

No. **11931**

Supreme Court of Illinois

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vs.

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*J. O. Davie's*  
*Benjamin F. Oreer*  
*vs*  
*Wilson Strong*

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*Prepared*

State of Illinois  
In Daviess County

Pleas in Circuit Court  
of said County begun and held on the second  
Monday of May A.D. 1857 before the Hon. Benjamin R.  
Sheldon Presiding Judge of said Court.

Benjamin F. O'Leary Plaintiff

vs

Wilson Strong Defendant

Be it remembered that  
heretofore, to wit on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1857  
the said Plaintiff Benj<sup>m</sup> F. O'Leary filed in the  
office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said  
Daviess County a transcript from W. C. Bostwick  
Esqr. in the words and figures following, to wit.

Benjamin F. O'Leary A sumpsit on account

vs.

Wilson Strong Demand \$ 51. 32

1857 February 15<sup>th</sup>

On affidavit and bond filed, writ  
is issued to Robt Const. returnable 20<sup>th</sup> inst at 2 P.M.  
and summons to Charles Baur as Garnishee

Writ and summons returned served by  
reading summons to Charles Baur as Garnishee  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1857 and no personal property  
found, and no service upon Wilson Strong, he not being  
found in this County. J. C. Robt Constable. fees \$ 1.00

February 20<sup>th</sup> the defendant appearing not, and no person  
appearing for him, and he not having been served with  
process, the case is continued to 3<sup>d</sup> of March next at 9 A.M.  
and notice issued to Robt Const to be posted accord-  
ing to law

March 3<sup>d</sup> Notices returned, endorsed ~~covered~~ posted for ten days Robt const. fees .50<sup>5</sup> and neither party appearing, case is continued to 6<sup>th</sup> inst at 9 a.m.

March 6<sup>th</sup> Now at this day came the Plaintiff and defendant with their counsel, and defendant by his counsel moves to dismiss, because writ is returnable before expiration of 30<sup>day</sup> from date of issuing same, which is overruled, and trial is had, and judgment is rendered against the defendant for \$25.<sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub> damages and \$3.<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> costs

Damages		\$25.15	
Justice		3.85	
Robt Const		4.25	
Witnesses Williams	$\frac{50}{100}$	Dorm $\frac{50}{100}$	1.00
Garnor Const	$\frac{3.50}{50}$		4.00
Garnishee proceedings			1.25
			<u>\$39.50</u>

1857 March 8<sup>th</sup> Charles Baur Garnishee waives process and comes in person, and answers under oath, that he is indebted to the defendant Wilson Strong in the sum of \$50. to \$60. and judgment is rendered against him for the sum of \$39.<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Original damages vs deft.		\$25.15
Justice	$\frac{3.85}{75}$	4.60
Robt Const.	$\frac{4.25}{50}$	4.75
Garnor "		4.00
Witnesses		1.00
		<u>\$39.50</u>
Justice additional Entering appeal and transcript	\$ .50	
Recd of Pff	\$ .50	

State of Illinois  
So Daviess County

I, the undersigned, Justice of the Peace of said County, do certify that the foregoing transcript

and papers annexed, contain a full and perfect statement of the proceedings and judgment before me in the above entitled cause.

Dated March 22<sup>d</sup> 1857

(Indorsed) Filed March 22<sup>d</sup> 1857. Wm. C. Bostwick

Wm. H. Bradley Clerk  
by E. C. Ripley Deputy

and on the same day, to wit, on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1857 the said Plaintiff filed with said Clerk his appeal Bond, in the words and figures following to wit.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Benjamin F. Dear and Edward H. Dorn, are held and firmly bound unto Wilson Strong in the penal sum of eighty Dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of our heirs, executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents; sealed with our Seals, and dated this ~~twenty~~ 22<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1857.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that should the above named Benjamin F. Dear, did on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 1857, before Wm. C. Bostwick Esqr. a Justice of the Peace for So. Davie's County recover a judgment against the above named Wilson Strong for the sum of twenty five dollars and costs, from which said judgment the said Benjamin F. Dear wishes to appeal to the Circuit Court of So. Davie's County. Now if the said B. F. Dear shall prosecute his appeal with effect, and shall pay whatever judgment shall be rendered, upon dismissal or trial of said appeal, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

