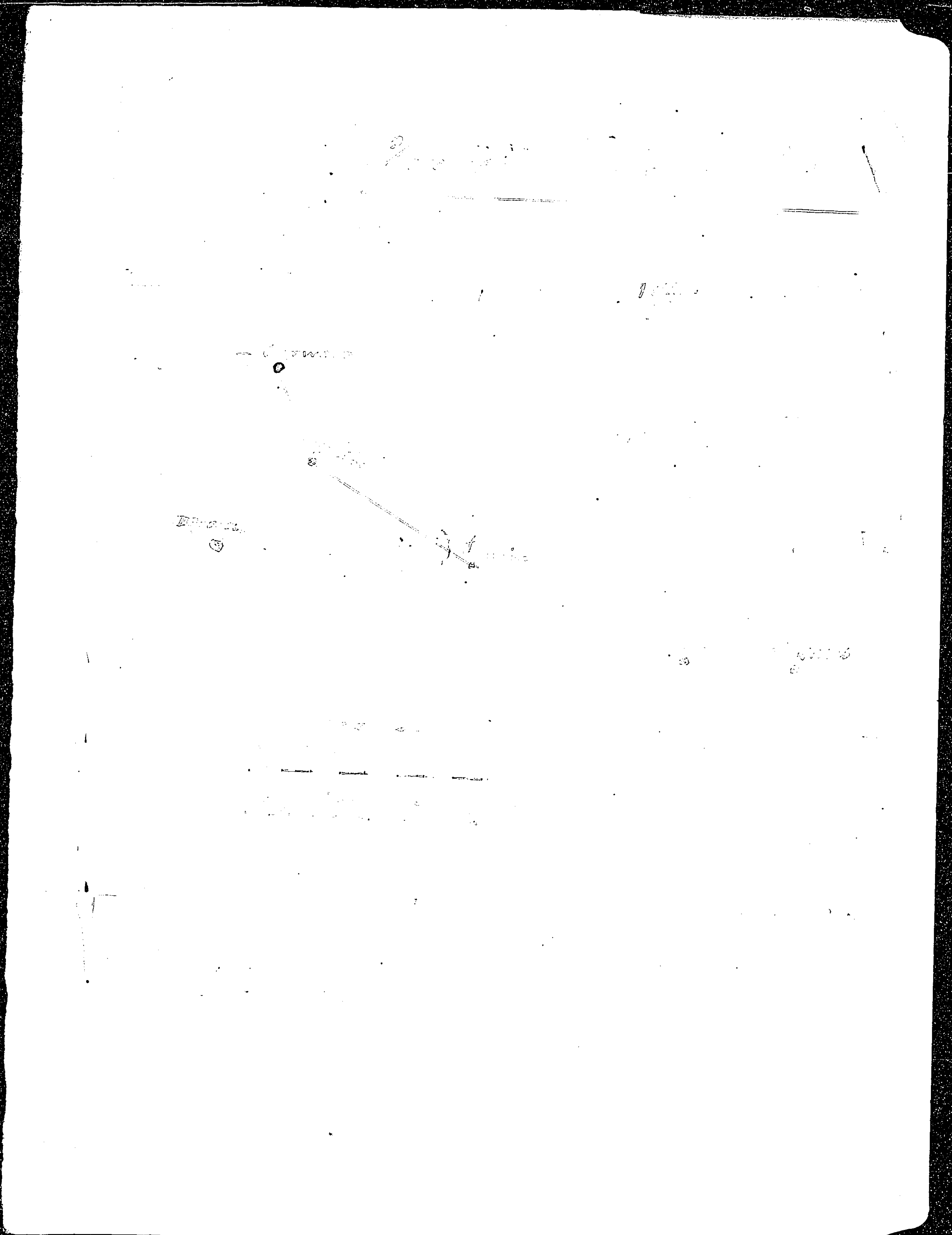
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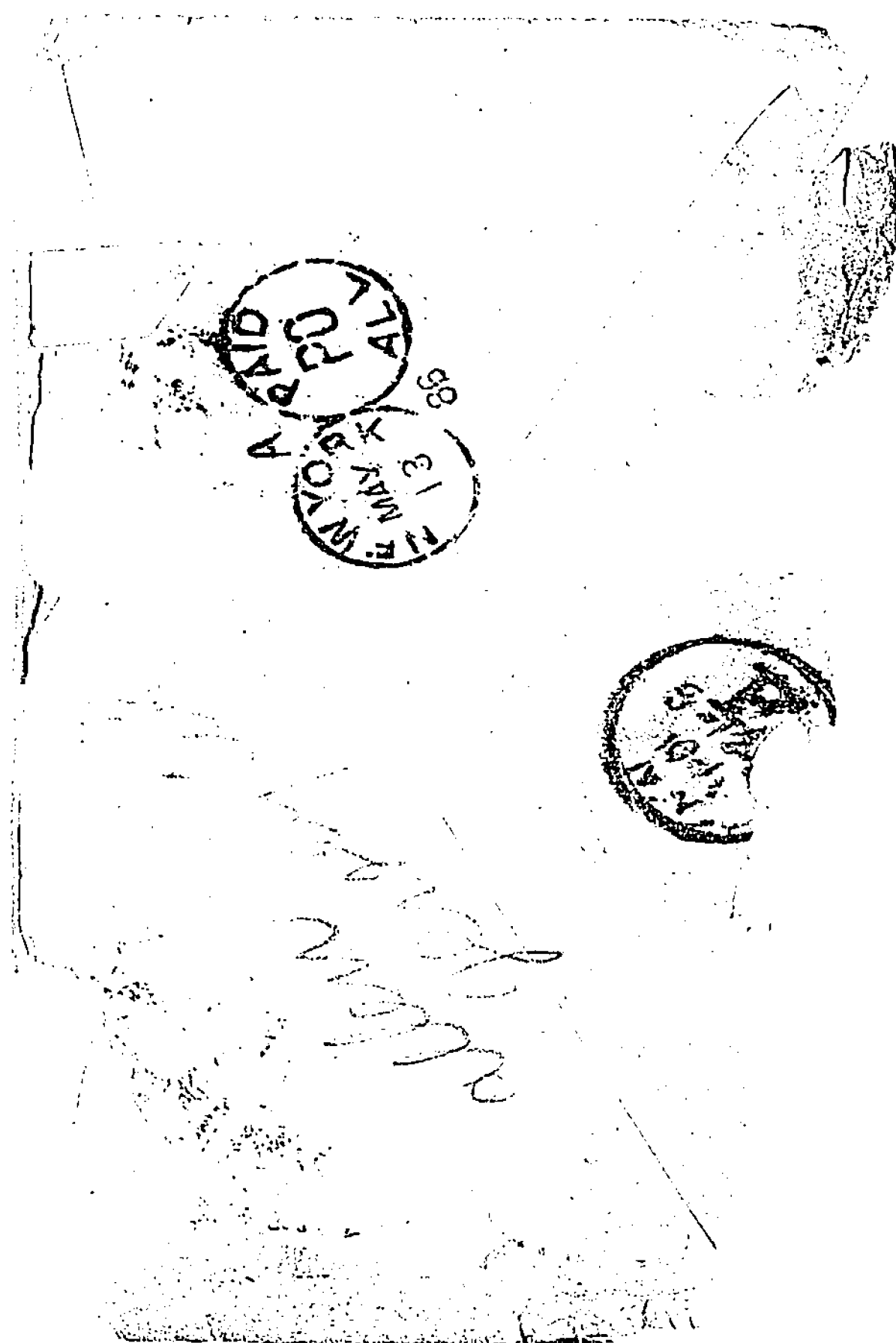
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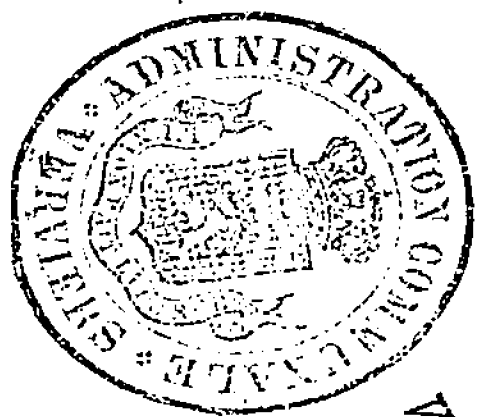
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a toujours été bonne.

