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DESCRIPTION:

Baker, Charles

DATE:

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No. 61

Witnesses ;

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1889

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Charles J. Baker

Forgery in the Second Degree,
[Sections 511 and 521, Penal Code.]
(Endorsement, etc.)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

June 24 / 889
Pleads H. J. J. 2d (2d) (2d)

A True Bill.

R. L. Coll.

Ordered to the COURT of

...
of the COUNTY of NEW YORK,

for trial (Entered in the Minutes)

Ed. ... 1889

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0315

Police Court

District

THE PEOPLE

Police Court, 11 District.

City and County } ss.
of New York,

of No. 603 East 16th Street, aged 39 years,
occupation Shutemaker being duly sworn, deposes and says,
that on the 9th day of March 1889, at the City of New
York, in the County of New York,

Charles J. Baker (now here) did, knowing the same to be forged, and with intent to defraud, utter a certain instrument in writing purporting to be a check, No 5928 dated N.Y. Mar. 9. 1889. drawn on The Hanover National Bank to the order of P. Mutchel, for the sum of Forty nine & ⁰⁶/₁₀₀ dollars, signed L. Strauss & Sons.

That said defendant indorsed defendant's name upon said instrument and obtained the aforesaid sum of money thereon and appropriated the same to his own use and benefit.

That said defendant was not authorized to sign defendant's name nor was he authorized to collect said check. Wherefore defendant prays that defendant be held to answer and be dealt with as the law directs.

Sworn to before me
this 24th day of May 1889 } Bernhard Hentschel
J. J. Davis
Police Justice

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

4 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Charles J. Baker 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.

Charles J. Baker

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

20 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City

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

Answer.

40 W 2nd West 33rd St 2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Carraiser

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.

and I am not guilty
wave examination
Charles J Baker

Taken before me this

day of

May 1898

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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

Police Court... District...

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

James M. Minter
602 East 16th
Street
New York
Offence *Forgery*

Dated

May 24 1889

Magistrate.

James M. Minter

Officer.

James M. Minter

Precinct.

James M. Minter

Witnesses.

James M. Minter

No. 336

James M. Minter

Street.

James M. Minter

No. _____

James M. Minter

Street.

James M. Minter

No. _____

James M. Minter

Street.

James M. Minter

No. _____

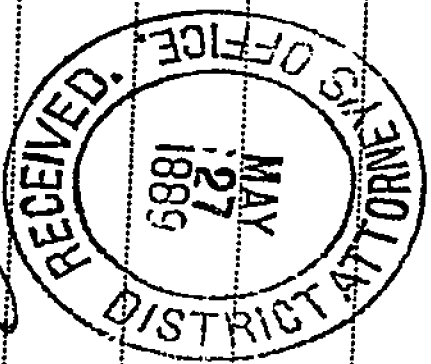
James M. Minter

Street.

James M. Minter

to answer

James M. Minter



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*

fifteen guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of *fifteen* 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 24* 1889 *James M. Minter* Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1889 _____ 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 _____ 1889 _____ Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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L. Strauss & Sons.

No. 5928 New York Mar. 9 1889

The Hanover National Bank

Pay to the order of B. Kentschel

Forty nine $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars

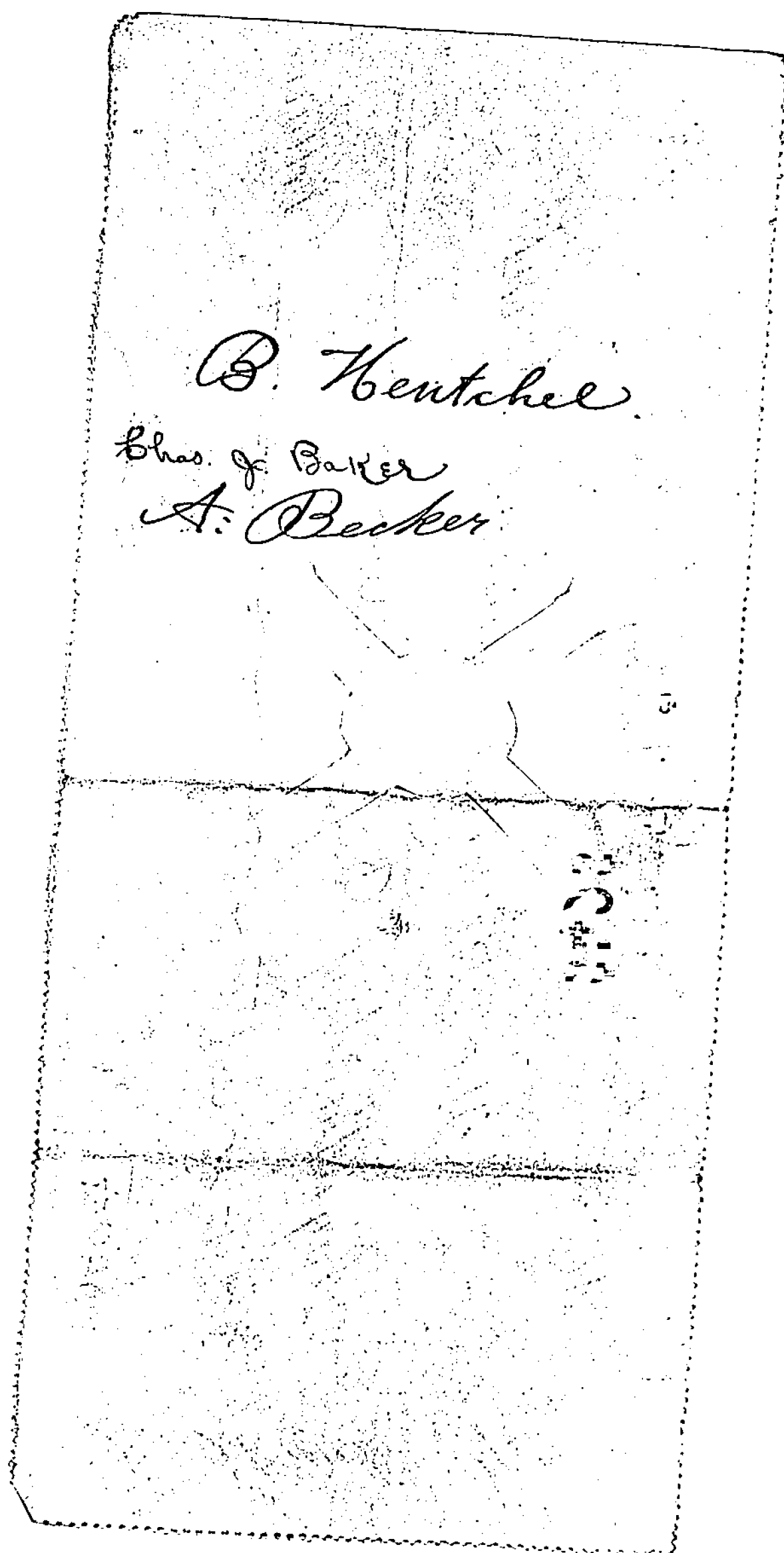
\$49.⁰⁶

[Signature]

M. Kalenberg & Co. Stationers 442 Broome St. N.Y.

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B. Wentzel

Chas. J. Baker

A. Becker

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 J. Baker

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

Charles J. Baker
of the CRIME OF FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Charles J. Baker

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the ninth
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-nine, at the City and County aforesaid, having in his custody a certain

instrument and writing, to wit: an order for the
payment of money, of the kind called bank cheques

which said bank cheque is as follows, that is to say:

No. 5928 New York Mar. 9 / 889

The Hanover National Bank
Pay to the order of B. Stentchel
Forty nine & ⁰⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars
\$49.⁰⁶
L. Straus & Sons,

the said

Charles J. Baker,

afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year
aforesaid, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, feloniously did forge,
and cause and procure to be forged, and willingly act and assist in forging on the

back of the said bank cheque
a certain instrument and writing commonly called an endorsement which said forged
instrument and writing commonly called an endorsement is as follows, that is to say:

B. Stentchel

with intent to defraud, 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
Charles J. Baker
of the CRIME OF FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Charles J. Baker

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,
at the City and County aforesaid having in his possession a certain instrument
and writing, to wit: an order for the payment

of money, of the kind called bank cheques
which said bank cheque is as follows, that is to say:

No. 5928 New York Mar. 9 / 1889
The Hanover National Bank
Pay to the order of B. Stentchel
Forty nine & $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars
\$49.⁰⁶ L. Strauss & Sons.

on the back of which said bank cheque there was then and
there written a certain forged instrument and writing commonly called an Endorsement
of the said last-mentioned bank cheque which said forged
instrument and writing, commonly called an endorsement, is as follows,
that is to say:

B. Stentchel

with force and arms, the said forged Endorsement then and there feloniously did
utter, dispose of and put off as true, with intent to defraud, he the said
Charles J. Baker then and there well knowing the premises,
and that the said endorsement was forged, against the form of the Statute
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

Baker, Frank

DATE:

06/07/89



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ORIGINAL

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Witnesses :

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

7 day of June 1889

THE PEOPLE

vs.

P

Frank Baker

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

Foreman.

June 7/89
Florida Bay Bay

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Police Court 29 District.

City and County
of New York, ss.:

of No. 209 East 101 Street, aged years,
occupation Sailor being duly sworn

deposes and says, that the premises No. 9 Maud A Street, 17 Ward
in the City and County aforesaid the said being a Three Story Dwelling
House on the 1st floor
and which was occupied by deponent as a Sailor Shop
~~and in which there was at the time a billiard table, by name~~

were BURGLARIOUSLY entered by means of forcibly forcing a
near window leading into
deponent shop

on the 1 day of June 1889 in the night time, and the
following property feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, viz:

Two Pair of Pants
of the Value of Seventeen
dollars

\$17-

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

Frank Baker

for the reasons following, to wit:

That previous to said
burglary and taking the said
property was in deponent's shop
in said premises and this deponent
has been informed by Officer George
Issing that about the middle of three
o'clock am of the aforesaid date that
he found the defendant in the yard
of said premises and found in his
possession a pair of pants which deponent
identifies as his

Frank J. Bernman

known deponent was this
day of June 1889

Police Court

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ORIGINAL

0325

See 102-900

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

aged 27 years, occupation Police Officer of No. 14 Bruner Street, being duly sworn deposes and

says, that he has heard read the foregoing affidavit of Frank German

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of June 1888

Georgio Issing

W. J. Omer

Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

0326

Sec. 193-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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District Police Court.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Frank Baker*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *27 Year*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York*

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

Answer. *420 Broome 2 Months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Telegram 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 have nothing to say*

Frank Baker

Taken before me this

day of *June*

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Police Justice

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\$1000 for
Re. 900th
June 2.

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

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Police Court--
District.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Frank Hermann
209 East 101st St.
Brooklyn

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Offence _____

Dated June 1, 1889

M. J. Brown, Magistrate.

Henry _____
Officer.

_____ Precinct.

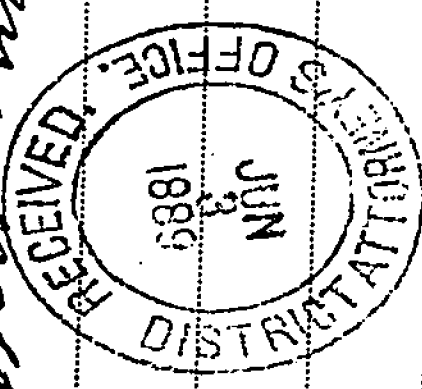
Witnesses _____

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
Street _____

No. _____
Street _____



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

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 he committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison, of the City of New York, until he give such bail he legally discharge
Dated June 1 1889 A. J. Brown Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1889 _____ 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 _____ 1889 _____ 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

Frank Baker

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

Frank Baker

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

The said

Frank Baker

late of the Seventeenth Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the first day of June 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 shop of one

Frank J. Berman

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

Frank J. Berman

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

of the CRIME OF Frank Baker Petit LARCENY committed as follows:

The said Frank Baker

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 ^{night} time of the said day, with force and arms,

two pair of trousers of the value
of eight dollars each pair

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

in the shop of the said

Frank J. Berman
Frank J. Berman

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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ORIGINAL

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THIRD COUNT—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuse the said
— *Frank Baker*
of the CRIME OF CRIMINALLY RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, committed as follows:

The said *Frank Baker*

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,

*two pair of trousers of the
value of eight dollars each pair*

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one

Frank J. Berman

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

Frank J. Berman

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

Frank Baker

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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Beirne, James

DATE:

06/21/89



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Witnesses:

James Ryan
109 Redoubt Street
Joseph Ryan
152 West 7th St.
James Ryan
120 Leroy St.
Thomas Ryan
19 East 9th Street

I respectfully recommend
that a plea of assault
in the third degree be
accepted. I think that in
view of all the circum-
stances of the case such
a plea will do substantial
justice.