B. F. Dear (L.S.)  
Edward H. Dorn (L.S.)

Approved Wm. H. Bradley Clerk.  
\$1.95 paid by appellant W. H. Bradley Clerk

(Indorsed) Filed March 22<sup>d</sup> 1857  
W. H. Bradley Clerk

And afterwards, to wit, on the same day to wit on the  
22<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1851 a writ of Summons and also  
a Supersedeas were issued from said Clerks Office in  
said entitled cause which together with the return on each  
are in the words and figures following to wit.

State of Illinois <sup>3d</sup>ct  
So Daviess County

The people of the State of Illinois to the  
Sheriff of So Daviess County, Greeting;

We command you to summon Wilson Strong to appear  
before the Circuit Court of So Daviess County, at the next  
term to be holden at Galena, on the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday of May  
next, to answer Benjamin F. Orear, in an appeal.

And have you shew and shere this writ.

Witness Wm H. Bradley Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of So Daviess County Illinois, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of March  
A.D. 1851 <sup>Esq</sup>

Attest Wm H. Bradley Clerk

Returned this writ this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1851 not  
executed, the within named William Strong not found  
Shriffs pro Recty .10 C. E. Sanders Shff.

State of Illinois <sup>3d</sup>ct  
So Daviess County

The people of the State of Illinois to  
Wm C. Postwick Esq. a Justice of the Peace and  
J. C. Robt & J. Garner a Constable, in and for said County  
Greeting;

Whereas in a certain suit lately depending before you  
the said Wm C. Postwick, wherein Benjamin F. Orear is  
Plaintiff, and Wilson Strong is defendant, judgment  
has been rendered in favor of the said Plaintiff, for  
the sum of Twenty five  $\frac{15}{100}$  dollars, and cost, as by the  
transcript of the said judgment, from the Pocket of the  
said Justice, filed in the Clerks Office of our Circuit  
Court, in and for the said County by the said Orear

in this behalf appears; and whereas the said Oscar  
has taken an appeal from the said judgment and has  
given bond with security to the said Strong, for the  
due prosecution thereof, according to law, which said  
bond is filed as of record in the said Clarks Office  
We, therefore, command and injoin you, the said W<sup>m</sup>  
C. Postwick, and J. C. Robe & J. Garner, so being Justice  
and Constables, as aforesaid, that you do entirely in-  
terpose and desist from proceeding any further in  
said suit; and that you do forthwith dispend, all pro-  
ceedings in relation thereto, and cease from molest-  
ing the said Oscar, in any wise on that account until  
the said Circuit Court, shall make other order to the  
contrary. And this you are in no wise to omit at your  
peril.

Seal

To the Sheriff of Jo Daviess County to execute.  
Witness W<sup>m</sup> H. Bradley Clerk of the  
Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County  
Illinois, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1857  
Attest W<sup>m</sup> H. Bradley Clerk

Executed this writ by reading to the within named  
W<sup>m</sup> C. Postwick & J. C. Robe this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March  
A.D. 1857. John Garner not found.

Sheriff's fees for serving & returning \$1.20

C. E. Sanders Sheriff.

State of Illinois  
Jo Daviess County

The People of the State of Illinois  
to the Sheriff of Jo Daviess County, Greeting:

We command you again to summon Wilson  
Strong to appear before the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess  
County at the next term to be holden at Galena  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of August next to answer

Benjamin F. O'ear in an appeal. And have you  
then there this writ.

Seal

Witness Wm R. Bradley Clerk of the  
Circuit Court of St. Davies County Illinois  
at Galena this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July A. D. 1857  
Attest Wm R. Bradley Clerk

Executed this writ by reading to the within named  
Wilson Strong this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1857  
Sheriffs fees. Serving .50

Milage & Returning .50 \$1.00 C. E. Sanders Shff.

