

No. **11998**

Supreme Court of Illinois

**Freeman.**

vs.

**Guyer.**

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*Peoria*

*Charles H. Freeman*  
*vs.*  
*Lazarus C. Guyer*

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Charles W. Freeman } Supreme Court of the State  
vs. } of Illinois Third Grand  
Lazarus L. Gayer- } Division, June Term A.D. 1852.

And now comes the said Charles  
W. Freeman by W.C. & A.S. Merriman his  
Attorneys, and says that in the record and  
proceedings in this cause there is manifest  
error in this, to wit;—

1<sup>st</sup>. The judgment of the Court is contrary  
to the law and evidence.

2<sup>d</sup>. The finding of the Court is not  
sustained by the evidence.

3. The Court erred in refusing motion for new trial  
W.C. & A.S. Merriman

And the said Dept. in error says that in the  
record & proceedings aforesaid there is no such error  
as the Off. in error hath above alleged & that the  
judgt of circuit court be in all things affirmed &c

Orslow Petus  
for Dept. in Error



Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, on the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, there was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in and for the county of Provia in the State of Illinois, a Summons in a suit before a Justice of the Peace, a transcript of the proceedings in the suit before the Justice of the Peace, and an appeal Bond taken in said suit, which are in the words and figures following, to wit.

J. P. Summons: State of Illinois } The People of the State of Illinois,  
Provia County } Do any constable of said county Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to summon Charles H. Freeman to appear before me, at my office in Brimfield on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Agust. at 1 o' clock, P. M. to answer the complaint of L. L. Guyer for a failure to pay him a certain demand not exceeding \$100; and hereof make due return as the law directs. Given under my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1850. A Gaylor [Signature]

[endorsed as follows] Served the within by reading the same to him. August 9<sup>th</sup> 1850 - J. Stedman, const.

J. P. Transcript: "L. L. Guyer vs Charles H. Freeman" Action founded on balance due on a note dated May the 12<sup>th</sup> 1846 Given to C. H. Freeman, signed by James H. Bishop for fifteen dollars. to said note was connected an article of agreement, bearing the same date signed by C. H. Freeman stating that the opinion of Gustis lady, or Ezra Tucker should control the amount of said note; said note transferred without recourse and sued by L. L. Guyer. In which suit James H. Bishop



deft. brings Ezra Tucker to comply with the requirements of said article, and Tucker says the amount of said note should be ten dollars instead of fifteen. Judgment rendered against said Bishop for ten dollars and interest. Plff. claims of Deft. the Balance due on said note. Summons issued August 9<sup>th</sup> 1850, to appear on the 17<sup>th</sup> of same month at 10 o'clock (P.M.) Summons returned served by reading, so says const. Steadman - August 17<sup>th</sup> 1850 at the hour set after investigating Plffs. claim and Deft. not appearing, judgment for Plff. on default of Deft. for the sum of six dollars and twenty eight cents with costs of suit. Deft. appeals.

I certify that the above transcript is a true statement of all the proceedings had before me. Brimfield Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1850. A. Taylor *A. T.*

Appeal Bond = "Know all men by these presents, that we Charles H. Freeman and Hiram M. Barney are held and firmly bound unto L. L. Guyer in the penal sum Fourteen dollars \$14.28 cents lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs and administrators, jointly, severally and firmly by these presents. Witness our hands and seals twenty fourth day of August 1850. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said L. L. Guyer did on the — day of August A.D. 1850 before Adonijah Taylor a Justice of the Peace for the County of Provia, recover a judgment a judgment against the above bounden Charles H. Freeman for the sum of (\$6.28) six dollars 28 cents, from which judgment the said Charles H. Freeman has taken an appeal to the Circuit Court of the County of Provia aforesaid and State of Illinois - Now if the said



Charles H. Freeman shall prosecute his appeal with effect and shall pay whatever judgment may be rendered by the court upon dismissal or trial of said appeal, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Approved by me at my office  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1850  
A. Taylor J.P.

Chs. H. Freeman  
H. M. Barney

Whereupon the clerk of said court issued a summons or notice to said L. L. Guyer under the seal of said court directed to the sheriff of Peoria county in the words and figures following, to wit:

"The People of the State of Illinois, To the sheriff of Peoria county, Greeting: We command you to summon L. L. Guyer if he may be found in your county, to appear before our circuit court on the first day of the term thereof to be held at Peoria within and for the said county of Peoria on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of November next then and there in our said court to prosecute his suit against Charles H. Freeman lately appealed from before A. Taylor one of the Justices of the Peace of said county - and make return of this writ, with an endorsement of the time and manner of serving the same, on or before the first day of the term of the said court to be held as aforesaid.

Witness Jacob Gale, clerk of our said court and the seal thereof at Peoria, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty. Jacob Gale, clerk.

Which summons was by the sheriff of Peoria county returned endorsed as follows, to wit:

State of Illinois, Peoria county f: Served the within writ by reading the same to the within named L. L. Guyer -  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1850 - Wm Compher Shiff P.C. By C. Cleveland Septy;



Proceedings at a Circuit Court begun and held at  
the Court House in the City of Peoria in and for the  
County of Peoria in the State of Illinois on the  
second Monday of November in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, it being the  
tenth day of said month - Present the Honorable  
William Kellogg, Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit  
in the State of Illinois, to wit,  
Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1851 -

trial -

L. L. Geyer

vs

appeal from J.P.