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Le Directeur
J. Massieu

[Signature]

En attestation de la signature de
M. Coisier, le 4 juillet 1886.
Vu pour la signature de
M. Coisier, le 4 juillet 1886.
Vu pour la signature de
M. Coisier, le 4 juillet 1886.

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Peoples Et al
Jan 10. 1887

Gentlemen

Please inform beases
when the permit for 1 of containing
21 oil paintings will be ready
Please write the answer

~~AP~~

This Case has not yet
been secured in the Public Store
for examination, and as the goods
by this Steamer are now being
secured at Public Store the Case

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<p>will in all probability be received there to-morrow. Will write you as soon as ready for delivery</p>	

N. Y. Court of General Sessions of the Peace

The People of the State of New York
against
Oscar Frosier and Solomon Godchaux

Mr. Randolph B. Maheu, District Attorney in and for the city and County of New York and Mayland Cook, of Counsel for the defendant Oscar Frosier hereby stipulate and agree that the commission hereto attached may be forwarded to the United States Consul residing in or nearest to the city of Verviers in the Kingdom of Belgium Europe. That the Commission may be executed before any consul of the United States resident in said Kingdom of Belgium; that the name of said commissioner may be inserted in said commission by such commissioner.

He hereby reserves the right to make all legal objections to the interrogatories or the answers thereto at the trial. The deposition may be taken in any language spoken by the witness and a translation thereof by the Court Interpreter may be used as an original.

data New York July 10th 1886

Randolph B. Martine
Orlando Fla.
My Co.
Star and Cab
Council for Left Union
His Master's attorney.

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COMMISSION.

W. Reid Gould, Law Blank Publisher and Stationer, 108 Nassau St., N. Y.

Criminal
Code of ~~Civil~~ Procedure, Sec. ~~837~~ 820 636 to 657

The People of the State of New York, to
G. D. Robertson, Consul or A
Mullender vice-consul for Siege
and Verviers Belgium

Know Ye, that we, with full faith in your prudence and competency,
have appointed you Commissioner and by these presents do authorize
you *either one of you* to examine

J. Trozier whose first name is unknown of Thier
Mire-dieu. Verviers Alfred Trozier of the same
place and such other persons in the discretion
of said Commissioner who have knowledge of the
facts herein inquired about and M. Eblay, Commis-
saire en chef de police de la ville de Verviers

as witness in an action pending in the Court of General Sessions
of the Peace of the City and County of New
York wherein the People of the State of New
York are plaintiff and Oscar Trozier and
Solomon Godchaux are

defendant on the part of the *defendants* on oath, upon the interrogatories annexed
to this Commission, and to take and certify the depositions of the witness and return the same and
the commission according to the directions given in or with the Commission, and hereto annexed.

The Commission when executed is to be returned to *the Clerk of the*
Court of General Sessions of the Peace No 32
Chambers Street New York City, New York
State, United States of America

Witness,

the *13th* day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and *eighty six*

Henry J. Goldschmidt
Judge of the Session
City & County of New York
SECTION FOR EXECUTING THE COMMISSION.
of Civil Procedure of the State of New York, relating to Depositions taken
within the State.

to whom a commission is directed, or before whom a deposition is taken, unless
otherwise expressly directed in the commission, or in the order for taking the depositions, must execute
the commission or the order, as follows:

1. He must publicly administer, to each witness examined, an oath or affirmation to testify the truth,
the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as to the matters respecting which the witness is to be
examined.

Directions for executing the Commission

Extract from the code of Criminal Procedure of the State of New York relating to depositions taken without the State for use within the State

§ 650. The commissioners or any of them unless otherwise specially directed may execute the commission as follows:-

1. They must publicly administer an oath to the witness that his answers given to the interrogatories shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth;
2. They must cause the examination of the witness to be reduced to writing;
3. They must write the answers of the witness, as nearly as possible in the exact language in which he gives them and read to him each answer as it is taken down and correct or add to it until it is made conformable to what he declares is the truth;
4. If the witness declines answering a question that fact with the reason for which he declines answering it as he gives it must be stated;
5. If papers or documents are produced before them and proved by the witness they must be annexed to his deposition and be subscribed by the witness and certified by the commissioners;
6. The commissioners must subscribe their

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names to each sheet of the deposition and annex
the deposition with the papers or documents proved
the witness to the commission and must enclose
it under seal and address it as directed thereon
7. If there be a direction in the commission
to return it by mail the commissioners must im-
mediately deposit it in the nearest post office
If any other direction be made, by the written con-
sent of the parties or by the officer in the com-
mission as to its return they must comply with
the direction.