And afterwards to wit on the fifth day of September  
as yet of the August term of said Circuit Court  
A. D. 1857 in the record of the Proceedings thereof in said  
Cause is the following entry, to wit

Benjamin F. O'ear

vs.

Wilson Strong } Appeal

Now at this day came the parties  
by their attorneys, and upon issue joined thereupon  
came a jury of good and lawful men, to wit, Thos.  
A. Sanders, Thomas Shanagan, Hugh McGuire, Horatio  
Nelson, William Green, Henry Rice, Wm J. Nicholson,  
Augustus Chetlain, John Steif, Philip Shuster, H. H. Low,  
Leander Lawrence, who were duly elected, tried and  
sworn, and after hearing the evidence, and arguments  
of counsel, the jury retired to consider of their verdict and  
after a short absence, they returned into Court with the  
following Verdict. to wit; "We, the jury find for the  
Plaintiff and assess his damages at the sum of twenty  
five dollars and fifteen cents" and the Plaintiff by  
his attorney, moves for a new trial, and the defendant  
by his attorney moves the Court to appportion the costs herein

And afterwards to wit on the ~~next~~ day to wit on the  
6<sup>th</sup> day of September, in said August term of said  
~~August~~ Circuit Court A.D. 1857 in the record of the  
Proceedings thereof in said cause is the following en-  
-try, to wit;

Benjamin S. Orr  
vs. } Appeal  
Wilson Strong }

The Plaintiff by his attorney moves  
the Court for a new trial herein and files his reasons  
therefor, and after argument by counsel the motion is over-  
-ruled by the Court, to which decision of the Court, the Plaintiff  
by his attorney excepts, and the defendant by his attorney  
moves the Court for judgment upon the Verdict of the jury  
heretofore returned. It is therefore considered by the Court  
that the Plaintiff have and recover of the defendant the  
sum of twenty five dollars and fifteen cents, so as afore-  
-said assessed by the jury, and that Execution issue  
therefor, and it is further ordered by the Court, that the  
Plaintiff pay all the costs in this Court, and in the  
Court below & that Execution issue therefor, to which  
ruling & decision of the Court, the Plaintiff by his attor-  
-ney excepts.

In the trial of the foregoing entitled case the  
following exceptions were made and allowed  
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Benjamin F. O'ear

vs

Wilson Strong

Be it remembered that this cause came ~~to~~ to be heard in the So. Davis Circuit Court on the fifth day of September 1857 before the Hon. B. R. Shelton and a jury. The Plaintiff in support of his cause of action, first called as a witness in said ~~at a~~ <sup>cause</sup> ~~and~~ ~~testified~~ one J. Garner who being duly sworn in said cause, testified that in October 1850 he saw the deft Strong and had some talk with him, defendant said that if O'ear would quit ~~his~~ <sup>quit</sup> his fussing about the diggings, he deft would pay said O'ear what he owed him, but did not say how much, or what sum, he owed him. Plaintiff then called and swore as a witness in said cause, one ~~W~~ Hollis who stated, that in the fall of 1850 he had frequent conversations with said Strong and others, in one of which conversations, said Strong stated that he owed to said O'ear some twenty dollars - that witness had fifty dollars and 30 cents, being for mineral sold, and that one half of that sum, <sup>witness was under the impression</sup> belonged to and was going to said O'ear - that in all the conversations which witness had with said Strong about any indebtedness from said Strong to said O'ear, it was about said diggings and mineral. Witness also stated that he received said \$50.<sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for said Strong and paid it over to said Strong - that he was not then the Agent of said Strong but was afterwards appointed by written power of attorney, agent of said Strong upon said diggings from which said mineral had been raised and sold for said \$50.<sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Witness had conversations with several persons besides said Strong in regard to said \$50.<sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and that he got the impression from some of them, that one half of said sum was going to O'ear, but whether such impression was

derived from any thing said by, or in the presence of, said Strong, witness cannot state positively; his best recollection is, that the impression was derived from statements made by Strong, but as the matter occurred some time ago, witness did not charge his memory with the matter, and could not without doing violence to his conscience say how he got the impression positively.