Charles H. Freeman

This day came the plaintiff by  
Onslow Peters his attorney and the defendant by W. C.  
Murrinan his attorney, and waived a jury and agreed  
that all matters both of law and fact arising in  
this cause shall be tried by the court. The court  
having heard the evidence and being fully advised in  
the premises do find that the defendant does owe to  
the plaintiff the sum of six dollars and sixty five  
cents, whereupon the defendant entered a motion for  
a new trial in this cause, and the court being fully  
advised in the premises overruled said motion.

Judgment =

Therefore it is considered that the said L. L. Geyer  
have and recover of the said Charles H. Freeman the  
sum of six dollars and sixty five cents his debt  
aforesaid, together with his costs and charges by  
him about his suit in this behalf expended, as  
well in this court as in the court below and that  
he have execution therefor.



And afterwards at the said November Term of said court there was allowed and signed by the Judge of said court a Bill of Exceptions in said cause in the words and figures following, to wit,

Bill of Exceptions: Lazarus L. Guyer

vs  
Preria Circuit Court  
Charles H. Freeman Nov. Term 1851.

Be it remembered, that on the trial of this cause the plaintiff to maintain the issue on his part, read in evidence a note given by ——— Bishop to Charles H. Freeman in the words and figures following, to wit, (here insert it) on the back of which is the following endorsement, to wit, (here insert it) The Plaintiff then read in evidence, subject to objections a judgment and proceedings in a case in favor of said Guyer against said Bishop before A. Taylor a Justice of the Peace of Preria county, which is in the words and figures following, to wit, (here insert it).

The plaintiff then called said Bishop, who testified that he was the defendant in said judgment, and that at the time of the trial thereof before the Justice said Freeman was present and appeared to be aiding in the prosecution thereof. The plaintiff here rested his case.

The defendant then proved by Ezra Tucker that he and others were present with said plaintiff, who at the time of said trial of the said case against said Bishop, and it was said by some one whom he did not recollect, in presence of the plaintiff, that said Freeman sold the said note in suit to Braman Bennett, and he understood from the conversation at that time, that plaintiff got the note from



Bennett, but from <sup>whom</sup> he understood this, witness does not know.

This was all the material evidence given in the cause.

The court found the issue for the plaintiff and assessed his damages against said defendant for the sum of six dollars and sixty five cents, to which finding the said defendant then and there excepted. The defendant then moved the court for a new trial, which was overruled by the court, and the court rendered judgment on said finding against said defendant, to which decisions of the court in overruling said motion and rendering said judgment, said defendant then and there excepted and prayed the court to sign and seal and make of Record this his Bill of exceptions -

Wm Kellogg (said)

State of Missouri  
Prona County

I Jacob Gale clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said county do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a full, complete & correct transcript from the Record of the proceedings in a certain cause in said court of L. L. Geyer plaintiff against Charles H. Freeman defendant, as the same remain of Record and on file in my office. I further certify that the "note" "endorsement" and Justice "judgment & proceedings" referred to in the Bill of exceptions & directed to be inserted therein are not on file in my office nor under my control or power and therefore not inserted in the record as directed. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court at Prona this twentieth day of January



in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fifty two.

Jacob Gale, clerk.

Clerk's fees: for transcript certified ~~total~~ \$2.00

Received payment of defendant Freeman  
Jacob Gale, clerk

Let a supersedeas issue in the above case upon the plaintiff  
in Error filing a bond conditioned as the law directs in the  
penal sum of one hundred and fifty dollars with Heron  
M Barney as his surety

Ottawa March 17. 1852

J. D. Catow



Peoria Co.

Charles H. Freeman

Lazarus L. Geyer

Receipt of euros

Filed March 17, 1852,  
L. Ireland Clerk.



State of Illinois

Supreme Court

June Term AD 1852

Charles H. Freeman  
vs  
Lazarus L. Guyer Error to Florida

It is agreed that the transcript of A. Taylor appearing in the record of said cause be considered as included in the bill of exceptions therein, and that all statements and recitations in said transcript be taken and considered as a part of the evidence given on the trial of said cause in the court below

McComan & Manning  
for Plaintiff in Error  
C. Peter for Def. in error



C. H. Freeman

L. L. Guyer

Br. to Peoria

Filed July 14<sup>th</sup> 1852.

J. Seland Clk.

By P. W. Seland Depy.



State of Illinois, ss.

Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court—Third Grand Division:

I **HEREBY CERTIFY**, That a Writ of Error hath issued from this office, for the reversal of a Judgment obtained by *Lazarus S. Guyer* against *Charles H. Freeman* in the Circuit Court of *Peoria* county, at the *November* Term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty one* in a certain action *appealed from Justice of Peace*, which Writ of Error is to operate as a Supersedeas, and as such is to be obeyed by all concerned.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said Supreme Court, at Ottawa, this *Seventeenth* day of *March* A. D. 18 *52*.