N.Y. Court of General
Sessions of the Peace

The People of the
State of New York
against
Oscar Trovian and
Solomon Loichman

Interrogatories to be administered to J. Troisier and Alfred Troisier named in the commission hereto annexed and such other persons as in the discretion of the Commissioner, witnesses to be examined under the annexed commission on behalf of the defendants.

First:- What is your name, age, occupation and place of residence?

Second:- Do you know the parties above ^{named} or any of them? If yes, which of them and how long have you known each of them?

Third:- Do you know whether or not Oscar Troisier was the owner of any paintings in Belgium? Whether same were ^{shipped} to America? To whom they were consigned? By what route they were sent? What are

the names of the agents who forwarded the same? The date when they were forwarded? If to any or all of the foregoing questions, you answer affirmatively, state fully all facts relating to the inquiry?

Fourth:- If to the question as to whether or not Oscar Frozier owned any paintings you answer yes, give as near as you can the number of the same, a description of each painting as far as practicable and the subject or object that the artist represents as well as the name of the artist?

Fifth:- Have you in your possession, under your control or can you obtain any original writing, memoranda, receipts, bills of sales or letters relating to the said paintings or to the sale or transfer of any of them to Oscar Frozier? If yes, attach the same to this deposition or in lieu thereof an exemplified copy of the same made by the commissioner?

Sixthly:- Do you know of anything concerning the matters in question that may tend to the benefit and advantage of the defendants or either of them? If you declare

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the same fully and at large as if you
had been particularly interrogated concern-
ing the same? Olis Mathias and
Wendland Cook,
Defendants Attorney

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12.4 General Sessions Court

The People of

vs:-

Uccar Trosier

Commission

Examination & Report

To the Court

George
R. T. Jones

WATLAND PARK

ANY to defend

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Cross Interrogatories to be administered
to J. Troisier and Alfred Troisier herein named.

First: Have you ever before this been asked
whether you or any person sent any pictures
to your son Oscar Troisier in America?

If so, state when & by whom you were so
interrogated, & also what was your answer.

Second: Did you ever have any conversation
with the Commissaire en chef de police de la
ville de Verviers concerning your son Oscar Troisier
& certain picture alleged to have been sent
to him in America. If so, state when and
where that conversation took place, and also
what it was in full, not omitting anything
that you can recollect.

Randolph B. Mayhew,
District Attorney,
New York.

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Interrogatories to be administered to M. Leblu,
Commissaire en chef de police de la ville de
Mons

First: Do you know J. Troisier.

Second: did you at any time have any
conversation with him concerning his son Oscar
Troisier now in America & certain paintings alleged
to have been sent to said Oscar in America. If
so, state fully what that conversation was, when
& where it took place.

Third: Have you within the last four months
or elsewhere
written any letters to any persons in America,
concerning said pictures & said Oscar Troisier?
If so, produce a copy of said letters & let them
be annexed to this commission.

Fourth: If you know of other facts pertinent
to this case, state the same fully as if you
had been separately interrogated thereupon.

Randolph B. Martine,
District Attorney
Wilmington, N.C.

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Court of General Sessions
of the Peace in and for the City
& County of New York,

The People of the State of New
York

vs.

Oscar Troisi & Solomon
Godchaux,

Commissioners.

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Police Court 2 District.

Affidavit Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York,

of No. 453 West 72nd Street, aged 41 years,
occupation Merchant being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 2nd day of May 1886 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 Case
of Paintings; in oil of the
Value of Two hundred and
Fifty Dollars (\$250.)

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

Henry Chroisier and
Solomon Goddaint (now here),
in the following manner, to
wit; on the date above date said
property was at the United States
Public Store at No 2 Washington St
New York City; on said date as
aforsaid said defendant
Chroisier called on the delivery
clerk there, Charles B. Broome, and
introduced said defendant
Goddaint as the owner of said
property and said Goddaint
presented to said delivery
clerk the usual permit of
Delivery, and said he was

of
Sworn to before me, this

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day

Police Justice

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The owner of said property
and as such owner, said
Gordon signed said Permit
whereon the said property was
delivered to said defendants who
took, stole and carried away
the same; Therefore deponent
asks and prays that said
defendants be dealt with as
the law directs

Sworn to before me
this 24th day of May 1886
J. J. Puffer
Police Justice

Dated 1886 Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named

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

Dated 1886 Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named

to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated 1886 Police Justice.

of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Hundred Dollars and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison

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

committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named

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

Police Court, District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.

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Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

Street.

Street.

Street.

Sessions.

to answer

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 30 years, occupation Clerk of No. 10 W Washington Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Thomas Smythe
and that the facts stated therein on information of deponent are true of deponents' own
knowledge.

Sworn to before me, this 24

day of May 1888

Chas B Broome
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss

12 District Police Court.

Dean Fossier 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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,
I am not guilty. The
property is mine.*

De Fossier

Taken before me this
day of *July* 188*8*

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, { ss

Solomon Godchaux 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.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

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

Answer.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

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.

Am not guilty
Solomon Godchaux

Taken before me

day of

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Dated 188 *Police Justice*

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Grand Jury Room.

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PEOPLE

vs.
Cesar Thompson
& S. J. Thompson

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For the People

Witness

Chas B. Brown

will come

Notified by mail

He is

Sharonko -

Dutchess Co.

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*Prosser &
Godchaux*

COOK & WARNER.

287 BROADWAY, (Elevator Reade Street.)

New York, 6/22/1886

R. B. Martine Esq.
N.Y. C. Dist. Ct.
Dear Sir:-

At the suggestion of Mr.
Davis of your office will you please
have the above case placed upon the
calendar in Part I. before Judge
Gilderleeve for Thursday, the 24th
inst. For explanation we respectfully
refer to Mr. Davis.

Yours res

Mayland Cook

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AGENCIES IN LONDON, LIVERPOOL, PARIS, HAVRE, HAMBURG AND BREMEN.

Memorandum.

New York, *May 2* 1886.

R. J. GODWIN.

JOHN D. GODWIN.

ALLAN W. GODWIN.

FROM R. J. GODWIN & SONS,

Custom House Brokers & Forwarding Agents

No. 65 Wall Street, N. Y.

U. S. Passport Agency.

Established 1840.

Refund amount \$ 47.50

I enclose a bill for the same

I am sorry to hear of the death of your father

Wanted State Public

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District Attorney's Office,

New York, *January 10* 188*7*

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
vs.

Arthur McCormick

H. B. Botby
215 Bowery

Esq.

Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

Dear Sir:

Please take notice that
the above-named defendant, for whom you are
Counsel, will be placed on the calendar of
Part *Two* Court of General Sessions,
for trial on *January 11* 188*7*

Please stop in see Schaff when down
Very respectfully,

RANDOLPH B. MARTINE,
District Attorney.

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Maison sise à Terviers.

Valeur approximative de 36 à 40,000 f

Prendre chez notaire une hypothèque de
f 12,000 pour $\frac{1}{3}$ de la maison, soit
ma part maternelle.

La maison est louée pour 2200 f
soit pour $\frac{1}{3}$. f 733 —

12000 à 5% font
reste

600.
133 f

M^r le notaire touchera $\frac{1}{3}$ du loyer annuelle-
ment par un tiers de ma main et en étendra
les 600 f de l'hypothèque et me conservera
l'autre ou m'enverra le restant.

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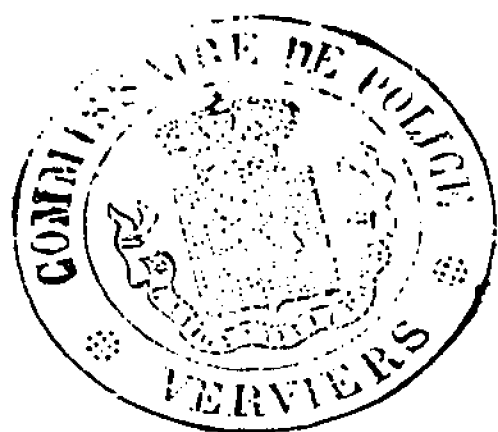
VILLE DE VERVIERS
—
CABINET
—
DE
COMMISSAIRE EN CHEF
—

Verviers, le 24 juin 1886.

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Le soussigné, Commissaire de Police en chef de la ville de Verviers, certifie que Monsieur Croisier, Jean-Joseph, âgé de 53 ans, négociant en spiritueux en cette ville, père d'Oscar, Croisier, âgé de 23 ans, actuellement à New-York, déclare n'avoir jamais possédé aucun tableau à ce dernier.

Monsieur Croisier affirme, en outre, que son fils Oscar, qui est soldat de l'armée belge, est un mauvais sujet et que bien souvent il a été victime de ses mauvais tours.



Leblu

Leblu commissaire
de police en chef de la
ville de Verviers

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Col. Thos. J. ...
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Consulat de Belgique
A NEW YORK.

New York, le 10 Juillet 1886

Monsieur Thos Smythe,
453 West 22nd Street
New York City.

Monsieur

J'ai l'honneur d'avoir l'obligeance
de venir vous voir à mon bureau
11:39 Broadway entre les
heures de 10 du matin à 4 de
soir et agréer en attendant
mes civilités empressées,

Le Consul de Belgique
Charles Kell

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Received of the [illegible]

the sum of [illegible]
for [illegible]

That [illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Testimony

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Replies W B
Jan 10. 1887

Je devrais chez vous 22 rue
entre 11 h^{re} et 11^{1/2} et peut être
avant.

Attention moi je vous en prie nous
devons aller chez Maly. ensemble pour
l'affaire que je vous ai parlé
j'ai aussi 55 dollars à vous
remettre ou tout au moins vous l'ai
plus 10 dollars pour payer mes loyers
etc.

Je suis retourné pour avoir vite
deux trois lettres pour prévenir tout
le monde de mon retour Samedi.
Ne parlez à personne de mon
retour.

Hen

Je suis vite venu chez Cochin
Samedi 11 h^{re} je serai chez vous
et vous ferez aller absolument au point
etc. Maly.

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WEIL BROS.
Boot and Shoe Manufacturers,
80 WARREN STREET.
S. WEIL. I. WEIL.

New York, Jan 12 1887

To whom it may concern!
This is to certify that Patrick Geary
has been in my employ during the
past four years and has in that time
proved to be an industrious, honest
willing lab.

very respectfully

S. J. Weil

Court of General Sessions

People vs }
vs }
Charles Wrennacher }

To Randolph Martin Dist Atty.

Dear Sir,

Please take notice
that on the Wednesday the 12th day
of January 1887 at the hour of 11
in the forenoon thereof we shall
come before Hon Henry Lucien
Jesse in Part II of said Court
for the discharge of the above
defendant, the ground of this
motion being the failure on the
part of the People to prosecute
him

Yours Truly

Blake & Sullivan

Attys for defendant

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The People } Court of General Sessions, Part I
vs } Before Judge Geldersheere.
Oscar Moiser March 27. 1887.

The defendant was placed at the bar for sentence. The Court. After listening to the testimony in this case upon the trial, giving it careful attention, and after considerable investigation since the trial and the examination of witnesses that were sworn then, I must confess that this transaction is shrouded in more or less mystery. It has been intimated that these paintings which the defendant has been convicted of stealing in this country were the subject of a larceny in the other country, and that ~~the~~ complainant ~~Smeythe~~ is as well as the defendant here were the perpetrators of that larceny. That is the intimation; I have no evidence of that at all. The defendant's statement upon the stand, his having deserted the army, the manner in which he purchased these paintings taken in connection with all his evidence don't make up the kind of a story that impresses the Court with very much truthfulness. It may be true, but it don't bear that impress. There is something wrong about the matter.

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In June last the defendant now at the bar and Solomon Godcham were tried together in this Court for the larceny of these paintings and the jury disagreed. After that trial Godcham obtained bail I believe and made his escape and in January last the trial of Proisier alone was moved, and after a very careful trial in which Counsel defended him with ability and zeal he was convicted of larceny and the jury recommended him to mercy. If he could have Mr. Davis, who in the past week has died, and who was never examined as a witness and if he had been able to testify as you believe he could, that he accompanied Proisier and Smythe to the Custom house and before Judge Williams an oath was taken, I do not think a conviction could have been had. But you have never been able to bring before the Court any legal evidence to justify the Court in concluding that that can be done, and yet there are strong indications that Davis could have given testimony of that character. That would have contradicted the direct statement of the complainant Smythe and would

have put a very different aspect upon the case. If I should grant your motion for a new trial now, Davis being dead, he would have to be tried substantially upon the same testimony on which it was tried before. I would not have allowed a motion in arrest of judgment, and the motion for a new trial is denied.