Plff then produced (under a notice from the deft) in open Court a written Bill of sale from said Strong to said Creeer and the same was read in evidence to the Court and jury without objection which Bill of sale is in the words & figures to wit

Know all men by these presents, that I Wilson Strong of the County of St Davids and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to me in hand paid by Th. F. Creeer, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents, do grant bargain and sell unto the said Creeer, his Executors and assigns, all that certain Grist Mill House, Wheels, Irons, Stones, Bolts and all other, the furniture and fixtures contained in, or attached to, said Mill House, the same being situated on the south west quarter of section Thirty in Township twenty nine north, Range four east of the fourth principal Meridian in said County of St Davids, the same being formerly known, as the Old Grist Mill House of John Strong on Apple River. Hereby giving and granting to the said Th. F. Creeer, his executors and assigns, full permission, power, and liberty to enter upon the said tract of land where said Grist Mill House is, and to take down, and take away, said Mill House, Wheels, Irons, Stones, and all the other fixtures, furniture &c. in and about said Mill House, to be found at any time or times, that he or they may think proper

within a period of two years from and after the date of these presents; He and they doing as little damage to the land as possible. To have and to hold, all and singular the <sup>said</sup> Mill House Machinery, furniture and fixtures &c &c above bargained and sold to the said B. F. Creever, his executors and assigns forever -

It is expressly understood and agreed, that the said B. F. Creever, is to have and take the immediate possession of the above described property hereby bargained and sold to the said Creever, and to take down and dispose of the same as he may think proper.

In witness whereof, I, the said Wilson Strong, have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Galena this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1858  
Wilson Strong Ed. S. C.

The Plaintiff then called and swore as a witness in said cause one Hoover who testified that he was a practical Miller, and also a practical Mill-wright who stated <sup>that</sup> a bolt meant, and was the bolting cloth; that without the bolting cloth, it was not and could not be properly called a bolt, but only a chest and reel - said witness also testified, that said Strong told said witness before the date of said Bill of sale, that he Strong had taken off said bolting cloth and had taken the same off said Mill and had it in his possession for safe keeping, and to prevent the said bolting cloth from being destroyed. Said witness also testified that said Mill was not a safe place to keep said bolting cloth - said Strong also told said witness that said bolting cloth was a pretty good one excepting one or two small <sup>holes</sup> ~~patches~~ also stated that the value of a <sup>common</sup> bolting cloth was from \$40. to \$60. Witness said Miller had from 1 to 6 bolting clothes, some more and some less; that before the sale to said Creever, witness did not know, that this Mill had

more than one.

The Plaintiff then called and swore as a witness in <sup>said</sup> ~~the~~ cause one J. E. Williams, who testified that soon after the date of said written Bill of sale for said Mill, he heard a conversation between said Cree and said Strong, at the gate before the door of said Cree's house and near said Mill, in which, <sup>said</sup> conversation Cree asked <sup>said</sup> Strong if he (Strong) had brought down his (Cree's) bolting cloth. Strong said, no I have not, but I am going up to Platt soon, and then I will bring it to you. Witness thought this was about Sept. 1850. Witness also stated that Platt was some 20 miles from said Cree's house.

Plaintiff then called and swore as a witness in said cause one Faith, who stated that in the fall of 1850, he heard said Strong state that he had sold to said Cree a Bolting cloth, and that he would bring said bolting cloth to said Cree in a few days. This conversation was had in the house of, and at the table of said Cree near said Mill mentioned in said Bill of sale from Strong to Cree. Said Williams also testified, that about the commencement of harvest 1850, said Strong took said Cree's fourth of said diggings to work on shares, but <sup>what</sup> portion said Strong was to have, witness did recollect and could not say. at that time said diggings was good. This was all the evidence offered, or given in said cause. The dept then asked the Court to instruct the jury as follows, to wit.

When there is a written agreement between the parties all parole agreements are merged in it, and the writing is the best, and only evidence, and no parole agreement can add to said writing.