But 3 May 1890
Wm. G. Jerome
Deputy Asst.

Counsel,

Filed 21 day of June 1889
Pleads Chillyully-ux

THE PEOPLE

vs.

James Baine

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

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

To be returned
for 2nd day of July 1890
Find against said Baine
A True Bill. J. W. C. day v.

W. H. Mace

Foreman.

July 1889
for 1st day of July 1890

Sept 1890

May 1890

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0333

Court of General Sessions

The People

vs.

James Peirce

Indictment:

Assault

(1) in the 1st degree

(2) in the 2d "

§§ 217 & 218 P. C.

for having on the 14th of June, 1889,
assaulted John O'Brien, the com-
plainant, with a knife (stabbing
him on the body twice and once
on the left hand)

Witnesses:

John O'Brien, 6 Garden St., Hoboken
complainant.

Joseph Brady, 152 West 87 St.,
corroborates complainant.

James Drumm, 109 Riddle St., witness to the assault
with knife.

Thomas Doran, 19 East 82 St.
witness to the assault with
the knife.

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John O'Brien, 6 Garden Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y., laborer employed
in the packing box factory of
J. Ryan, at the corner of Morton
and Washington Streets. On the
4th of June, 1887, between two
and three o'clock P. M. the defend-
ant came into our factory
yard and, with his pants stripped
down, committed a nuisance.
My boss, ^{James Ryan}, who had charge
of the place, ordered me to put
the defendant out of the yard.
I told him to get out of the place,
and he began to abuse me
by calling me all sorts of vile
names. ~~and when~~ After he
got on the sidewalk, he
picked up a stone and fired
at me. I thereupon, follow-
ed him across the street
into a store house. There he
picked up an oil can and
attempted to hit me with it
but the owner of the place for-
bid him to fight there. About
five minutes later, when I
was again at my work, the

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defendant hit me with a ring.
After this ring had been taken
from him ~~with~~ by James
Dunsmuir. He stabbed me
with a knife into the left
side into the back just below
the point of the left shoulder.
In taking the knife from
him, I was cut in the left
hand. The knife is in the
possession of the officer who
arrested the defendant.

Joseph Brady, 152 West 37th
Street, laborer employed in P.
Ryan's factory. I was an eye
witness of the above described
assault, and I can corroborate
the above statement of the com-
plainant herein.

James Dunsmuir, 120
Deroy Street, laborer employed
in P. Ryan's broo factory. On
the 14th of June, 1889, I saw
the defendant strike the com-
plainant with a ring. I
took it away from him.

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A few minutes subsequent thereto, I saw the defendant stab the complainant from behind with a knife into the left side and into his back.

Thomas Dowd, 19 East 3d Street, Laborer employed in P. Ryan's shoe factory. On the 14th of June, 1889, I saw the defendant stab the complainant with a knife into his left side and into his back.

Officer De Gaur failed to appear before me.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE, &c.

vs,

James Baird

BRIEF OF FACTS.

For the District Attorney.

Dated *July 3d* 1889

Edward Grose

Deputy Assistant.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Recd. Apr 25/90
JC

New York
Jan^u Feb. 10. 1890

Dear Sir

I take the privilege
of writing this letter to you
to inform you of the
circumstances I am in
I am a poor woman with
three helpless little children
and in the need of your
advice. My husband Herman
Halkenberg got attacked
Monday February the 13th
by Archie Hatten an ex
convict who broke his
jaw bone in two places
and left him speechless for
a couple of weeks and is
in a very dangerous way at the
present. I have been
to Court 4 times and it

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is put back every time
Thursday Feb. 13 at 2 o'clock
in Essex Market Police
Court. Hoping and trusting
in you as a Gentleman
that you will help me
to get this case before the
Grand Jury.

I hope you will excuse
me for writing my Husband
has been to your office
but could get no interview
with you please Sir give me
answer

Remain yours resp

Mrs Herman
" Annie Gallenberg
66 Market Street
New York City

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0340

Police Court—2 District.

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

of No. 6 Garden St Hoboken N.J. Street, aged 27 years,
occupation Laborer being duly sworn
deposes and says, that on the 14 day of June 1889 at the City of New
York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED and BEATEN by

James Berne (nowhere)
who cut and stabbed deponent
on the body twice and once
on the ^{left} hand with a knife
then and there held in his
hands. deponent says that
said assault was committed

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

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

Sworn to before me, this 15 day

of June 1889.

John Berne
John Berne Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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Sec. 198-200.

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *James Beirne*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Brooklyn*

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

Answer. *432 Hudson St* *13 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Warehouseman*

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*

James Beirne

Taken before me this

day of

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John H. [Signature]
Police Justice

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BAILLED,
No. 1, by John G. Delaney
Residence 432 Hudson Street
No. 1, by David Baile
Residence Noted to Mr. Baile
No. 2, by Self
Residence 432 Hudson Street
No. 4, by _____
Residence _____
Street _____

Police Court--

District

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

OF THE COMPLAINING

John G. Delaney
6 Garden St
New York

Car. A. Ryan
Carmen, Madison &
Washington

Offence
Assault with a Weapon

Dated

June 15
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James H. Hume
Magistrate,
Officer

James H. Hume
Precinct,
Officer

No.

152

Street

No.

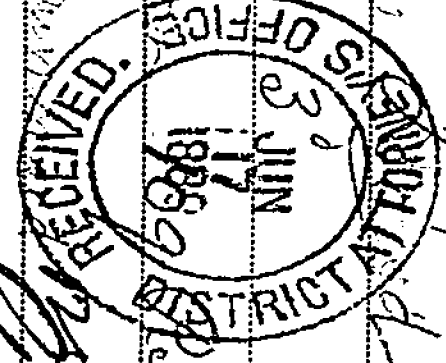
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Street

No.

100

Street



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

Defendant

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

Dated June 15 188 James H. Hume 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

0343

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

James Beirne

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

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

The said

James Beirne

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
fourteenth day of *June* in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and eighty *nine*, with force and arms, at the City and
County aforesaid, in and upon the body of one *John O'Brine*
in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault,
and *him* the said *John O'Brine*
with a certain *knife*

which the said

James Beirne
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and
dangerous weapon then and there wilfully and feloniously did strike, beat, cut, stab and
wound,

with intent

him the said *John O'Brine*
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

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

The said

James Beirne

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year
aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of
the said *John O'Brine*

in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did wilfully and
wrongfully make another assault, and *him* the said

with a certain

knife

which the said

James Beirne
in *his* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a weapon and
an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, then and there feloniously did
wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, cut, stab 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.

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THIRD COUNT—

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

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

The said

James Beirne
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 said
and there being, feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully make another assault, and
him the said *John O'Brien*

with a certain

which

in

he the said *James Beirne*
his right hand then and there had and held, in and upon the *body*
and hand of *him* the said *John O'Brien*

then and there feloniously did wilfully and wrongfully strike, beat, stab, cut, bruise and
wound, and did then and there and by the means aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and wrong-
fully inflict grievous bodily harm upon the said *John O'Brien*

against the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of
the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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BOX:

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FOLDER:

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DESCRIPTION:

Belden, Ernest

DATE:

06/11/89



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POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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No. 92

Counsel,

Filed

11

day of

June 1889

Pleads,

THE PEOPLE

vs.

P

Ernest Belden

Forgery in the Second Degree.
[Sections 511 and 521, Penal Code.]
(Endorsement, etc)

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A True Bill.

L. R. Coll.

Foreman.

Sworn 12/2/89
I have guilty
Ernest Belden

Witnesses;

Filed with clerk
Feb 13, 1891

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0347

Police Court— District.

Affidavit—Larceny.

City and County } ss.:
of New York }

Frank Turner.

of No. 188 East 46th Street, aged 26 years,

being duly sworn

deposes and says, that on the 27th day of May 1889 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 issue
of the United States of the amount
and value of Eighteen 18/100 Dollars

the property of William Proctor and in care
and charge 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 Ernest Belden (now known)

from the fact that on said day said
Belden came to deponent and represented
to deponent that he was sent by
John J. Kiernan to obtain the money
for the here to annexed check, that
Mr. Kiernan wanted the money
deponent believing the representation made
to be true gave said money to said
deponent

Deponent is informed by said John
J. Kiernan of No. 30 Broad Street
that he did not give said check
to said deponent that his
representation were false and

Sworn to before me, this 1889 day of

Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
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Deponent is further informed
John Miller, of the Central office
Police that he presented said check
at the National Broadway Bank
and was then informed that said
check was of no value.
Deponent therefore charges that
said defendant did feloniously
make said false token with the
intent to cheat and defraud
and whereby he did steal deposits
and money from deponent
as aforesaid.

Subscribed before me } J. C. Turner
this 31 day of May 1889 }
John Turner
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
of the City of New York, until he give such bail.
Dated 1889
I have admitted the above named
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.
Dated 1889
There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named
guilty of the offence mentioned, I order he to be discharged.
Dated 1889
Police Justice.

Police Court, District,

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
on the complaint of

Offence—LARCENY.

1.

2.

3.

4.

Dated 1889

Magistrate.

Officer.

Clerk.

Witnesses,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

No.

Street,

\$ to answer

Sessions.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 43 years, occupation News Agent of No.

30 Broad

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of May 1889

John Killilea
Police Justice.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

aged 38 years, occupation Detective Sergeant of No.

Office Police

Street, being duly sworn deposes and

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

Sworn to before me, this

day of May 1889

John Killilea
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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Sec. 193-200.

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK,

First District Police Court.

Ernest Belden

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. Ernest Belden

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 16 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. New York (King Street)

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

Answer. 39 King Street; about 6 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Messenger

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
Ernest Belden

Taken before me this

day of

May
1889

John J. McNamee
Police Justice.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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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... 1st District. 1905

THE PEOPLE, &c.,
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

Frank Bennett
188 East 16th
Grand Hotel
Larceny

Offence

Dated May 31st 1889

Normal Magistrate.

Killed
Officer.

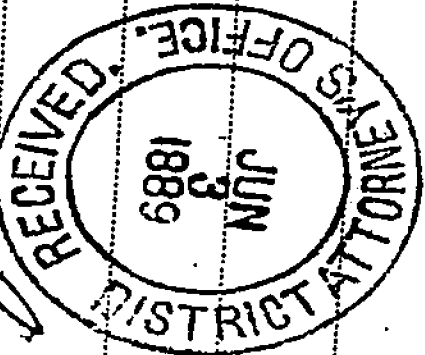
Precinct.

Witnesses

John J. Keenan

No. 30 Broad Street.

No. _____ Street.



No. 500 _____ Street.

Curry

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 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 31st 1889 John J. Keenan Police Justice.