The Defendant has been in custody nearly a year locked up and he suffered considerable punishment. For the reasons that I have stated I feel that it would be scarcely just to send him to the State prison upon this conviction where he would have to suffer serious punishment added to that he has already sustained. Where the legal title to these paintings lies, of course, this Court does not entirely determine. The jury by their verdict substantially decide that they were the property of the complainant. I do not propose that the question shall be opened in this Court; if the legal rights are not determined between them let them go to the civil courts and settle it as best they can. I shall report the recommendation to mercy in view of his long imprisonment and the

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uncertainty of the case, I will suspend judgment and let him go free. I cannot tell what may develop hereafter. There may evidence come to the knowledge of the people that will justify his being brought here and sentenced under this conviction. At present I think the ends of justice will be observed in view of the punishment he has already sustained and the doubt which hangs over the whole transaction by letting him go. My own impression is that they are both pretty bad men; it is a crooked transaction, and perhaps none of us have learned to turn the title to these paintings belong. For these reasons judgment is suspended.

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Scar Frisur

His friend collection pictures who belong
him since two years about.

This gentleman arrived the 5th March
by the Cydia monarch.

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AUG. LOSLEVER

Copie

VERVIERS, LE 26 Juin 1886.

Monsieur le Commissaire de police

Le fils de M^r Croisier négociant en vins et genièvre se trouve arrêté et poursuivi à New-York pour détournement et abus de confiance envers M^r Chos. Smythe au préjudice de qui il a soustrait une série de 21 tableaux peints par des artistes de l'école impressionniste. La grande Cour de Chamber Street devant laquelle a été traduit le fils Croisier lui a ordonné de prouver que ces tableaux lui appartiennent comme il a eu l'audace de le soutenir en affirmant que c'était son père qui les lui avait envoyés. M^r Smythe craint que son jeune voleur ne se fasse écrire une lettre de Verviers par un complice quelconque, ou même qu'il ne la fabrique lui-même et ne l'envoie à Verviers à un camarade quelconque avec prière de la lui réadresser. Cette lettre porterait la signature fautive de M^r Croisier père ou d'autres signatures fausses et affirmerait que la galerie de tableaux appartient réellement à M^r Croisier. Comme celui-ci est un très honnête homme et qu'on ne peut plus lui demander un écrit pour servir à faire condamner son fils, je ne vois qu'un moyen de parer au danger que me signale M^r Smythe. C'est que vous alliez interroger M^r Croisier et que vous lui demandiez s'il a connaissance de ces tableaux etc. Alors vous me remettiez le procès verbal signé de vous et constatant la réponse. Si vous avez des scrupules veuillez en référer à Monsieur le Procureur du Roi. Je tiens à sa disposition et à la vôtre la lettre de M^r Smythe. Notez que les tableaux sont tous, sauf deux, peints en 1886!! J'en ai la liste. Veuillez me fixer au plus tôt sur cette affaire très urgente et me dire si vous pouvez procéder comme je le demande.

Recerez etc

(Signé) Aug. Loslever

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AUG. LOSLEVER

VERVIERS, LE

28 juin 1886

Monsieur Imythe

Au reçu de votre lettre, je me suis immédiatement
occupé de l'affaire dont elle m'entretient.

Je connais personnellement Mr Troiser père, un
très honnête homme, mais qui s'occupe de vendre
du genièvre ou du vin et nullement de tableaux.

J'ai cru que mon affirmation ne suffirait pas
et j'ai écrit à M. le Commissaire de police de
notre ville afin qu'il aille l'interroger.

Ci joint vous trouverez l'interrogatoire ou plutôt
le certificat résumant cet interrogatoire.

Vous pouvez donc être tout à fait tranquille.
Ce jeune homme a déserté deux fois l'armée belge
ou son père avait dû l'engager à cause de sa
mauvaise conduite. Il fait la douleur de ses
parents.

Recevez, Monsieur, mes salutations sincères.

Aug. Loslever

avocat et député.

P.S. Mr Troiser père ayant appris par le commissaire
de police que j'étais votre avocat est venu me
trouver à l'instant même et il m'a confirmé
tout ce que dit Mr le Commissaire et que je savais
déjà. Il a pleuré sur le déshonneur que
son fils lui cause, mais ayant des enfants il
ne veut plus rien faire pour celui-là.

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AUG. LOSLEVER

VERVIERS, LE 29 juin 1886

Monsieur Tyngh

J'envoie la réponse à
votre lettre à Mr Mali
notre consul belge à New
York.

Vous pouvez donc aller la
chercher chez lui moyennant
150 francs et les frais.

Vous serez très content.

Je vous remets votre enveloppe
pour que vous voyez que votre
lettre m'est arrivée le 25 de
ce mois.

Recevez, Monsieur, mes salutations
sincères

Aug. Loslever

Avocat et Député à
la Chambre des Représentants

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Translating.

I have been thinking
of you a great deal.

My heart is full of love
for you and I hope
you are well and happy.
I am always thinking of you.

I hope you are well and happy.
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POOR QUALITY
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Mr Jean Joseph Troisier having been
duly sworn deposes as follows.

1. Mon nom est Jean Joseph Troisier
j'ai cinquante quatre ans.

Je suis negociant en vins, liqueurs &c.
Je demeure N° 2 Thier. Mere Dieu à
Perwez Belgium

2. Connaissez vous un nommé Solomon
Godchaux. Nam.

Je connais Oscar Troisier. il est mon fils.
Il a vingt trois (23) ans.

3. Savez vous si Oscar Troisier avait posée
de des tableaux en Belgium.

Réponse - je n'en sais rien, mais je me
figure qu'il pourrait bien ^{avoir} bien fait
des, parce qu'il avait du goût pour la
peinture, il avait toujours quelque argent
et il avait dépensé son argent pour
toutes sortes de bêtises, mais je n'ai ja-
mais vu des tableaux qui lui appartenais.

4. Savez vous si des tableaux avaient été
expédiés en Amérique ?

Réponse. Je ne sais pas. je ne sais rien
plus, par conséquent, Les noms des sousignataires,

J. J. Troisier
J. J. Troisier and
Sousignataires

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ni par quelle route ils étaient expédiés, ni
les noms des Agents, ni les dates où
ils étaient expédiés.

5^e Je n'ai aucun document, ni des
quittances, ni des factures ni des memo-
randa, en ma possession qui pourraient
prouver que mon fils Oscar Troisi-
était propriétaire des tableaux, et je
ne sais rien plus en, ou comment,
les trouver.

6^e Jusqu'à sa dix-septième année mon
fils Oscar Troisi était sous ce que mon
père pourrait désirer. Il était en Prusse,
il s'est toujours montré bien studieux
et il avait toujours les meilleurs Certif-
icats de la part des professeurs.