If the jury believe from the testimony, that Strong by a written Bill of sale, sold to Cree the Grist Mill House, Whubs, Irons, Stones, Bolts, and all other the furniture and fixtures contained in or attached to said Mill; that

Given

Return

such a bill of sale will not, and does not, cover a bolting cloth which was not at the time of the sale, in the mill; that altho<sup>ugh</sup> the bolting cloth, had one been in the mill, if at the time of the sale, it had been taken out and carried by Strong 20 miles off for safe keeping; that the bolting cloth would not pass by the bill of sale in this case.

Refused

If the jury believe from the testimony, that the bill of sale in this case was made to H. J. Oree, altho the property was contracted for by Benj. J. Oree, the bill of sale in such case would not pass the title to Benj. J. Oree, and he would not be entitled to recover of the defendant for the property specified in the bill, unless unless some other sale is shown to Benj. J. Oree.

Given

That the Plaintiff, cannot in this case, recover for the bolting cloth, unless a demand for the same has been proved.

Given

If the jury believe from the testimony that Strong sold to Oree, a bolting cloth with the fixtures of the mill, and that <sup>the</sup> bolting cloth was in the possession of Strong, then the Plaintiff, to entitle himself to recover the value of the bolting cloth must first prove a demand and refusal to deliver the bolting cloth

Given

That a demand for the bolting cloth in this case, and a refusal to deliver the same on request, is absolutely necessary for the Plaintiff, or he cannot recover the value thereof.

Given

If the jury believe from the testimony, that Strong had possession of the bolting cloth, and that the same was twenty miles distant from the mill, there was no obligation on the part of Strong to carry the same to the mill, or to the house of Oree, unless unless it has been proved that at the time of the sale he agreed to deliver the same at the Mill, or at Oree's house, or

Given

that he afterwards, for a valuable consideration, then paid, or agreed to be paid to him, agreed to deliver the same at the Mill, or Peers house, merely saying afterwards, that he would bring the bolting cloth would not make Strong liable, unless he agreed to do so for a valuable consideration.

The jury found a verdict for Plaintiff as follows, to wit: "We, the jury, find for the Plaintiff and assess his damages at twenty five dollars and fifteen cents" And thereupon the Plaintiff moved the Court for a new trial in <sup>this case</sup> for the following reasons, to wit,

B. F. Over  
vs  
Wilson Strong

In Circuit Court of St. Davids  
County August Term 1857

The said Plaintiff <sup>moves</sup> the Court for a new trial herein, for the following reasons

1. Because the finding of the jury was contrary to law and evidence.

2. Because the finding of the jury was contrary to the instructions of the Court.

And for other reasons appearing on record and proceedings herein.

J. P. Stevens

Att'y for Plff.

Which said motion the Court overruled and the Plaintiff then and there excepted. And thereupon the defendant moved the Court to tax against the Plaintiff the costs in said cause, the judgment here being the same as before the Justice, and the Plaintiff having taken the appeal, which the Court did, and ruled and adjudged as follows

Benjamin J. O'Leary  
vs  
Wilson Strong

Appeal

The Plaintiff by his attorney moves the Court for a new trial herein and files his reasons therefor, and after argument by counsel, the motion is overruled by the Court, to which decision of the Court the Plaintiff, by his attorney excepts; and the defendant by his attorney moves the Court for judgment upon the verdict of the jury, heretofore returned. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the Plaintiff have and recover of the defendant the sum of twenty five dollars and fifteen cents, so as aforesaid assessed by the jury and that Execution issue therefor; and it is further ordered by the Court that the Plff pay all the costs in this Court and in the Court below, and that Execution issue therefor to which ruling and decision of the Court, the Plaintiff by his attorney excepts.

To all of which said ruling, over-rulings, decisions and opinions of the Court, the said Plff by his then and there excepted and prays that this his bill of exceptions may be signed and sealed by the Court, and made part of the record of this cause which is above done

Benj. R. Sheldon C. J.