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

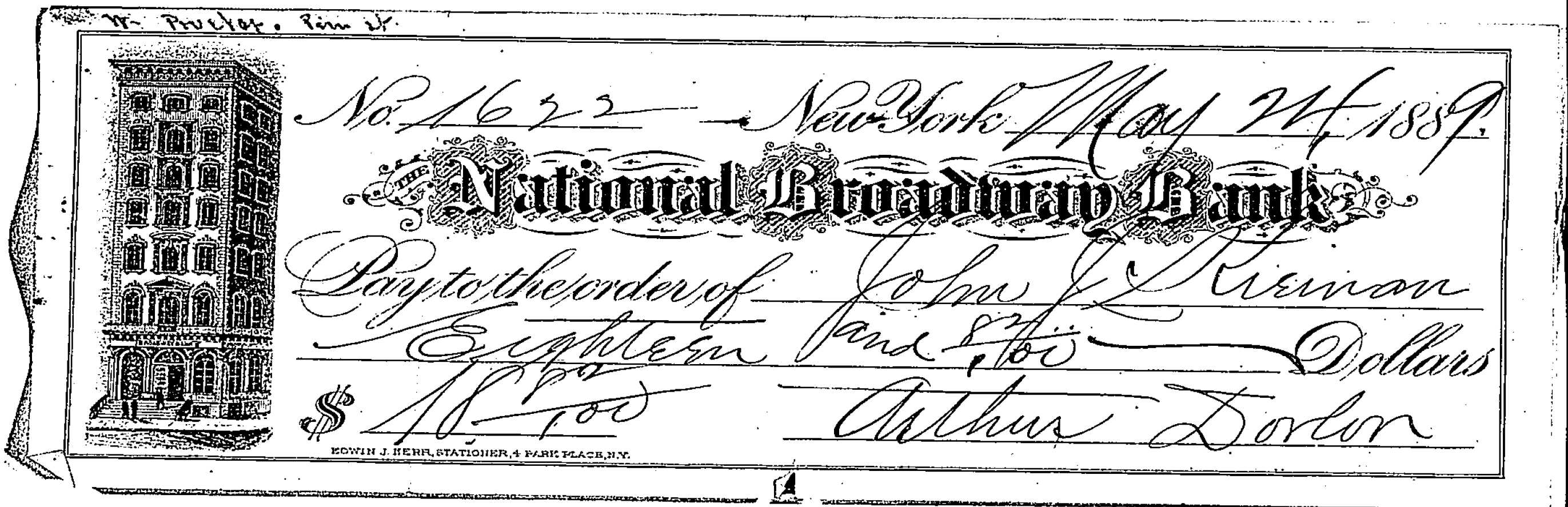
Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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

Dated _____ 1888 _____ Police Justice.

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ORIGINAL

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**POOR QUALITY
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John J. Herman

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0354

Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Ernest Belden

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

Ernest Belden
of the CRIME OF FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Ernest Belden

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the twenty-fourth
day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-nine, at the City and County aforesaid, having in his custody a certain
instrument and writing, purporting to be an order for the payment
of money, of the kind called bank cheques
which said instrument and writing is as follows, that is to say:

No. 1622 New York May 24, 1889.

The National Broadway Bank
Pay to the order of John J. Kiernan
Eighteen and 82/100 — Dollars
\$18. ⁸²/₁₀₀ Arthur Worlton

the said

Ernest Belden

afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year
aforesaid, with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, feloniously did forge,
and cause and procure to be forged, and willingly act and assist in forging on the
back of the said instrument and writing
a certain instrument and writing commonly called an endorsement which said forged
instrument and writing commonly called an endorsement is as follows, that is to say:

John J. Kiernan

with intent to defraud, 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.

POOR QUALITY
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SECOND COUNT—

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said
Ernest Belden
of the CRIME OF FORGERY IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said

Ernest Belden

late of the City and County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit: on the day and in the year aforesaid,
at the City and County aforesaid having in his possession a certain instrument
and writing, purporting to be an order for the payment

of money of the kind called bank cheques

which said instrument and writing is as follows, that is to say:

No. 1622 New York May 24, 1889.
The National Broadway Bank
Pay to the order of John J. Kiernan
Eighteen and 82/100 Dollars
Arthur Dorlon

on the back of which said instrument and writing there was then and
there written a certain forged instrument and writing commonly called an endorsement
of the said last-mentioned instrument and writing which said forged
instrument and writing, commonly called an endorsement is as follows,
that is to say:

John J. Kiernan

with force and arms, the said forged endorsement then and there feloniously did
utter, dispose of and put off as true, with intent to defraud, he the said

Ernest Belden then and there well knowing the premises,
and that the said endorsement was forged, against the form of the Statute
in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York
and their dignity.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

Belford, John

DATE:

06/10/89



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POOR QUALITY
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Counsel,
Filed, day of *Sept* 1889
Pleadg. *May 11*

THE PEOPLE,
vs.
B
John Belford
VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW
(Keeping Open on Sunday)
[III Rev. Stat. (7th Edition), Page 1889, Sec. 5.]
transferred to the Court of Sessions for trial and final disposition
Part 2 Dec. 22, 1889

JOHN R. FELLOWS,
District Attorney.

May 12 Deposition of J.
A True Bill.

R. L. Colls

Foreman.

Witnesses:

John Belford

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0358

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 Belford

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment,
accuse *John Belford*
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 *John Belford*
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the
fourteenth day of *April* in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, 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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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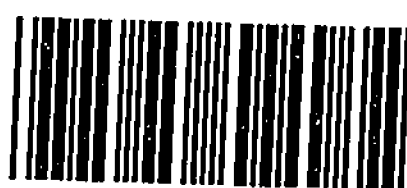
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DESCRIPTION:

Benesch, Anton

DATE:

06/17/89



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WITNESSES:

Counsel,

Filed

day of

1889

Pleads

THE PEOPLE,

vs.

VIOLATION OF EXCISE LAW

(Selling on Sunday, Etc.)
[Ill. Rev. Stat. (7th Edition), page 1883, Sec. 21 and
page 1889, Sec. 5.]

Anton Buresch

Sept 16/89

Sealed

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Part 2 June

A True Bill.

W. M. Jones

Foreman.

Transferred to the Court of Special
Sessions for trial and final disposition.

Part 2. D. C. No. 1889.

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

Anton Benesch

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse
Anton Benesch
of the CRIME OF SELLING INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND WINES AS A BEVERAGE ON SUNDAY, committed as follows:

The said

Anton Benesch

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

William Rowke
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

Anton Benesch

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

Anton Benesch

late of the 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 a *place* 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 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.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

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DESCRIPTION:

Besant, William

DATE:

06/04/89



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DESCRIPTION:

Besant, Eda

DATE:

06/04/89



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Mail fixed at
\$2000.00
Witnesses:

Counsel,
Filed 4
Pleads, *Indigently* (7)
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THE PEOPLE
vs.
William N. Besant
Eda Besant
Robbery,
Sections 224 and 22
Penal Code].
degree.

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

Part IV Shomberg 11/18/18
Both tried and acquitted

A True Bill.