Dans sa dix-septième année il s'est engagé
dans l'armée belge, et depuis cette époque
il n'a plus demeuré chez moi. Il était d'un
caractère très faible, très inflexible et il
se laissait facilement entraîner par ses
amis sans se douter de rien.

J. Troisi

Subscribed and sworn to before me at
the United States Consulate at Liège
Belgium this 3^d day of August 1886.

[Signature]

M. J. L. L. L. L.

POOR QUALITY
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Interrogatoire for Cross examination
Jean Joseph Trivier being on oath
deposes as follows.

1. J'ai vu à présent vous a-t-on demandé
des explications sur cette affaire, si vous
ou si un autre quelconque avait jamais eu
voyagé des tableaux à votre fils Oscar Trivier
en Amérique ?

Réponse. Personne que le Commissaire
en chef de police de la ville de Verviers
2nd Aviez-vous jamais eu une conver-
sation avec le Commissaire en chef de
Police de Verviers concernant un tableau
qu'on dit avoir été envoyé à votre fils
en Amérique ?

Réponse - Oui. Il y a un mois à
peu près le Commissaire en chef de Police
de Verviers m'a fait appeler dans son
bureau et m'a interrogé à cet égard.
Je lui ai répondu que je n'en savais
absolument rien. Le Commissaire était
fort affairé et cette conversation n'a
pas duré plus que deux ou trois minutes.

Signé J. Trivier

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the
United States Consulate at Liège Belgium this
3rd day of August 1886.

E. S. M. M. M.
M. J. M. M. & Co.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Mr Alfred Troisier having been duly
sworn deposed as follows.

1. Mon nom est Alfred Troisier.

J'ai vingt ans (201. Je suis
lumin chez mon père Jean Joseph
Troisier. Je demeure N° 2 Rue Meindien
Troisier Belgique.

2. Connaissez-vous un nommé Solo-
mon Gochon ? Non., mais je
connais Oscar Troisier qui est mon
père

3. Savez-vous s'il a possédé des
tableaux en Belgique ?

Réponse je n'en sais rien. Je n'ai
jamais vu des tableaux qui lui ap-
partenaient. Une fois à Bruxelles il
m'a parlé d'un tableau qu'il a voulu
acheter, mais je ne sais pas s'il
l'a acheté ou non.

4. Savez-vous si des tableaux avaient
été expédiés en Amérique ?

Réponse. Je n'en sais absolument
rien à cet égard.

Alfred Troisier
Mr. J. Gochon
Mr. J. Gochon

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5. Avez-vous des documents qui pourraient
montrer que votre frère Oscar Troisi
avait jamais possédé des Tableaux?

Réponse. Non. Je n'ai rien, ni
des quittances ni des factures, ni des
memoranda qui pourraient prouver
que Oscar Troisi avait eu des tabl-
eaux en sa possession.

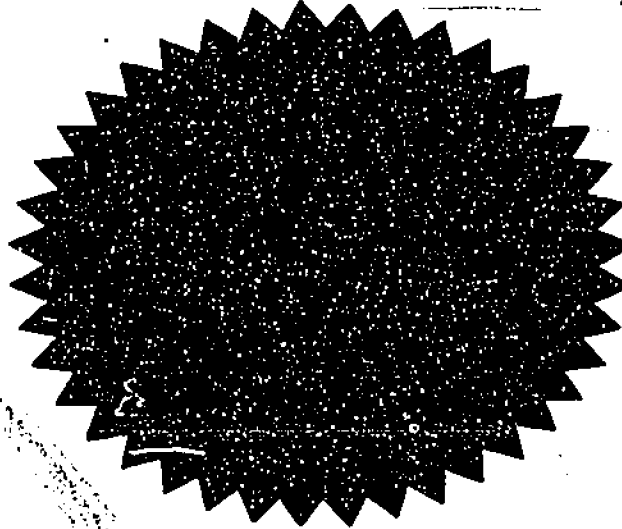
6. Jus qu'à son entrée dans l'ar-
mée il avait un bon caractère mais
il était toujours faible, il avait beau-
coup d'amis et il se laissait en-
trainer très facilement. Il a de temps
en temps fait des bêtises qui lui font
indigner qu'il était un peu faible
dans sa tête, et de plus j'ai vu
Oscar qui a été dans une maison
de santé, où il est maintenant.

A. H. H. H. H.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the
United States Consulate at Liège Belgium this
6th day of August 1896.

A. S. Robertson

U. S. Consul and Commissioner.



POOR QUALITY
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Questions for Post Examination
Alfred Trissin being on oath depose
as follows.

1. Jusqu'à présent vous n'avez de-
mandé des explications sur cette affaire,
si par exemple vous ou un autre
membre avait jamais expédié
des tableaux à votre frère Oscar Trissin
en Amérique?

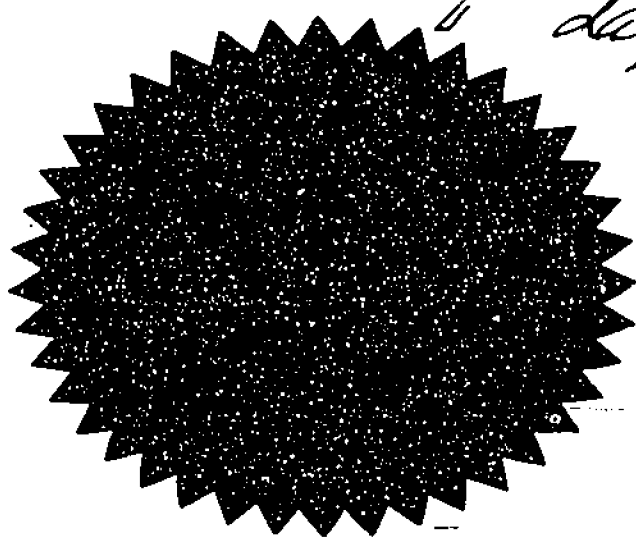
Réponse. Personne ne m'a jamais
interrogé concernant cette affaire.
Je n'ai jamais eu une conversation
avec le commissaire en chef de
police de Berlin sur cette affaire.

A. Trissin

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the
United States Consulate at Liège Belgium this
5th day of August 1896.

A. S. H. H. H.

A. S. H. H. H. and Commission



POOR QUALITY
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U. S. Consulate
Verviers ^{for} and Liège

Examination
of M^r Arthur Leblu,
Chief of the Police of Verviers.

Deposition of M^r Leblu.

M^r Leblu being duly sworn, doth depose
and say as follows, to wit:

Question 1. Connaissez-vous J. Troisier?