(Indorsed) Filed 11<sup>th</sup> September 1857

Wm. H. Bradley Clerk

State of Illinois  
Goddard County

I William H. Bradley  
Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County,  
do hereby certify the foregoing transcript to be

a true full and correct copy from the record  
of all the proceedings which have been had  
in said Court in said entitled case of  
Benjamin P. Meas vs. William Strong

In testimony whereof I have  
signed setting hand and affix-  
ed the seal of said Court at  
my Office in Galena in said  
County this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February  
A.D. 1852

Wm. H. Bradley, Clerk

Fees for this transcript	3.50
Embossed Seal	35
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	\$4.25



B. F. Green } Plff in Error. }  
vs. } — — — }  
Wilson Strong } Deft in Error. }

Assignment of Error  
In Supreme Court of the State of Ill.

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Court erred in giving the instructions asked for by defendant.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The Court erred in overruling the motion for a new trial.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The Court erred in rendering a judgment against the Plaintiff below for <sup>10¢</sup> costs.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Said Court erred in other & further rulings and overruling in the progress of said cause as appears upon the Record.
- C. P. Stevens Jtly.  
for Plff. in E.

Jo Daviess.  
In Supreme Court  
vs

B. F. Green

vs.

Wilson Strong

Filed June 19<sup>th</sup> 1852.  
J. Leland Clerk  
By P. N. Leland Depy.

Benjamin F. Over  
H  
Wilson Strong -

In the Supreme Court  
of the June Term 1852 =  
error in proceedings & counsel -  
and now at this time  
comes the said Wilson Strong by Higgins &  
Strother his attorneys, and says that there  
is no error either in the records & proceedings  
aforesaid or in giving the judgment aforesaid  
and he prays that the Court may  
proceed to examine as well the record  
& proceedings aforesaid, as the verdict aforesaid  
and assign for error & that the judgment  
aforesaid in favor aforesaid  
given may be in all things affirmed  
He -

Higgins & Strother

Attys for depts in

error -



Jo Davies  
Benjamin F. O'Leary  
N  
Wilson Strong  
Transcript

Field notes, 1<sup>st</sup> 1852.  
L. Silas C. O'Leary

\$5.00. C. O'Leary

State of Illinois,  
Supreme Court, } ss.

The People of the State of Illinois

TO THE SHERIFF OF *Jo Daviess* County.

Because in the record and proceedings, and also in the rendition of the judgment, of a plea which was in the circuit court of *Jo Daviess* county, before the Judge thereof, between

*Benjamin F. Orser* plaintiff  
and *Wilson Strong*

defendant it is said that manifest error hath intervened to the injury of the said

*Benjamin F. Orser* plaintiff  
as we are informed by *his* complaint, the record and proceedings of which said judgment, we have caused to be brought into our Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, at Ottawa, before the justices thereof, to correct the errors in the same, in due form and manner, according to law; therefore we command you, that by good and lawful men of your county, you give notice to the said *Wilson Strong*

that *he* be and appear before the Justices of our said Supreme Court, at the next term of said Court, to be holden at Ottawa, in said State, on the *Second* Monday in *June* next, to hear the records and proceedings aforesaid, and the errors assigned, if *he* shall think fit; and further to do and receive what the said Court shall order in this behalf; and have you then there the names of those by whom you shall give the said *Wilson Strong* notice, together with this writ.

WITNESS, the Hon. *Samuel McTear*  
Chief Justice of our said Court, and the seal thereof,  
at Ottawa, this *first* day of *March*  
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred  
and *forty* *fifty* *two*.

*J. Leland* Clerk of the Supreme Court.  
By *J. H. Leland* Deputy Clerk.

Executed this writ this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April  
A.D. 1852 by reading the same to the within named  
Wm. Strong, in the presence of two good and  
Lawful men, to wit: Jacob Rice & Christoph. Meyer  
Returned April 29<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Sheriff's fee  
Saving writ 50  
Mileage & Rty 60  
\$110

C. C. Sanders Sheriff  
of Jo Davis County Ill.

Benjamin F. Orsen  
vs.  
Wilson Strong -  
Sein facias to sell.