John R. Fellows

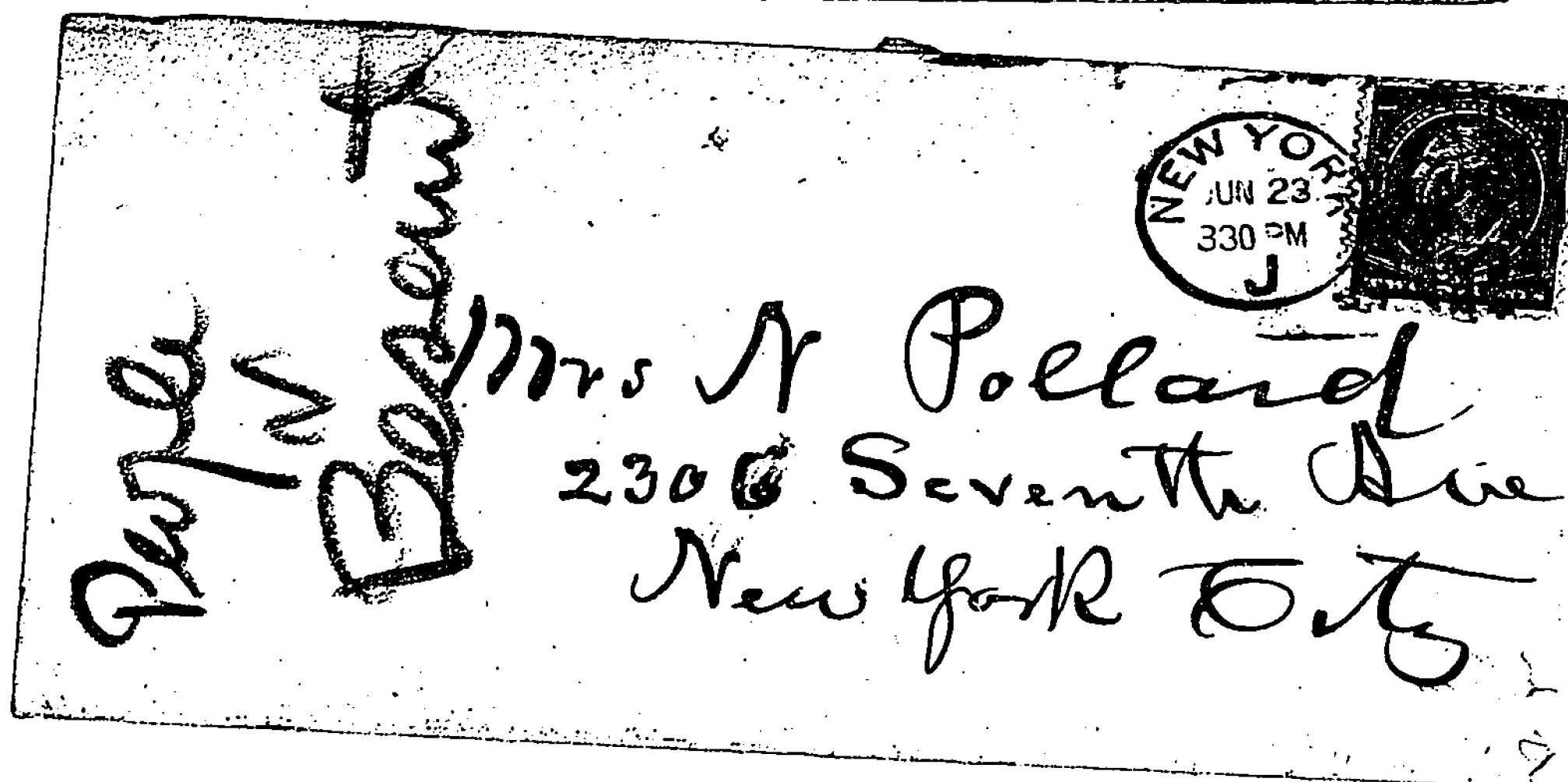
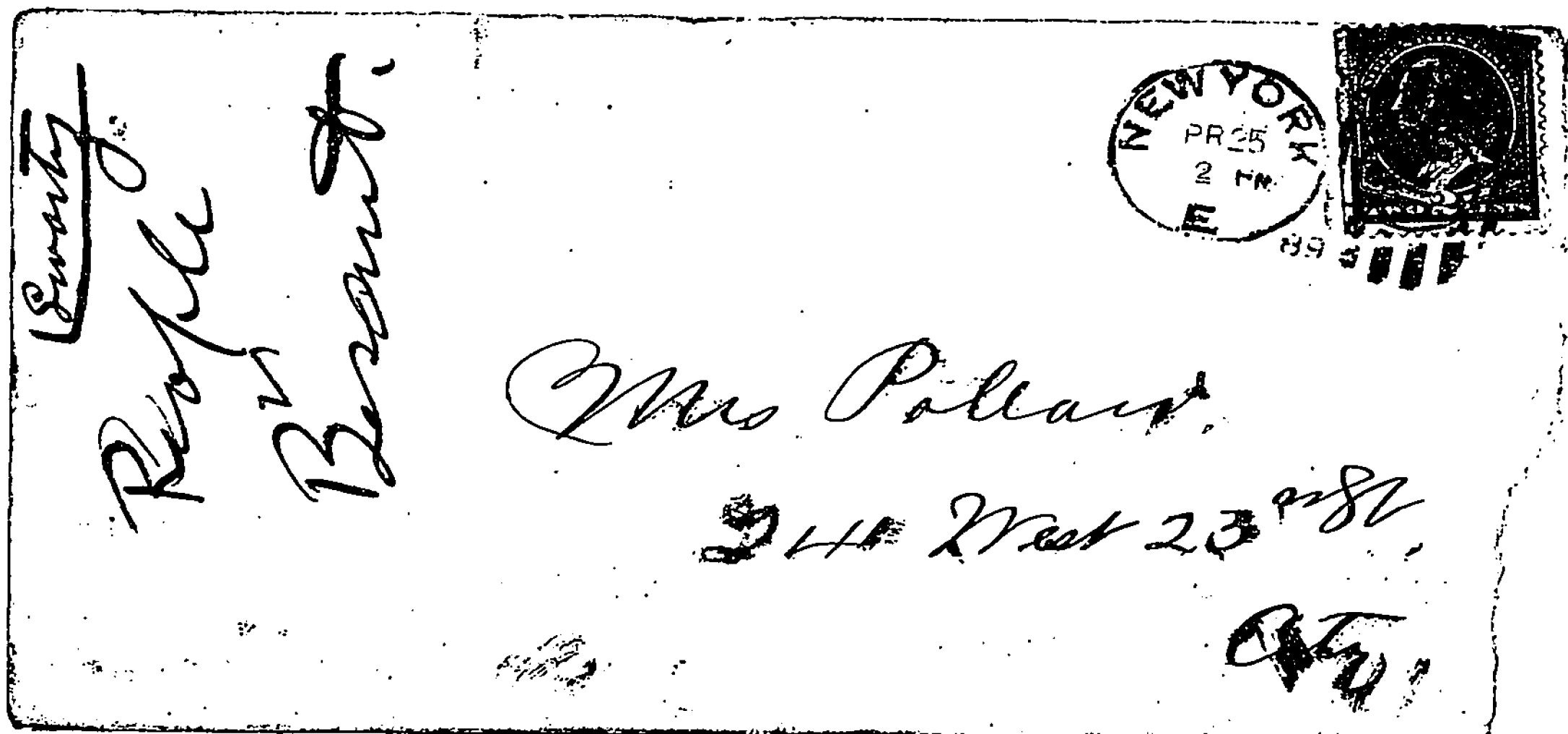
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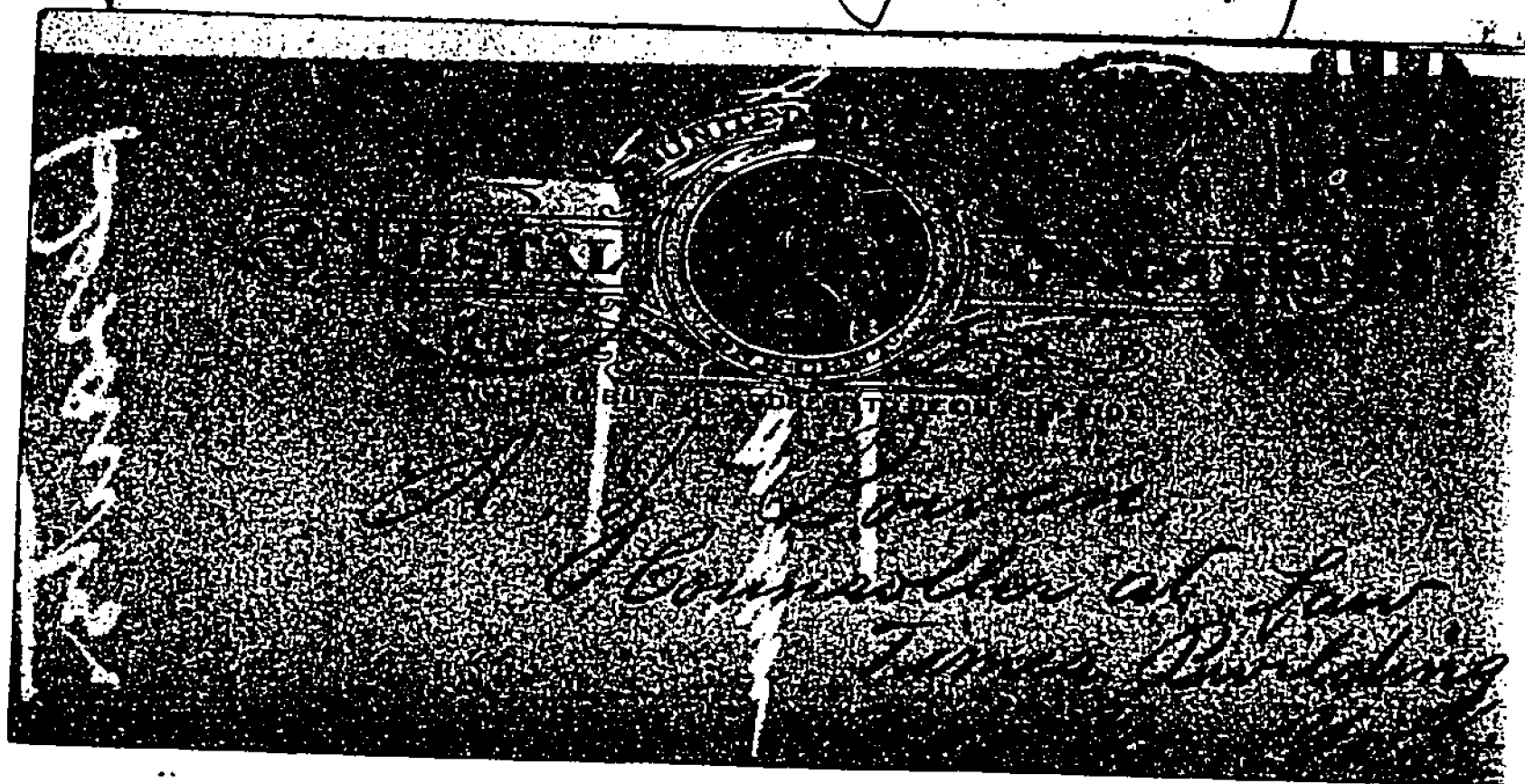
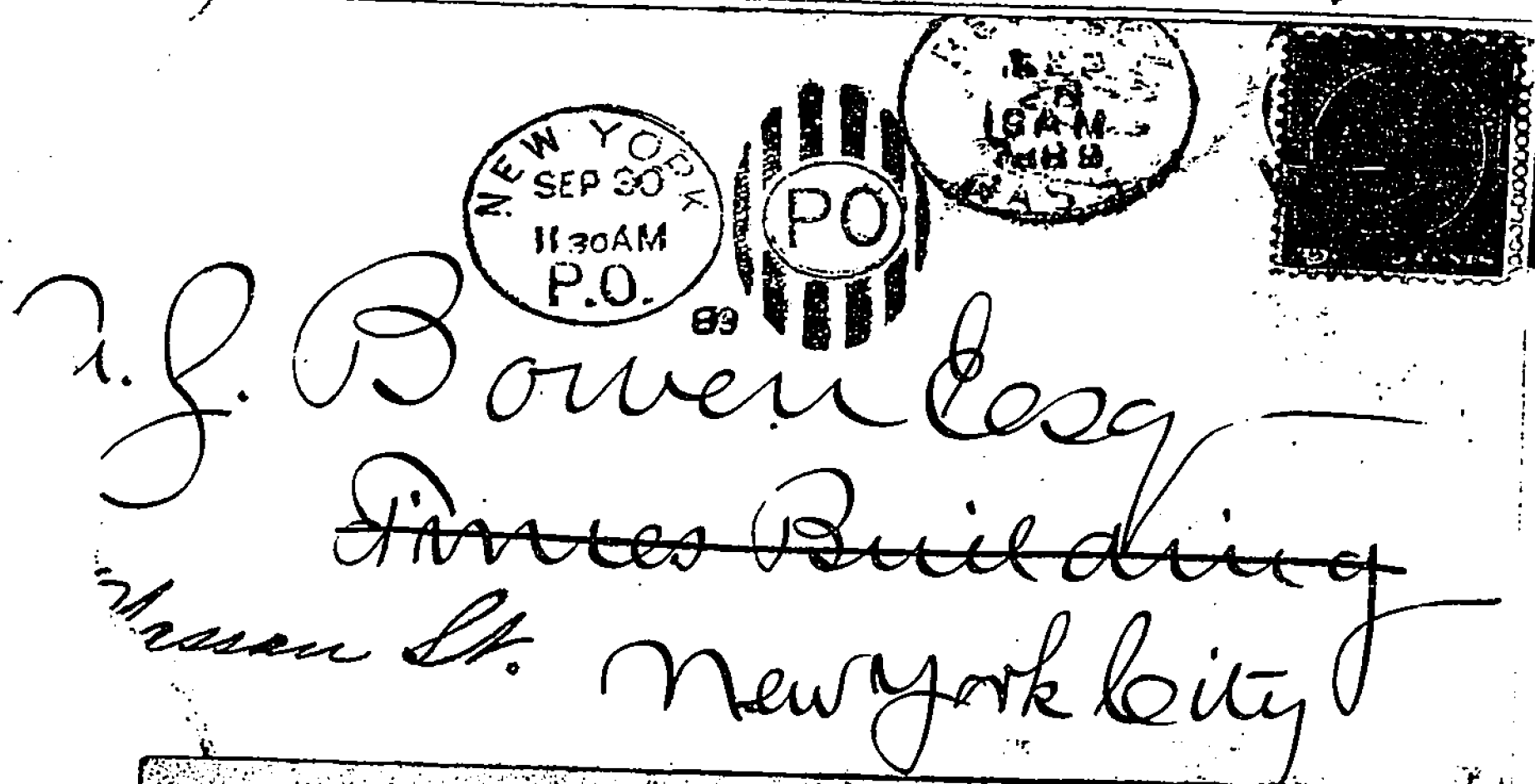
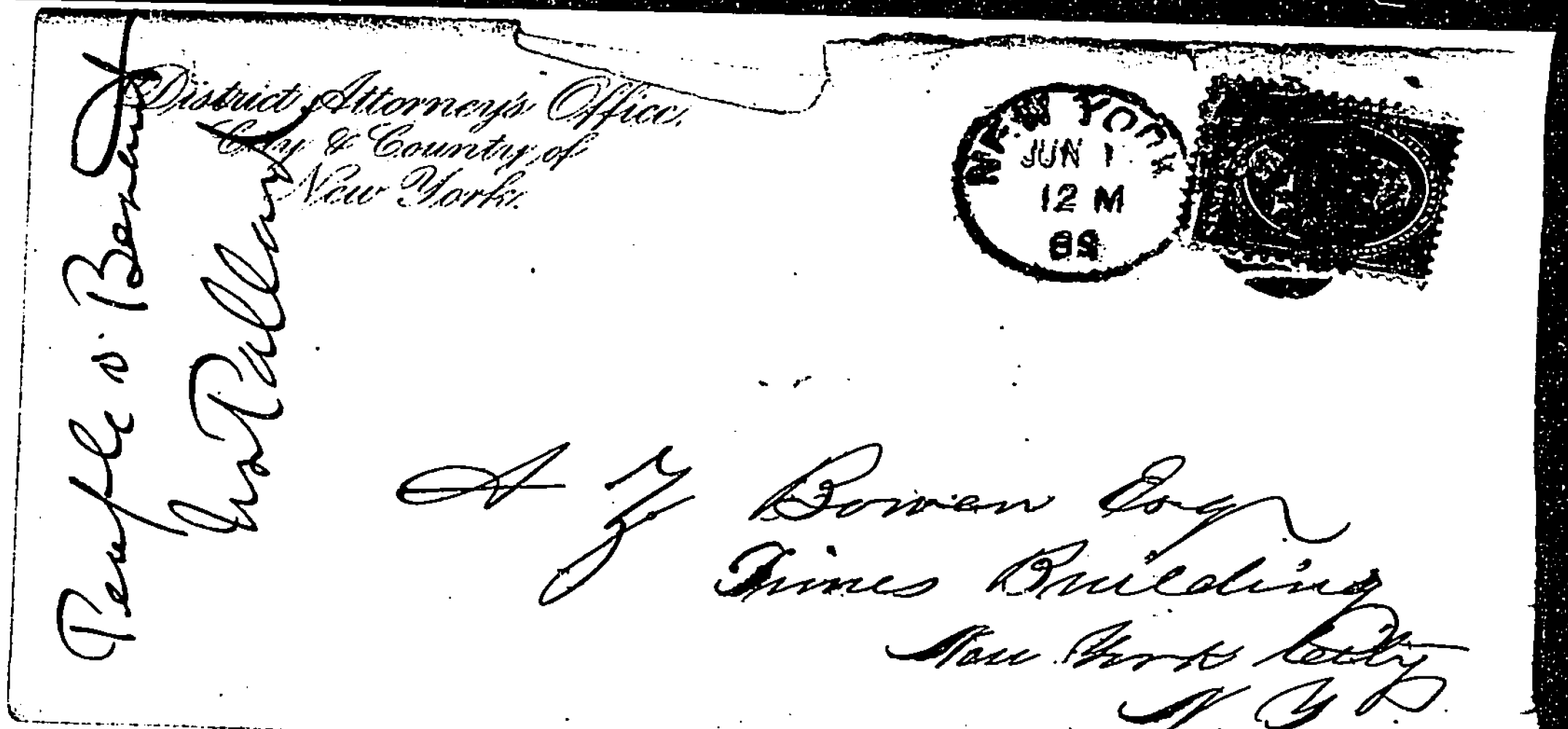
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Court of General Sessions

The People

v
Wm H. Berant
and Edna Berant.