*L. Leland* Clerk of the Supreme Court.  
By *F. W. Leland* Depy. Clk.



Freeman vs Guyer  
Superior

Filed April 1<sup>st</sup> 1852  
McLain Ck.

A.D. 1852



State of Illinois, sct.

WRIT OF ERROR—FREE TRADER PRINT.

The People of the State of Illinois,  
To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of *Peoria* — 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 *Peoria* county, before the Judge thereof, between

*Luzanus S. Guyer* plaintiff and *Charles H. Freeman*

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

*Charles H. Freeman*  
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 *Second 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 *Twentieth* 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. W. Seland* Depy. Clk.



Charles W. Truman  
vs.  
Lazarus S. Gayer  
Writ of Error

This writ of error is  
made a Supersedeas,  
& is to be obeyed accordingly,  
L. Ireland Clerk.  
By P. H. Ireland Dpy, Clk.

Filed March 17, 1852.



Charles H. Freeman } Supreme Court  
vs. }  
Sazanus S. Gayer } June Term A.D. 1852.  
Error to Peoria.

This was originally an action before a Justice of the Peace of Peoria County.

Judgment rendered against the plff. in error - he appealed to the Circuit Court where judgment was rendered against him for the sum of \$6.65 and costs.

The cause was submitted to the Court for trial without a jury.

The proper evidence offered below is not copied into the record, and supposed to have been taken from the files - but by an agreement on file here the recitals and statements in the transcript of the justice are made to supply the proper omissions in Bill of Exceptions.

The suit was founded on a note given by James Bishop, payable to C. H. Freeman dated 12 May 1846, for \$15.00 " to said note was connected an article of agreement



Bearing the same date signed by  
C. W. Freeman, stating that the  
opinion of Curtis Cady should control  
the amount of said note.

Said note was endorsed without  
recourse to plff. in error.

The dect. in error (subject to  
objections) proved that a suit had  
been instituted on said note against  
Bishop, and Ezra Tucker's opinion  
reduced the amount of the note  
to ten dollars - and judgment  
was rendered against Bishop for  
that amount. That Freeman was  
present at the trial against  
Bishop and appeared to be aiding  
in the prosecution thereof.

The plaintiff also intro-  
duced evidence, tending to prove  
that the plaintiff in error assigned  
the note to one Braman Bennett  
& he to the dect. in error.



The plff. in error excepted  
to the opinion of the Court, moved  
for a new trial which was overruled.

The assignments of error  
call in question the correctness  
of the finding of the Court  
below, on the evidence offered.

H. O. Minniman  
for plff. in error.



Provia +  
C. H. Freeman  
as  
Lazarus S. Geyer.

Abstract

Filed July 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

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State of Illinois, }  
Supreme Court, } SS.

The People of the State of Illinois

TO THE SHERIFF OF *Peoria* 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 *Peoria* county, before the Judge thereof, between *Lazarus S. Guyer Plaintiff.* and *Charles W. Freeman*

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

*Charles W. Freeman* 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 *Lazarus S. Guyer*

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 *Lazarus S. Guyer* notice, together with this writ.

WITNESS, the Hon. *Samuel W. Treat* Chief Justice of our said Court, and the seal thereof, at Ottawa, this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ~~forty~~ *forty-two*.

*S. Leland* Clerk of the Supreme Court.  
By *P. W. Leland* Dpy. Clk.



State of Illinois  
Frovin County

I have desired the within and  
Lazarus & Guyer the within  
Procure by Henry & Henry & ~~Henry~~  
The within have read by given their  
notice of its contents for them to  
appear at the time and place  
as he is required and as I am  
Lazarus & Guyer  
25<sup>th</sup> of J. 1852  
Lazarus & Guyer

Charles W. Freeman  
vs.  
Lazarus & Guyer  

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Filed Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> 1852  
Meland Clk.

Henry & Henry  
Henry & Henry

Clk. p. 5 cts postage

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



Charles H. Freeman } Supreme Court of the State  
                                  } of Missouri -  
L. L. Geyer }  
                                  } Error to Peoria Co.

William M. Barney the  
deputy on the Bond filed of said  
plaintiff in Error being first  
and sworn deposes and says that  
he is a resident of the County of Peoria  
in said State of Missouri, and that  
over and above all debts owing by  
him he is worth at least the  
sum of \$500 — Money and Solves,  
including real estate and personal  
property.

Subscribed & sworn to }  
before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day }  
of March A.D. 1852 }  
Jas. Gale, Clerk.

Wm. M. Barney

State of Illinois  
Peoria County

I Jas. Gale, Clerk of the Circuit Court in  
and for the said County hereby certify that William  
M. Barney of said County this day came before  
me and subscribed the foregoing affidavit and  
made solemn oath that the same was true  
Witness my hand and the seal of said  
Court at Peoria this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D.  
1852 — Jas. Gale, Clerk.



In sup Court

Charles H. Brunson  
Plff in error

L. L. Sawyer  
Def in error

Appr of Bail

Filed etc. 17. 1852  
Melan Ch.

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