Réponse: Le père est Jean-Joseph. - Le fils doit
s'appeler Oscar-Joseph Troisier. - Le fils
doit habiter New-York, d'après ce que m'a
appris M^r l'avocat Loslever. -

Le père J. Troisier est venu dans mon
bureau pour me déclarer qu'il n'avoit
jamais envoyé de tableaux à son fils
et que les tableaux possédés par ce dernier,
ne pouvaient provenir que de vol
d'après la déclaration du père. —

Question 2. Avez-vous en à un temps
quelconque une conversation avec le père
concernant son fils Oscar Troisier actuellement
en Amérique et concernant certaines peintures
(tableaux) supposés avoir été envoyés au dit Oscar
en Amérique. S'il en est ainsi, veuillez
déclarer entièrement la conversation à ce
sujet, quand et où elle a eu lieu?

Réponse

U. S. Consulate
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M^r Leblu being duly sworn, doth depose
and say as follows, to wit:

Question 1. Connaissez-vous J. Troisier?

Réponse: Le père est Jean-Joseph. - Le fils doit
s'appeler Oscar-Joseph Moys. - Le fils
doit habiter New-York, d'après ce que m'a
appris M^r l'avocat Loslever. -

Le père J. Troisier est venu dans mon
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en Amérique. S'il en est ainsi, veuillez
déclarer entièrement la conversation à ce
sujet, quand et où elle a eu lieu?

Réponse

Réponse: Cette conversation du père J. Troisier concernant cette affaire a eu lieu dans mon cabinet il y a quelques semaines.

Question 3: ~~Chez-vous dans les derniers quatre~~ mois écrit à des personnes en Amérique ou autre part concernant ces peintures et concernant le dit Oscar Troisier?

S'il en est ainsi, veuillez produire une copie de ces lettres et veuillez les annexer à la présente déposition.

Réponse: A la demande de M^e l'avocat Loslever, j'ai remis à ce dernier un certificat constatant que le père J. Troisier n'avait jamais remis de peintures à son fils Oscar, que celui-ci était déserteur de l'armée belge et qu'il laisse à désirer sous le rapport de la moralité. Cette pièce était destinée à être envoyée à la Justice américaine.

Question 4. Si vous connaissez d'autres faits concernant ce cas, veuillez les déclarer entièrement comme si vous aviez été interrogé séparément sur chacun de ces faits?

Réponse: M^e l'avocat Loslever et le père J. Troisier craignaient qu'Oscar
Troisier

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Troisier ne s'entendit avec un faussaire
en Belgique pour se faire adresser
de Belgique une lettre au nom de son
~~peu connu et il passa des ordres lui avait~~
envoyé des peintures.

Fait et déclaré ce jour à Verviers
(Belgique) le 7 Août 1800 quatre-vingt-six.

Arthur Leblu
Commissaire en chef à Verviers

I, Wm. Müller, Vice Consul of the
United States of America for Verviers and Liège,
do hereby certify that the above signature
of M^r. Arthur Leblu, Commissaire en
chef de la Police de Verviers, is his true
and genuine signature, made and acknow-
ledged in my presence and that the said
Leblu is personally known to me.

Before making the above declaration,
M^r. Leblu has sworn in my presence to
tell the truth, the entire truth and only
the truth.

Verviers, the 7th of August 1800 eighty-six.

Wm. Müller

U. S. V. Consul



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Misses & Little Comrade for
Warren & Lige Beggs

Deposits taken as
from Comrade in

The People of the State
of New York

Oscar Warden & Brown
Anderson

Commission

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Wm. W. Warden & Little Comrade

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Antwerp-Philadelphia,
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VON DER BECKE & MARSILY,
General European Agents,
ANTWERP.
FREIGHT DEPARTMENT.

INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION COMPANY.
PHILADELPHIA.

Antwerp, 1 May 1886
Mr Master Smythe
453 West 22nd Street New York

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise the shipment to your address for S.S. *Punland*

A D 1. new paintings

which goods have been sent you according to the instructions received from M^y

Adel Desmarte Brunsels

Insurance has *not been* covered by us

Bill of Lading herewith.

Amount charged forward in Bill of Lading : £ *0. 6. 3*

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully

VON DER BECKE & MARSILY.

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Seal of the
B. Linn
Society

I am writing to you
in the hope that you
will be able to

help me in my
researches on the
subject of the
distribution of the
various species of
the genus *Trilobites*.
I have been very
fortunate in obtaining
a number of specimens
of the same, and I
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ÉCOLE MOYENNE DE L'ÉTAT

A LIMBOURG

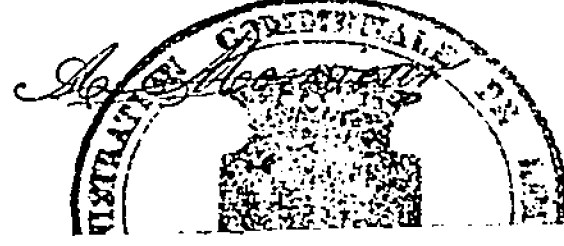
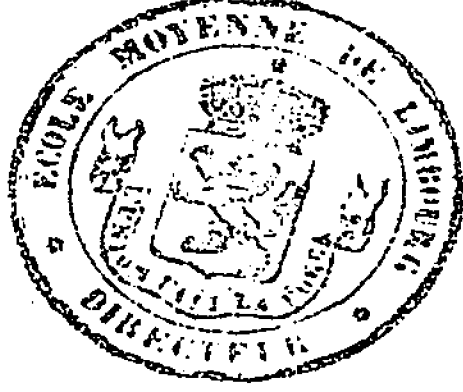
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Dolhain-Limbourg, le

M. J. Dussart
Je soussigné, Directeur de l'École moyenne de l'État
à Limbourg, certifie que le sieur Croisier, Oscar a
fréquenté l'École pendant deux ans et demi,
d'octobre 1874 à mai 1880. Il a obtenu dans les con-
ditions qui ont précédé sa sortie, savoir : 47 points
sur 120 en langue française, 15,1 points sur 15 en
mathématiques, 11,3 p. sur 20 en histoire et géographie,
11,8 p. sur 20 en sciences commerciales, 12,6 p. sur 20
en sciences naturelles, 22,5 p. sur 30 en écriture,
20 p. sur 30 en dessin. Sa conduite se est éval-
uée très satisfaisante.

Limbourg, le 4 août 1886

M. Dussart



Vu pour légalisation
conforme la signature
de M. Dussart Directeur
de l'École moyenne.