Robbery, First Degree

Preliminary Statement.

The defendants lived, at the time of this offense, at 241 West 23rd St. New York City. They also "let" some of their rooms. Prof B. Worcester, a witness herein, and a friend of many years to the Complainant herein, Mrs. Nathalie Pallard, roomed in the house at said time. At the recommendation of said Worcester Mrs. Pallard hired a room of defendants; but ^{desired it} only for one night. Defendants would not let a room for one night so complainant took the room for a week. Mrs. Pallard ~~did not desire to~~ had at this time just returned from the funeral of her only ^{time} friend at whose bedside she had been sitting for three days & nights, and she did not wish to return to her former ~~lodging house~~ ^{apartment} where she had lived nearly a year and where said friend had died.

At the end of the first week Mrs Pallard having pressing professional engagements and at the earnest solicitation of defendants, decided to remain a short time longer, until she should leave the city on professional work as she then intended. Then sickness and various causes kept her there until about two weeks before the occurrence, when she ^{became so ill} ~~took her bed with sickness~~ that she took her bed, in which condition she was, when the Robbery occurred.

As the evidence will show, the defendants had been dispossessed for non-payment of rent a month or so before the robbery; but the proceedings had been postponed from time to time. Meantime they had taken a house on 16th Street and earnestly besought complainant to go with them thither, and offered to carry her there in a carriage. But Mrs Pallard not desiring to do so had obtained the consent of the Landlord to remain in the house for a few days. When defendants learned finally that Mrs Pallard would not go with them.

Mrs Berant, one of the defendants, rushed into Mrs Pallard's room, seized her violently threw her upon the floor against the wall, and screaming for the others to "come up here quick" she tore the bed clothes and bed tick off the bed and threw them into the hall. By this time she was aided by Mrs A. Berant. Bridget the servant girl, three negroes, and two other men all of whom had trooped into the room. Mrs Pallard meantime said "Don't take those things" whereupon Bridget started at Mrs Pallard with a bed slat as though to strike her, but was prevented by Prof Worcester who that moment entered the room. Mrs Pallard then ran to the window & shouted "Murder" "Help." ~~but by this~~ but seeing no policeman for help of any kind she ran ^{for her life} down into the street, unclad as she was, and in a drenching rain, but only to come back without help. Meanwhile in her very presence before she started for the street where she was in great fear of bodily harm, they

had forcibly taken from her against her resistance all her clothing, writings, and miscellaneous articles usually found in a lady's possession, except one trunk which by main force she kept. They ~~then~~ left ~~her~~ ^{thus} in a bare, ^{cold} room with no clothing or covering except her night-dress ^{and a plaid cloth} in this condition she remained all Friday afternoon & night, Saturday and Saturday night. She slept upon her trunk.

Witnesses

1. Mrs. Nathalia Pallard. The Complainant. makes practically the above statement.
2. Mrs. ^{Spire} Applegate 311 W 24 St. Had roomed at Besants 241 W 23 St. 6 or 8 weeks prior to robbery. Had casually met Complainant, but during her sickness had visited her daily. Usually however left the house before she was out of bed. Left the house Wednesday Apr. 24, and took rooms at 311 W 24 St. Called on Mrs. Pallard Friday

morning April 26. Plaintiff was then in bed; Besant came in during call and wanted to take the furniture and offered to furnish a carriage to take Mrs Pallard to the new house. Mrs Pallard asked him to leave some things and an agreement was made that he should take the heavy articles and leave the bed, carpet & which Mrs Pallard was to send down.

Witness helped Mrs Pallard remove some trinkets from the bureau & placed them on the wash stand. Witness did not move any clothing Mrs Pallard moved the clothing. Mr Besant then returned to the room and said "Old woman is down stairs and must have money as the things had to go" At this point witness excused herself and went home. Mrs Pallard was then in bed.

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Saturday A.M. April 27, ^{the} 89. Prof Worcester called on witness and asked her to call on Mrs Pallard. Witness went. Mrs Pallard was in ^{her} room which contained nothing but one trunk. ~~etc~~ The clothing which Complainant then had on was only her night-dress & a flaid cloak as evidence. Witness and Mrs Pallard stood at the window & saw defendant's loading things on the wagon. Mrs Pallard would say:

"See there is my 80x80. or There goes my 80x80" But witness could not swear at that distance from the window to the street that the articles belonging referred to belonged to complainant. Witness does not remember just how long she stood at the window; while she was there ~~that~~ Mrs Gibbs came in. Also several gentlemen officers or detectives whose names are unknown to witness.

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Rev F. B. Bingley. I saw the Black velvet walking down the day it came from the dress-makers and frequently commented upon it as being too rich for a church member to wear. Late Friday or Saturday he came to room of complainant and asked where her things & dresses had gone. He also learned that Besants had stolen his furs and shoes. He went to them and forced them to give those things up. He then informed complainant that the Detective was selling her out to the Besants.

4. Mr. Ortiz, 109 Water St., owner of House No 241 West 23 St., witness gave Mrs Pallard permission to remain in the house until the following week, i.e., the next week after the Berants would be gone.

Also lost about \$300 rent by the defendants.

Also received the house back damaged to extent of about \$1000 instead of in good condition as the lease called for.

Also had the defendants dispossessed.

Complainant showed witness the letter from Swartz regarding renting house. (See Letter)

5. Sick
Mr J.B. Giff's, 240 West 23 St.
Saw complainant running out in the street in the rain, with no clothing on but night dress & cloak. Witness knew Mrs Pallard was ill, & came across the street to 241. to see what was the matter. She found Mrs Pallard sitting in a chair with the wet things above named upon her. Has known Mrs Pallard 8 or 10 years.

6 Mrs Dr Micks 239 West 23.
Saw complainant running in the
street unclad. was sent for by com-
plainant on Saturday and called.
She found complainant in bare
room and sent over a mattress
a quilt and a white spread.
(Call her also on Character of)
(Defendants)

James Golden
Heard Peter Burrus say "I
can tell you where your
things are. Down at Besants
I carried them there. They
wanted me to hold you
but I wouldn't. I saw the niggers
hold you. But I don't want
my trouble with the Besants.
I don't want to lose my place."
This in presence of Mrs Pallard.

As to Character.
Of Mrs Pallard.

Rev McCaff 115 Broadway
J. D. Lansing 18 Broadway.
Mr Smith 406 West 14 St.
James H. Bissell
Mrs Henry Proof reader, N.Y.C.

POOR QUALITY
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Rec'd

Receipts

Receipts

Receipts

A. J. Bowen
J. J. C. C. C.
12013
New York

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understood that Mrs Pallard
was going to keep her room
until after the Centennial,
Besant went for me to offere
sic and threatened to knock
me down. They then took
out all the things.

Then Mrs Pallard ran to the
window and screamed for
help; and ran out out to
the street. Most of the things
were then out of the room.
I went with Mrs Pallard
to the street & came back
with her. Then I went
for a Policeman walked
to 80th Street then down
to 20th Street Station, up
an 8th Avenue & down on
Seventh Avenue. Raining all
the time. They sent a police-
man, but he refused to arrest.
~~One of the colored men told~~

J.D. Lansing was at Mrs Pallard's
room on the day of the assault,
after it had occurred.

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Profile
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Besant

Memorandum
of
Interview

POOR QUALITY
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Prof. B. P. Worcester.

236 West 121.

Was out and in Mrs Pallard's room all day. Was there while Owner of house was there. Witness their ~~rooming in the house~~. At time of first assault upon Mr Pallard by Mrs Besant was at the Telegraph office corner 23rd St and 8th Avenue sending a telegram ~~to~~ ~~Mr Besant~~ ~~18 Broadway~~ for Mr Pallard. It was raining I returned to Mrs Pallard's room immediately and found Mrs Besant & Bridgett in the room. The girl took ^{up} a ^{bed} flat and was striking at Mrs Pallard I jumped between Mrs Pallard and her assailant the servant girl. Mrs Besant then screamed for help and Mrs Besant & colored men & 2 white men rushed into the room and took every thing out my things & Mrs Pallard's things I tried to prevent them taking ~~things~~ ^{things} out. I had put my things in Mrs Pallard's room when they cleared out my room because it was

Penal Code § 528.

A person who with ^{the} intent to deprive --- the true owner of his property, or of the use and benefit thereof --- takes any money, personal property &c --- Steals such property and is guilty of larceny.

§ 530. Grand Larceny. Property more than \$500.

§ 531 "Second degree. \$25 to \$500 in any manner.

§ 549. The fact that the defendant intended to restore the property stolen --- is no ground of defense or of mitigation of punishment.
Indictment should contain 3 parts

- 1 Grand Larceny 1st degree
- 2 " " 2nd degree
- 3 Petit Larceny

Request judge to Charge under
§ 10. Jury must find degree of crime.

Assault,
§ 212. 2nd degree.

§ 224 Robbery.
§ 228 " Indict for immediately.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0380

People in re

Pallard

at
Berant & wife.

—
Mrs. Pandora
—

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0381

Beverly - Sep-28. 1889

I cannot accept
Notices of Divial for Oct be-
-cause I am here, and
expect to be for a few days
more. Please withhold the
Notice until after my
return - say week after
next (I shall return next
week) & oblige

Yours very truly
Asa A. Smith

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0382

PART II.

THE COURT ROOM IS IN THE THIRD 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.]

SUBPCENA FOR A WITNESS TO ATTEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE.

In the Name of the People of the State of New York.

To *Mary A. M. Pollard*
of No. *163 W. 125* Street,

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the City and County of New York, at the Sessions Building adjoining the New Court House in the City Hall Park in the City of New York, on the *19* day of *June* 1889, at the hour of 11 in the forenoon of the same day, as a witness in a criminal action prosecuted by the People of the State of New York, against *William Bisant*

Dated at the City of New York, the first Monday of *June* in the year of our Lord, 1889.

JOHN R. FELLOWS, District Attorney.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0383

John
Rev. [unclear]
163 W 28th St
New York

Respectfully

Should the case not be called on for trial, and no reason assigned in Court, please inquire in the District Attorney's Office about it, and you may save time.
If inconvenient to remain, and you prefer another day, state this early to the District Attorney, in the Court.
If in when served, please send timely word to the District Attorney's Office.
If you know of more testimony than was produced before the Magistrate, or if a fact which you think material was not there brought out, please state the same to the District Attorney or one of his Assistants.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

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CABLE ADDRESS "TENSPRUCE."
TELEPHONE CALL "NASSAU 220."