Filed May 1<sup>st</sup> 1852.  
J. Ireland Clerk  
By P. H. Ireland Depy.

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TO THE SHERIFF OF  
The People of the State of Illinois  
County.

State of Illinois, set.

WRIT OF ERROR—FREE TRADER PRINT.

The People of the State of Illinois,

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of *Jo Daviess* — GREETING :

BECAUSE in the record and proceedings, as also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which was in the Circuit Court of *Jo Daviess* county, before the Judge thereof, between

*Benjamin F. Omick* plaintiff, and *Wilson Strong*

defendant it is said manifest error hath intervened, to the injury of the aforesaid

*Benjamin F. Omick*  
as we are informed by *his* complaint, and we being willing that error, if any there be, should be corrected in due form and manner, and that justice be done to the parties aforesaid, command you that if judgment thereof be given, you distinctly and openly, without delay, send to our Justices of the Supreme Court the record and proceedings of the plaint aforesaid, with all things touching the same, under your seal, so that we may have the same before our justices aforesaid at Ottawa, in the county of La Salle, on the *2<sup>d</sup> Monday in June* next, that the record and proceedings, being inspected, we may cause to be done therein, to correct the error, what of right ought to be done according to law.

WITNESS, the Hon. SAMUEL H. TREAT, Chief Justice of our said Court, and the seal thereof, at Ottawa, this *first* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty *two*

*S. Seland* Clerk of the Supreme Court.  
By *P. H. Seland Dep. Clk.*



Benjamin F. Carr  
vs.  
Wilson Strong.  
Writ of Error.

Filed March 1<sup>st</sup> 1852.  
L. Seland Clk.  
By P. W. Seland  
Deputy Clk.

Benj H Orew Error to Jodavies & family =

Wilson Strong } On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1851 O'Keefe  
sued Strong before a Justice of the Peace  
of Jodavies County for the sum of \$7<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

by attachment and on a trial of the cause before  
the Justice the plaintiff O'Keefe recovered a judgment  
for \$25<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> as damages & for \$3<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> as costs. On the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of March A.D. 1851 the plaintiff appealed  
the case to the Circuit Court of Jodavies County  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1851. a trial was  
had in the Circuit Court which resulted in  
precisely the same judgment as in the Court  
below to wit \$25<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> damages. Thereupon the defen-  
dant claimed as the judgment below was  
affirmed that the costs should be taxed  
under the 178 of the Rev. Statutes 2128 title costs  
against the plaintiff as well for the Court below  
as the costs made on the appeal = which view  
was sustained by the Court & judgment rendered  
accordingly =

There are two errors assigned = First, that the  
instructions given were erroneous = This may be  
answered by saying that no exception was taken  
at the time of giving the instructions nor objection  
made = nor is it even made ~~that~~ <sup>as</sup> the ground  
of a new trial = Exceptions must be taken at the time

11 Ill-72 of the trial & it must appear that they were, from  
the Bill of Exceptions = 5 Scam 17 = Sigs H Hedges Sid 63  
Dunne H Gibson, H Johnson Sid 566. Unless an exception be taken  
at the time of the trial, the party will not be permitted  
to make it the subject of the assignment of error.

11 Mis. 402 - 5 Wall 69 = 8 How U.S. 263 =

Again there was a motion for a new trial  
and in such case, where a party moves for a  
new trial he must, upon a bill of exceptions, rely  
upon the grounds taken & the points made by him  
and upon those points only - 6 Burd Sup Ct  
Rep 109 = Strong & Bowen =

But the instructions given for defendant  
were not erroneous; they contain the law  
applicable to this case, and cannot be  
prejudicial as even if they had been regularly  
excepted was the proper time.