Dolhain-Limbourg

le 7 août 1886

M. Dussart

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DÉPARTEMENT DU FRET.

INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION COMPANY.
PHILADELPHIA.

Anvers, le 1^{er} Mai 1886

Mademoiselle Adèle Deswarres
Bruxelles

Ci-joint nous avons l'honneur de vous remettre Connaissance à
A.D. 1. 1 caisses d'alleaux
reçue par chemin de fer et expédiée à
New York par steamer Pennland
conformément aux instructions nous transmises par votre lettre du 29 double

L'assurance maritime n'a pas été soignée ici

Nos frais à cet envoi ont été suivis en remboursement

Le Pennland a quitté notre port ce matin à 21 heures
pour New York direct

Un exemplaire du connaissance a été envoyé au réceptionnaire

Nous nous permettons à cette occasion de vous rappeler que nos prochains
départs sont fixés comme suit, sauf imprévus :

pour NEW-YORK direct tous les SAMEDIS,

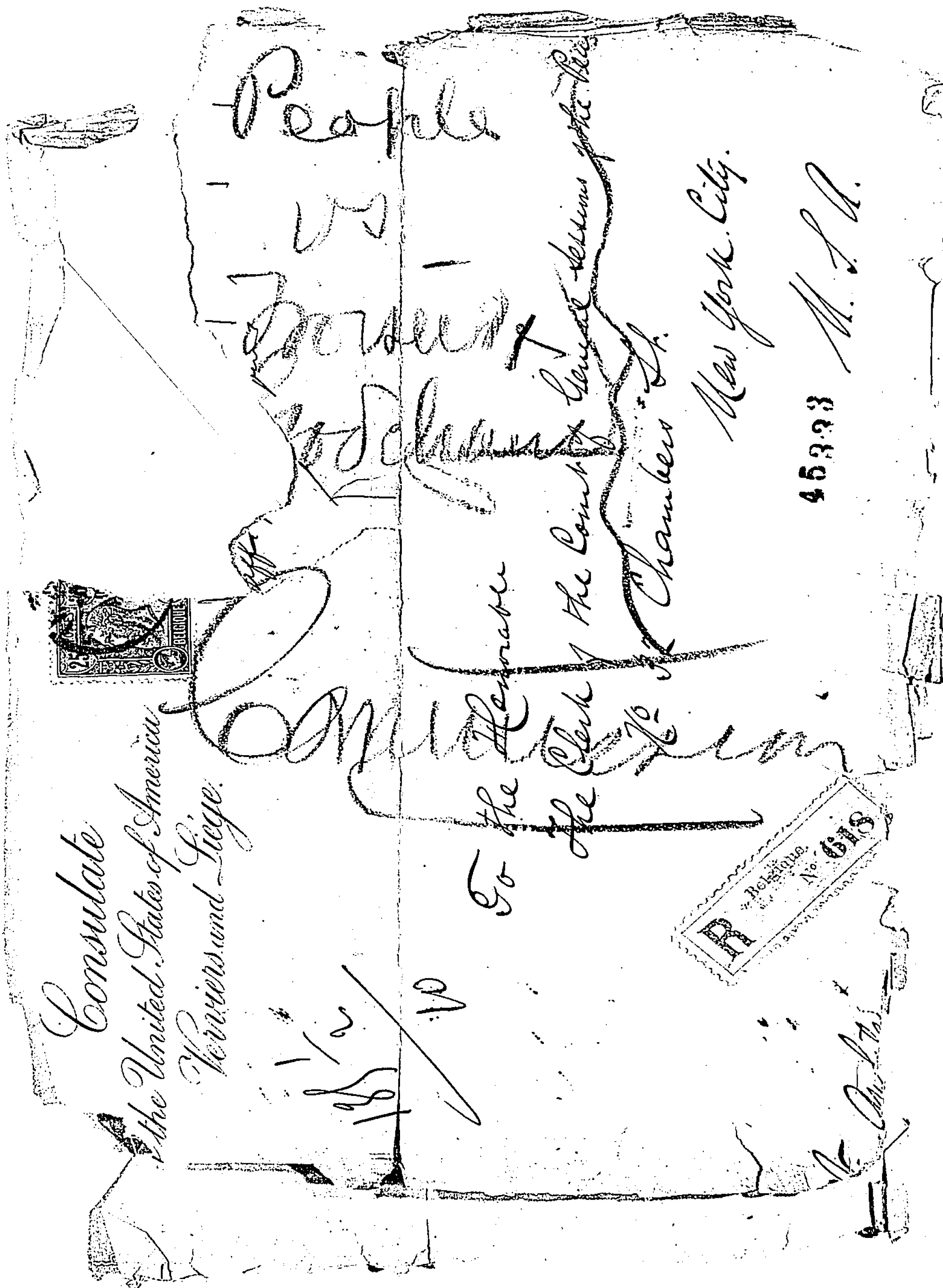
pour PHILADELPHIE direct le premier Mercredi de chaque mois

et dans l'espoir d'être souvent favorisés de vos ordres, nous vous présentons Mademoiselle
nos salutations distinguées.

VON DER BECKE & MARSILY
GENERAL EUROPEAN AGENTS

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CONSULATE
OF THE
UNITED STATES

VERVIERS & LIÉGE

Liège (Belgium), August 18th 1886.

To the Honorable
The Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace.
New York City.

Sir,
I have to return herewith, executed, the Commission received through Swan Simonis Esq of Verviers, in the case of the People of the State of New York - vs Oscar Troisin & Solomon Godchaux.

You will find inclosed depositions of Jean-Jas Troisin, father, and Alfred Troisin, brother of said Oscar Troisin, also two certificates from former tutors of Oscar Troisin, as also the deposition of Mr Arthur Leblu Chief of Police - Verviers.

Having been obliged to take these depositions on separate days, and to send my Vice Consul to Verviers for that of the Chief of Police, I have devoted the greater part of three days to this matter, and therefore request that you will remit me as compensation, the amount usually paid in such cases, or if this is not in your power that you will refer this letter to the Hon R. B. Martin, District Atty for settlement.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. S. Martin

M. J. Paul & Commission.

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OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

against

and

Damon F. Schaub

Ocean Transier and 2 Simon Riggs Drury

The said Ocean Frigate and Schooner
Portland, Me. —

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid
on the Twenty second day of May _____ in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty- six _____, at the Ward, City and County
aforesaid, with force and arms,

the value of art, the art of living in
the world, the value of life,
the value of the world,

Thomas Dwyer, -

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.

Randolph C. Martin,
District Attorney

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