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KEPT THREE MONTHS FOR EXAMINATION BY ADVERTISERS.

People
B...

W. 6/8. 1887
W. B. Brown, Times Building N.Y.
To GEO. P. ROWELL & CO., N.Y.

Do not remember how
long it takes that thing
and Kiff's came in several
gentleman officers
detectives have
unknown to Washington
Present said in some
time he would furnish
a courage to D.C. Ever
down to new

D.C. Ever Starr D.
Stinner

\$100

Paid
Geo. P. Rowell Rev

the weak stand of clothing
was removed Mrs P did not.
Mr Besant then re-
turned to the room,
said "Old woman was
down stairs & must have
money or the things had to
go!" At this point witness
excused herself to meet home,
Mrs P was then in bed.

Sat Am. Worcester called
for witness & asked her to
call on Mrs P. Witness went.
Mrs Pallard was in the
room, which contained
nothing but one trunk.
Clothing of P. was
right dress & cloak of
circular. Practically no
clothing.

Witness & Mrs P stood at
window & saw lefts loading
things on the wagon. Mrs P
said "All there is my coat & so.
There is my coat & so" but witness
could not swear that they were.

People v Besant & wife!
Mem of testimony of P. & P. & P.
24 Nov 24

Roomed at Besant's 24 Nov 23
6 or 8 weeks prior to P. & P.
Had casually met P. & P.
But during ^{her} sickness had
visited her daily. Left
the house before she was
out of bed.

Left house Wed, & called
Friday morning (Apr 26).
P. & P. was in bed.
Besant came in during call.
He wanted to take the furniture.
Mrs P asked him to leave
some things. Agreement
was made that he take the
heavy articles & leave bed
carpet & so. which Mrs P
was to send down ~~at~~
Witness helped Mrs P remove
some trunks from the
bureau & placed them on

**POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL**

0386

*District Attorneys Office.
City & County of
New York.*

June 1, 1889.

Dear Sir:-

I will re-submit the Besant Case to the Grand Jury
with a view of finding an Indictment for robbery.

Yours very truly,

J R Collins

District Attorney.

A. Z. Bowen, Esq.,

Times Building.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0387

People: Pallard
v
Besant

Memorandum

Witness

Mrs Pallard.

163 W 128 St

Matter of testimony
Story of the robbery.

B.P. Worcester.

240 W 23 St

Eye witness to portions

Mrs Afflegate.

311 W 24 St

Eye witness to condition of
Mrs Pallard's room just before
& just after robbery. Also.

heard Besant agree to leave

Mrs Pallard in possession of the furniture

Mrs Mix

239 W 23

Saw Mrs Pallard in the street
in her night dress, & furnishe
ed her a mattress Saturday night.

Mrs Gibbs

240 W 23

Saw Mrs Pallard in street, &
also in the Besant's house.

Rev Mr Bingley (Fled)

388 8th Ave.

Saw the \$12.50 dress that has
never been returned & overheard
some conversation down stairs.

James Golden.

2215 8th Ave.

Was present at only interview
of Mrs Pallard and Defendants'
witness Peter O'Brien & can
corroborate the latter of perjury.

John Wendell (Colored)

369 7th Ave.

That original plan of
Besant was to take Mrs Pallard's
things & lock them up

POOR QUALITY
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0388

Mr. O'Leary

109 W. 1st St.

(Margaret?)

Officer Matthew Symon

16th Prec. St. H.

and "sneak" the money out of her.

That he gave Mrs. Pallard permission to remain in the house. Also that Berants were dispossessed & cheated the landlord out of \$800[±] rent. That he was present and was requested by Mrs. Pallard to arrest the Berants, but refused unless she go to the station house to make complaint.

If question of character.

John Jacobson

23rd St. 2nd floor
East of 8th Avenue

That Berants stole many articles of him while he was a subtenant of theirs.

Code C.P.
§ 10.

Request judge to change jury to find degree of crime in case verdict guilty.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0389

People
(Pallard)
v
Besant

Memorandum

W. J. Bowers
Appointed for
Complaint,
Times Building
W. J.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0390

235 West 23rd Street

New York 10/18/89
This is to certify
that Mrs. M. J. Jones
239 West 23rd St. is
under my care,
and has such trouble
with her breathing from
an affliction of the
lungs, that it is
dangerous for her to
go out for any length
of time or to sit in
a close atmosphere
as it causes an acute
attack. Robert M. Murray
M.D.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0391

County of General Sessions

The People
against
Besant & wife

Mrs Hanger proprietor of
storage room at 300 West 34th
St. New York City. You are
hereby directed to deliver to
Mrs Pullard or her Attorney
Mr A. J. Bowser. a lecture con-
taining a certain valise, belong-
ing to Mrs Pullard, entitled "California"

District Attorney

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0392

Incorporation Papers.

Present Stockholders.

Agreement with Carson Co.

People

N

News from Argentine.

Contract with ac.

Bosart

Order

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0393

H. SCHWARTZ,
MONEY EXCHANGE BROKERAGE
AND
STEAMSHIP TICKET OFFICE,
AT
THE HOME BANK,
303 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET,
REMOVED TO 273 WEST 23rd ST.
NEW YORK, 188

Madam - As I have taken
building 241 W. 23rd St. and
understand from M. B. Bawle
you would like to rent upper
part of the building, please call
at my office, 439 Fulton
Street Brooklyn.

Yours truly
H. Schwartz
439 Fulton St.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0394

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

The People

vs.

William M. Besant and Edith Besant.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed between the District Attorney on the part of the People, and Messrs Howe & Hummel, attorneys for the defense--

First, that certain property contained in a certain trunk and a certain valise, now in the storage warehouse at No. 300 West 34th Street in the City of New York, is the identical property, or part of the same, which is the subject matter and property mentioned in the indictment herein.

Secondly, That said property is of the market value of \$800.

Thirdly, That this stipulation is to be read in evidence and accepted as such upon the trial of this indictment.

Fourthly, That said property may be surrendered to Nathalie Pollard, the complainant herein upon her receipt for the same, to be given to the District Attorney.

Dated, New York, July 11th, 1889.

J. R. Fellows

District Attorney

Attorneys for Defendant.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0395

People
Beaumonts

Draft notice

Please take notice that on Tuesday
the 16th day of July 1889, the property which
is the subject matter in part of the indictment
herein, and which is now in the Storage
warehouse at number 300 west 34th St, will
be valued by witnesses and an inventory
of the same taken, preparatory to delivering
said property over to the Complainant, herein,
Jas Nathaniel Pallard,
W. G. July 12, 1889,
To Messrs Horner & Hummel
Drafts' attys

District Attorney

People's Bank
Horner & Hummel
would not
sign

W. B. Bowen

Courtesy Civil
Suit for Damages
Beaumont
Indict for Medicines
destruction of property,
Indict Storage
house for receiving
stolen goods.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0396

On Friday, April 26th, 1889, the following articles were stolen from my Room, in Premises, 241 West 23rd St., (2^d floor front) By

William Besant, Edith, his wife
Bridgett, his cook, Mary, his daughter,
four Negro Expressmen, and two white Expressmen:

viz:

One Large Saratoga Trunk, containing the following articles:—

- One Black Lace Over Dress
- One Black Lace Shawl
- One White Lace Shawl
- One White Lace Sack, trimmed with silver beads
- One Light silk Dress, trimmed with scarlet satin & silver beads
- One Black silk Dress, trimmed down the front with shot silk, ^{gold}scarlet and black faced sleeves.
- One Crushed Strawberry silk, very long train.
- One Pinked silk Dress, trimmed down the front with beads & white silk very long train.
- One pair of white satin Boots.
- One Riding Habit, Hat & white.

over

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0397

A Lot of Under Wear of Different kinds

Miscellaneous Articles, lying loose ~~out~~
about the Room:

One Black Velvet Walking Suit, trimmed
with Black Lace Shawl, Lace
Flourishes, Silk Sash and Jet.

One Black Beaded Hat, with scarlet
Feather

Lot of circulars, Note Paper, Envelopes
Private Letters, Business Letters
Copies of Deeds of Property, Pens,
etc, etc.

One Manicure Set, consisting of File,
scissors, and Chamois Brush

One Wire Hair Brush.

One Beaded Cape

Other Articles, impossible to remember.

One Large Black Satchel, filled with
important documents of Travel,
Poems, Sketches of Life, Lectures,
Printed and in Manuscript, etc.
and Many other Articles impossible to
recall.

Valued \$1000.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0398

Page
3

Soaking wet
Found on ~~parlor~~ floor ^{Sat night}

Two Small Hand Satchels,
Two Collar Boxes & Handkerchiefs,
One Small Clock,
Two Looking Glasses,
One Fancy Plate, containing Hair Pins
Toile Combs, Etc
One Small Folio of circulars and addresses.
One Old Blue Dress (Dress)
One Old Black Walk Velvet Walking
One Morning Wrapper,
Two Family Pictures.

The articles mentioned above, on
Page 3 were found Saturday Night
on the Floor Below, same House.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0399

People

was

Relevant

James Leach

Off
16th Precinct

List of things

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0400

263 West 25, May 13/84

Mr. Hademan.

Dear Sir:

Miss Berant called on
this P.M. She is the young lady that
I told you I called the Decey Duck, by
of her sweet smile, pretty face
youth no one suspects her of
of lying. She is the door-keeper of
mother's house, and generally comes
the door to meet all and every one
comes to ask for her father. She
then with the most innocent look
tells them that her father was out
of town, when at the same time she

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0401

2/ I was hid behind the door.

I took quite a fancy to that girl and for a long time believed her to be an angel of innocence. Fresh youth and sweet smiles go a long way you know; and I don't blame her father and mother in sending her out to do their dirty work.

If you inquire at the 22nd & 7th ave. Civil Court you will find that numberless warrants have been issued against Besant, and the officers have not been able to catch him, owing to this truthful young lady.

To-day she almost persuaded me that I could not speak the truth. She told me that all my utterances on ~~on~~ the other day were lies. Just at this moment

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0402

a gentleman called, and she
cooled down a little. She declared
that she did not know what had
become of my black velvet dress
but acknowledged that it was
in the house, and that I had worn
it only a couple of days before
I was taken sick. She also declared
that she knew nothing of the mani-
cure set or the Beaded Cape.

Mr. Wingley called this evening,
and asked me if I had found
my velvet dress, and will make
oath that it was in my room
when he went to Newark a
couple of days before. This

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0403

4/ dress served to be a particular favorite of Mr. Bingley's on account of its richness, for he was always joking me about its being too rich and gay for a member of the Church. I saw this dress in a Russian Draw that they put in at the same time one on top of the other.

Mamie Besant was there when the things were being taken away and Mr. Bingley and Prof Worcester will swear to that fact, for Mr. Bingley had occasions to speak with her about his own things and very severely, and compelled her to bring them back.

When she first came this afternoon almost the first words she uttered were — (over)

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0404

Mr. Holland, You know
You promised to move with
us; and when paper found out that
You did not intend to go he
got mad; and that was the
cause of it

Yours Truly

Paul

Bartlett

Long

Text

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0405

Mar 28 / 89
Received of Mrs Pollard
(2⁰⁰) for Rent in advance
for Hall Room

Mrs Besant

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0406

Peaf-
r
Basant.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0407

District Attorney's Office.

Part 3
PEOPLE

vs.

William H. Brantford

Nov 6/89

Topic day for trial

7 in

X

Trunk 2.

✓ 1 pair white socks
Cost \$18.00
with 5 in 10

✓ 1 white lace handkerchief
\$12.50

✓ 1 white wrapper

✓ 1 Riding Hat

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0408

Bingley

When Blackdara first
came home from India
I showed it to Bingley:
and he said it was entirely
too rich and elegant for a
church member's wear. After
consulted — similar strain

— " —
Late in the afternoon of
either Friday or Saturday next
positive which Bingley came
home a first quarter he
asked an entry room was
what had become of your
dress & clothes.