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11 In reply to the several errors assigned herein

If the judgment herein were right it will be affirmed  
 although errors may have been committed during the  
 progress of the trial = 10 Ver. 520 = 14 Ohio 502 = 6 Bunch & S. 575  
 17 Kenton 429 = 1 Del. 450 = 5 Pelt 135 = 2 N. Carolina 357 = 42 Ill. 211 = 6  
 8 U.S. 218 = 2 57 = 127 = 8 N. W. 224. 707 = 7  
 4 B. & W. 25 =

it may be said that the plaintiff is even  
 & conspired to the reasons assigned in the motion  
 for a new trial viz "that the verdict was contrary  
 to law & evidence & because the finding was  
 "contrary to the instructions of the court"

The verdict was not contrary to law  
 because there was no question of law before  
 the ~~court~~ jury; they determined simply the  
facts. The verdict was not contrary to evidence  
 but is fully sustained by the evidence, and  
 the court below [the justice] found precisely  
 the same amount as the jury in the circuit  
court. Several reasons might be <sup>urged</sup> advanced  
 why the plaintiff could not recover a  
 verdict for the bolting cloth = In the first  
 place the bolting cloth was not in the mill  
 at the time of the sale, and the written Bill  
 of Sale the only evidence of plaintiffs title, includes  
 only those things, which were attached to, or contained  
 in the mill house. Now the testimony shows that  
 the bolt was not in the mill or attached there  
 at the time of the sale and parol evidence  
 ought not to have been admitted to prove that  
 the bolt which was not contained in or  
attached to the mill, was sold & conveyed  
 by the bill of sale = Parol evidence is not admissible  
 to add to a written instrument. - 3 Scam. Same & Shurbe  
 9 Vermont 285 Reed & Wood = 12 Vermont 353 Ripley & Paige  
 6 Shepley 146 Orgood & Lewis = 22 Pick. 581 Boyle & Canal  
 Co = 12 Mass. 553 = 5 Denio 196 Duncan & Blair

Again even if parol proof could be introduced  
 to add to the written contract, still, Strong could  
 not be made liable on the testimony contained  
 in this record because there was no obligation  
 on his part to go twenty miles after the bolt  
 when he had not agreed in the writing to do so  
 & particularly as no demand had been made  
 upon him, nor was there any request  
 to deliver the bolt made by him = Strong never  
 agreed to deliver the bolt for any consideration  
 the agreement is not contained in the bill of  
 sale & no other consideration is shown for  
 a promise, even if one was made, to deliver  
 the bolt after the bill of sale had been made  
 & after the contract was finished would not  
 be binding for want of a consideration,

Strong must have agreed at the time of the sale of the mill to deliver the bull or else he must have agreed afterwards for some other consideration to deliver the bull else a mere naked promise to deliver the bull would not make Strong liable to an action for non delivery, the promise not having a consideration to support it =

111 The judgment in the Circuit Court was properly rendered against the plaintiff for all costs as the provisions of the statute are plain & unmistakable vide Stat. Tit. costs § 128 & 17 = "When the judgment of the Justice is wholly affirmed, the party succeeding shall recover his costs not only in the Circuit Court but before the Justice." Who is the party succeeding? Why clearly he who wants the judgment affirmed & gets it affirmed in all cases of the affirmance of the judgment is the Appellee = Else a party might sue on a claim & get a judgment and appeal it solely with a view to make costs for his adversary when he had obtained a judgment in the Court below for all that he was entitled to. Justice requires this construction the party recovers in the Justice's Court all that he is entitled to recover but having an illegal claim which he connects with the valid one, he appeals his case & has two trials in regard to the illegal part of his claim & it is just that he should pay all costs occasioned by a litigation of his case which would not have occurred but for his illegal demand =

~~Higgins & Shafter~~  
Atty for ~~the defendant~~

114 Even if the costs or the judgment for costs were erroneous the Court will not for that cause reverse the judgment further than the order ~~affording~~ <sup>with</sup> annulling costs the Court ~~cannot~~ <sup>will</sup> not grant a new trial but ~~cannot~~ <sup>will</sup> render such a judgment here as the Court below should have rendered 49 Rec. Proc Act R. S. vide also 52 7 Mar. 590 p. 2 Case vs Stephenson 5. Gil. 127 = and authorities therein cited. But the judgment was not erroneous. Higgins & Shafter  
Atty for respondents =

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