I answered that Berants
had stolen everything.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0409

He found also that they
had stolen his shoes & fur.
I went to them & forced
them to return those things.
Then Bingley came up to
me and told me that the
detective whom Dist Atty.
had sent up to aid me
was calling me out, that
he was ready on a name
of Detective found Sheldon
of 300 Mulberry St.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

04 10

Profile

Bezaute

Memorandum

0411

Quercus Nutt.

1305.510.⁵⁵
1064:68^{#3}
1486:333.[✓]
1638:270[✓]

Bands of Honor

Brady J. Davis

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0412

Pink Dress.	150.
Black Silk Dress.	150.
Pearl Silk Dress.	150.
Cher Strawberry Silk "	100.
Underwear	25.
Black Lace Shawl.	125.
White Lace "	125.
Lace overdress	40.

Out of Trunk.
This dress (old)
Old Black Dress (")
New Black Underdress 100.
Beaded Cape. \$ 25.
Beaded Collar. 30.
Manicure 25.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0413

Sanitary Mtgs.

1300.310. \$1000.00
1064: 68 \$3000.00
1486: 333. 1500. "12.00
1638: 270 1500 "8.82

Bands of 4000

Bands of 10000 +

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

04 14

Circulars.
Woodcuts.

Cross.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0415

Pink Dress.	150.
Black Silk Dress.	150.
Pearl Silk Dress.	150.
Cher Strawberry Silk "	150.
Underwear	25.
Black Lace Shawl.	125.
White Lace "	125.
Lace overdress	40.

Out of Trunk.
This dress (old)
Old Black Dress (")
New Black undershirt 100.
Beaded Cape. \$ 25.
Beaded Collar, 3.00
Manicure 2.25

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

04 16

People

Basement.

Storage
Room

300 W 34 St. N.Y.
Storage Room

Valentine:

Missing:

Private Sketches of life;

Travel as enough for

Book of 300 pages

New Lecture Show

Windows & Bubbles.

All of the Pallads private

letters except a few

in 3, 2, 14, St.

Not returned or taken
to storage room

Black Velvet walking dress
with lace shawl front.

etc etc

Combs & brushes.

Manicure Set.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0417

300 W. 34 St.
Storage Room
Valise: Lectures
Bubbles
Adams Encl.
80 Minutes and more
Life of Ben S. Coon
Bundles
Ankney Park for book
Presents & Blank Paper
1 Wood cut Poster
1 Scrap Book
Books
Study of Words
4th Reader
Bernice Boyle
Dict. Ornate & Trivia
Franklin Missiniff
Clytie, Lowell's Library
Temperance readings & etc.
Vou Boyle's Recitations
Sewards Travels
Vocal & Physical Culture
Lectures:
California

800 W. 34 St.
Storage Room
Dress & gown grain
1 Black & white silk
dress, Paul affixed
lace & Black & white
1 Pink feather fan
1 Riding whip
1 7d black silk
1 bunch feathers
Pink for hair
1 Black silk dress
Front shawl silk
Scold & Gold
1 Black & white
Lilk dress
All these in one train
1 Light Lavender
gown grain Lilk dress
Lace flowers & Paullet
satin, Trains
Dresses 100 to 150
1 White Marino ^{Shawl} 5.00

1 Black ^{Frank 2} lace shawl
9/12 5
1 Black lace Pal
on ^{over dress} 5.00
1 White Petticoats
1 Riding Habit
Paid 17.5
Doit ^{Shawl} value
more than 25.00
1 Black silk Petticoat
Couture 8.10
1 Extra pair full
lace ^{and} ^{and} ^{and}
silk dress
over ^{and} ^{and} ^{and}
1 Lace waist for
London silk
dress 82.50
1 Sheet
1 7d ^{and} ^{and} ^{and}
1 7d + dress lace

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

04 18

1/ Gentlemen who
visited me at 241
West 23rd:

Mr. Smith ~~577~~ 406
West 14th St, American
Colonies.

Mr. Lancing, Real
Estate, 18 Broadway
Room 713.

Mr. Bissell 57 East
20th St.

2/ Mr. Henry, Prof.
Reader, World.

Rev. Mr. Bingley

Names unknown
one Reporter World
" " Herald.

Ladies

Mrs. J. B. Fildes
240 West 23rd

Mrs. Dr. Mix
239 West 23rd.

3

Mrs. White 330 West 31

Mrs. Deane

Miss J. D. Overall
265 West 29

Mrs. J. B. Mitchell
163 West 12th

Miss Bloodgett
263 West 25th

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0419

4/

I am a member
in good standing
in The 2nd St. M. E.
Church, between
8th & 9th ave.

Rev. J. E. Cookman
D. D. Pastor

Mathias Pallard,
Wilcox E. C. A. Pallard

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0420

People
w
Beaut

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0421

Put me on stand
in the Bingley

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0422



MAYOR'S OFFICE

New York, May 15th, 1889.

Miss Nathalie Pollard,
263 West 25th Street.

Dear madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 14th reciting the action which has been taken in the matter of your complaint ^{against} Mr. and Mrs. Besant and others and protesting against their being allowed to be at large, etc. Just at present I do not see how it is within the power of this office to aid you further in the matter, but, judging from your statements it would seem as though you had grounds for a civil suit as well. If you think so I would suggest that you secure the services of a good lawyer, who will, no doubt, protect all your rights.

Very respectfully,

Thos. C. T. Crain

Secretary.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0423

Penfile
(Pollard)

Beant

Letter from Mary
Beant.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0424



MAYOR'S OFFICE

New York, May 14, 1889.

Miss Marie Pollard,

263 West 25th Street.

Dear Madam:

The Mayor has this day received report from the Police Department on your complaint made at this office May 4th, 1889. The report states that Officer Cooper called upon you and while taking your statement Officer English of the 1st Court Squad came in and notified you that the parties who took your goods had been arrested and that he wanted you to go to Court and make complaint against them.

The Mayor trusts that you have received your goods and now have no cause for complaint.

Very respectfully,

Thos. C. C. Quinn
Secretary.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0425

Pallard
People
Bisanti

Letter of Mayor
Grant

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0426

*District Attorney's Office,
City & County of
New York.*

Dear Madam June 21st 1889

Cal Fellows
received your note and
requests me to tell you
that during the months
of July & August but
one part of the Court
is in session and that
only to try Prison cases
which each of the judges
have resolved to do from
this time forth to the end of
this term, which puts it
out of the power of this office
to control any trials other
than for the purposes of said delay.
Respectfully
Andrew D. Dawson

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0427

A. Z. BOWEN,
Counsellor at Law,
Times Building,
NEW YORK.

People
v
Besant & Co.

June 3rd 1889

Dear Sir,

Please send
all notices herein for
the complainant Mrs Pallard
and the witness B.P. Worcester
to me at my office and
oblige Yours truly

A. Z. Bowen

Hon John R Fallows.

District Attorney
New York.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0428

Put this letter
with Bulsant
et al papers &
notify Counsel
when case is on
also send him papers
subpoena for
Complainant

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0429

A. Z. BOWEN,
Counsellor at Law,
Times Building,
NEW YORK.

People
v
Besantano.

Dear Sir.

In addition to
the witnesses who went before
the Grand Jury in this case
please summon the following:
✓ Mrs Afflegate, 311 West 24th St,
✓ Rev Mr Bingley 311. 8th Avenue.
✓ Mrs J. B. Gibbs 240 West 23rd St
James Golden.

~~Driver for Rich. find him at
Erich's Stables on 22nd St between 7th & 8th
Avenue. 6 - 7 1/2 P.M.~~

Mrs Dr. Wicks. 239 W. 23rd St.

Officer Mathew Lyman.

Station House. 230 W. 20 St.

Detective Samuel Sheldon.

Han John R Follows 300 Mulberry St

Attorney
District Attorney, Attorney
for Mrs Pallaro.

POOR QUALITY
ORIGINAL

0430

Marie A M Pallard

^{agent}
William Besant
Edith Besant

I want you to tell the Court all that
you know about this case and the
taking of your property by the defendants.
I had not been feeling well and
on April 26th Mr Besant came up
to my rooms and said that he was
going to go up the house and if I
wanted it I could take it. I said I
wanted the house but I was too ill to
attend to it and I received a letter from
the agent telling me if I did not take the
house he would put a person on it
so another lady was about taking
the house and the house had been
rented to another person. On Friday
the morning of the assault Mrs
Besant came to me and I being
ill Mr Besant said I could remain
in the house until I was better and
the sum of the house came

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she and said I must remain, & Mrs.
Besant said she would have to take her
baggage and sofa & I said all
right. & I said my lady friend to take
the things out of the bureau & got out
offered to assist her & went over
to bed. & I had just got to my
way in bed when Mrs. Besant (she)
opened the door & came in and picked
me up and threw me up over her
shoulder & then she screamed
at the top of her voice when I came
out Besant & 3 colored men and
two white men & they picked up
my bags and trunks & took them
out of the room. & I ran to the
window and screamed murder &
police but no assistance came.
and I jumped down stairs and
stood there they were taking my
things & I said don't touch them
they are mine. Then Mrs. Besant
spoke up and said you owe me
a bill. & I said I owe you nothing.

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I say you and me \$9⁵⁰ dollars for
room & board and I said I must take
board with you I owe you nothing
and after I told these officers people
the things were mine they paid no
attention to me but took them away
There is a list of the things that they
took away (producing a list).
They took everything I had even the
dress I wore on.

Q Those trunks and packages were taken from
you by force and violence. Wasn't
your wife?

A Yes Sir

Q And these articles that you mention
in these papers were contained in these
trunks & packages?

A Yes Sir

Q Were these articles in the room?

A Yes Sir

Q And they were taken out of your room
by these people?

A Yes Sir

Q And against your will & against

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your consent?

Answer: Yes

Q. Did you board with these people?

Answer: Yes

Q. You only rooms there?

Answer: Yes

Q. Did you ever take any meals there?

Answer: I got I paid for a la carte

Q. You were not boarding there as a
regular boarder?

Answer: Yes

Q. Did you owe them any money for
board on the 26th of April?

Answer: Yes

Q. Did they make any demand on you
for any money before the time when
Mrs. Besant mentioned it?

Answer: Not until they took the things
out of the room

Q. Had you always paid them up
regularly?

Answer: Yes

Q. Was Mrs. Besant in the habit of
borrowing money of you?

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any or sin be borrowed \$2.50 dollars

If you be ever repaid it is

And a sin be owed it to me a yet.

If they took all of these property that you
described out of your room without
your consent & against your will
Answer:

Copy Examined

If I just look at this paper as way if you
recognize it is

Answer our it before

If did you on the 20th of April have a
paper like this left with you containing
these contents is

Answer:

If you are positive about that are you?
Answer:

If and on the 27 of April the day following
and you have a paper like this left
with you?

Answer it is the first time I ever saw it
You the 25 or 27 either one of these dates
and Mr. Deoant in company with
Peter Burns come into your room

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and deliver such a paper to you?
Ans: si

Q Did Mr or Mrs Beaubien pay to you
about a week before that, that they
began to move and would like to
have you procure other quarters?
Ans: si

Q Did they notify you that they were
going to move?

A He said he was going to move and if
I wanted the house I could have it
after that he said he had been disposed
of when Mr or Mrs Beaubien first notified
you that she should accommodate the
family necessity of retaining your
house.

A I never heard any thing of it until the
morning when I saw him taking the
things down.

Q And you say up to that time that
neither Mr or Mrs Beaubien had made
any claim against you for board?
Ans: si

Q Did Mrs Beaubien bring you

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your meals occasionally?

A: Not unless I was paid for the meals which I did on 30 occasions of no more.

Answer: I paid her 20 cents a meal. Where did you first come that? A 20 or 30 months ago.

Q: How long before the trouble arose did Mr & Mrs Beasant come to town and pay to you they wanted the money you owed them?

Answer:

Q: Did you not receive notice from Mr Beasant that your trunk was put in the storage warehouse as this receipt shows?

Answer:

Q: And didn't he say to you if you would him his \$50 that you would get your trunk back?

Answer:

Q: When were these other things returned to you?

A: Late Saturday night.

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8.
If you are able to state the content of the
business that was mentioned in the
receipt?

Did the articles go to the (referring to a
paper)?

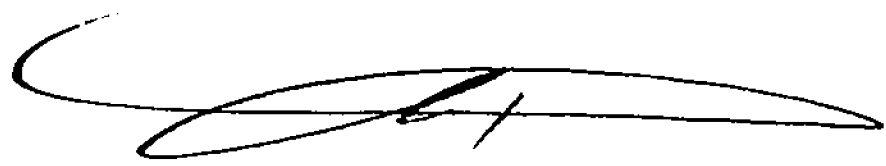
If was that more than one time 1000
to this business?

A Generally how was the key?

Did it stay?

If was your name a front room?
Answer in

If on what floor?
A second floor.



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District Police Court.

Undertaking to appear during the Examination.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

An information having been laid before J. Henry Ford a Police Justice
of the City of New York, charging William Besant Defendant with
the offence of Grand Larceny

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, William Besant Defendant of No. 105 West
16 Street; by occupation a Cement sidewalk layer
and Frank F. Preston of No. 344 West 48
Street, by occupation a Clerk Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that
the above named William Besant Defendant
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the Dist 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 Three
Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 9
day of May 1889.
J. Henry Ford POLICE JUSTICE.

William Besant
F. F. Preston

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CITY AND COUNTY { ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

deputy
William H. H. H.
Police Justice.
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Sworn to before me, this 9

Frank J. Preston

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and *house*
holder within the said County and State, and is worth *Six* 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 *the household furniture*

in premises 344 West 48th Street, valued
\$1500 free and clear. Also three vacant lots of
land situate in town Candor, Cayuga
County, New York, valued \$1500
free and clear

F. J. Preston

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

Undertaking to appear
during the Examination.

Taken the day of 188

Justice.

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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 Henry Ford a Police Justice
of the City of New York, charging Edith Besant Defendant with
the offence of Grand Larceny

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, Edith Besant Defendant of No. 105 West
16th Street; by occupation a Dressmaker
and Frank F. Preston of No. 344 West 48th
Street, by occupation a Clerk Surety, hereby jointly and severally undertake that
the above named Edith Besant Defendant
shall personally appear before the said Justice, at the Just 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 Three
Hundred Dollars.

Taken and acknowledged before me, this 9
day of May 1889
J. Henry Ford POLICE JUSTICE.

E. A. Murren
F. F. Preston

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CITY AND COUNTY } ss.
OF NEW YORK, }

day of *May*
William J. Smith
Police Justice.
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Sworn to before me, this

Frank J. Preston

the within named Bail and Surety being duly sworn, says, that he is a resident and *house*
holder within the said County and State, and is worth *Six* 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 *the house hold furniture*

in premises 344 West 48th Street, valued
\$1500 free and clear. Also three vacant
lots of land situate in the town of
Candor, Torgo County, New York, valued
\$1500 free and clear

T. J. Preston

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,

ON THE COMPLAINT OF

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during the Examination.

Taken the

day of

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Justice.

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Police Court

District

Affidavit—Larceny.

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

Marie A. Pollard

of No. *26.3 West 25* Street, aged *50* years,
occupation *Lecturer* being duly sworn
deposes and says, that on the *26* day of *April* 188*9* 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 trunk containing wearing
apparel of the value of about
Eight hundred dollars. Also other
miscellaneous articles consisting of
other wearing apparel, and articles of
personal use all of the value of
about Two hundred dollars
All of the value of One thousand dollars*

the property of *deponent*

and that this deponent
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken, stolen,
and carried away by *William Besant and Edith Besant*

*who were in company with each other
and acting in concert for the reasons
that on said day the said property
was in deponent's apartments at premises
241 West 23rd Street. That the defendants
entered said apartments with other persons
who were the servants and agents of
the defendants and under their direction
took and removed said property from
said apartment against the will and
consent of deponent and defendants
appropriated the same to their own use
and benefit and depriving this deponent
of the use and benefit thereof*

Marie A. Pollard

Sworn to before me, this

day

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John W. [Signature]
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

William Besant 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. *William Besant*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *37 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *England*

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

Answer. *105 West 16th Street. 2 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Cement sidewalk layer*

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 demand
examinations* *William N. Besant*

Taken before me this

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day of

May

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J. M. [Signature]

Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200.

District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY
OF NEW YORK, ss.

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

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Edith Besant*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *38 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *Philadelphia*

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

Answer. *105 West 16th Street. 7 weeks*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Dressmaker*

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

Answer. *I am not guilty and
demand an examination.*

Edith Besant

Taken before me this

day of

May

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J. J. [Signature]

Police Justice.

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Sec. 151.

Police Court 1 District.

CITY AND COUNTY }
OF NEW YORK. } ss. In the name of the People of the State of New York; To the Sheriff of the County
of New York, or any Marshal or Policeman of the City of New York:

Whereas, Complaint in writing and upon oath, has been made before the undersigned, one of the Police
Justices for the City of New York, by Marie A. K. Pollard
of No. 263 West 25 Street, that on the 26 day of April
1889 at the City of New York, in the County of New York, the following article to wit:

One trunk containing wearing apparel
also other property all

of the value of about One thousand Dollars,
the property of said Pollard

w as taken, stolen and carried away, and as the said complainant has cause to suspect, and does suspect and
believe, by William Besant Edith Besant

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 bod ie of the said Defendant ie
and forthwith bring them before me, at the 2nd 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 7 day of May 1889

J. H. Murphy POLICE JUSTICE.

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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.....

Dated: May 10 1889 J. H. Smith Police Justice.

Dated May 10 1889 J. H. Munro Police Justice.

Dated 188..... *Police Justice.*

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District Attorney's Office.

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vs.

William Besant & al.

To fix a day

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3) very long trail.

"One Pink Muslin
wrapper

"A Box of Jewelry, con-
sisting of diamond cross
ditto: earrings."

One old fashion ^{breast} ~~waist~~
pin"

"One Music Folder of Commemorative

Commissions

~~Documents~~ issued to
me as a Public Temperance
Speaker by State Organi-
zations of New York and
New Jersey, and Grand
Worthy Patriarchs of The
Sons of Temperance of
both these States, and
of the United States.

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If I were not ^{skinned} ~~skinned~~
I would stand by you in
the name of the people. To
show up this outrage, etc.

I have stood by you
and am willing to get
And I have made state-
ments ^{etc} to reporters, etc.
~~at your suggestion~~ That
will make me enemies
unless this matter is thor-
oughly lifted. I have
no doubt that Besant
will try bring all the
influence to prove himself
an honest man; but I have
an important witness who
will prove him to be a
thief

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People

Board

Wm

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And the return of
the old rubbish was
also a blind.

You will find
my black velvet dress,
I am sure, at Miss Munson,
Dress maker
in Harlem, a friend
of the servant, one
who had a motive to
keep hide it

The name of the De-
tective was
Barnes
as well as I am able to read it.
(over)

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I will be down
Monday, and bring that

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A. Z. BOWEN,
Counsellor at Law,
Times Building,
NEW YORK.

People
Berant?

June 11 1889

My Dear Sir:

Veteran lawyers inform me that it is an old custom with the District Attorney's office to send the attorney who is engaged by the complainant notice of any important move in the case.

Today this case came on the calendar unknown either to myself or the complainant Mrs. Pallard.

Will you kindly send the usual notice to me of any thing further and greatly oblige

Yours Truly

A. Z. Bowen.

To:

Hon. John R. Fallows

District Attorney
New York

Atty for Mrs. Pallard.

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LAW OFFICE OF
ROGER FOSTER,
EVENING POST BUILDING,
206 & 208 BROADWAY,

People vs. *People vs. [illegible]*

People vs. [illegible]

New York, May 22 188

Dear Mr. [illegible]
I have from 3rd [illegible]
received. I have under [illegible] the
sent of which you [illegible] without a
retainer.

Truly

Roger Foster

Mr. Nathaniel Pollard
Care of Mrs. Birdsell
263 W. 25 St. New York

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Revised
Barnett

Revised
K. P. D.

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COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-Part

Before Hon. *H. A. Gilderbore*
Assistant District Attorney *Maedona* for the People.
Calendar for *Oct. 22^d* 1889.

THE PEOPLE, &C.

No.

vs.

William M. Bezant and
Edith Bezant
L.

Mrs. Mathalie Pallard

Prof. B. P. Worcester

Mrs. L. Applegate

Rev. F. G. Bingley

P. S.

Mr. O. B.

P. S. 16

Mrs. J. B. Gibbs

Mrs. H. M. Doctors, ~~deceased~~ with heirs.

THE PEOPLE, &C.

No.

vs.

James Golden

P. S. 16

J. D. Lansing

P. S.

Mr. H. Bissell

P. S. 16

Mr. Henry

L.

Off. ~~Lansing~~

S. H.

THE PEOPLE, &C.

No.

vs.

THE PEOPLE, &C.

No.

vs.

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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 N. Besant
and Eda Besant

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

William N. Besant and Eda Besant
of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY IN THE first DEGREE, committed
as follows:

The said

William N. Besant and
Eda Besant, both —
late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the twenty sixth
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty-nine, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms,
one trunk of the value of
twenty-five dollars, divers articles
of clothing and wearing apparel
of a number and description to the
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,
of the value of eight hundred dollars,
and divers goods, chattels and personal prop-
erty, a more particular description whereof
is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,
of the value of two hundred dollars
of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Marie A. N. Pollard

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.

John B. Bellows,
District Attorney.

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Witnesses:

Maria Antonette J. Pollard
Lewis J. Gingles
O P Norwater

Counsel,

Filed

Pleads,

1889

THE PEOPLE of

Grand Larceny & such degree.
[Sections 528, 530 —, Penal Code].

William J. Brant
Edgar Brant

JOHN R. FELLOWS,

District Attorney.

A TRUE BILL

Foreman.

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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 N. Desaut
and *Rosa Desaut*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *William N. Desaut and Rosa Desaut*

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

The said *William N. Desaut and Rosa Desaut*, both

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *twenty* day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-*nine*, in the daytime of the said day, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Maime A. N. Colvard*, in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

one bundle of the value of twenty five dollars, divers articles of clothing and wearing apparel, a number and description to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of eight hundred dollars, and divers other goods, chattels and personal property, a more particular description whereof is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, of the value of two hundred dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Maime A. N. Colvard*, in the presence of the said *Maime A. N. Colvard*, against the will, and by violence to the person of the said *Maime A. N. Colvard*, then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, the said

William N. Desaut and Rosa Desaut, and each of them, being then and there aided by an accomplice, actually present, to wit: each by the other, and also by three 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.

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Second COUNT:—

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment further
accuse the said *William Berant and*

Esa Berant

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

The said *William Berant and Esa*
Berant, both

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*, in the *day*time of the said day, at the City and
County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *Marie A. N. Ballard,*
in the peace of the said People, then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and

one bundle of the value of twenty
five dollars, divers articles of
clothing and wearing apparel, of
a number and description to the
Grand Jury aforesaid unknown,
of the value of eight hundred dollars,
and divers other goods, chattels
and personal property, a more
particular description whereof is
to the Grand Jury aforesaid
unknown, of the value of two
hundred dollars,

of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *Marie A. N. Ballard,*
from the person of the said *Marie A. N. Ballard,* against the will,
and by violence to the person of the said *Marie A. N. Ballard,*
then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, *the said*

William N. Berant and Esa Berant,
and each of them being then and there
aided by an accomplice at lawfully
present, to wit: each of the other, and also
any three 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.

John R. Holloway,
Attorney