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No. _____

Supreme Court of Illinois

Clark

vs.

People

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,

SUPREME COURT,

Third Grand Division.

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No. 5.

PEOPLE'S CAUSES

Clark

vs

People

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State of Illinois)
County of Cook) ss.
City of Chicago)

Was before the Honorable
Robert S. Wilson, Recorder of the City of
Chicago, and Presiding Judge of the Recor-
ders Court of the said City, at a term there-
of, begun and held at the Court House in
the City of Chicago, in the County and State
aforesaid, on the first Monday of, it being the
sixth day of October in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Two,
and of the Independence of the United States
the Eighty Seventh.

Present: Hon. Robert S. Wilson, Recorder
of the City of Chicago
Joseph Knox State Attorney
A. C. Hasing Sheriff of Cook County

Attest: Joseph W. Forest Clerk of said Court.

Be it remembered, to wit, on
the sixth day of October in the year last
aforesaid, it being the term of Court aforesaid,
the following among the proceedings
were had and entered of Record in said Court,
aforesaid, which proceedings are in the
words and figures following, to wit:

The Sheriff returned into Court
the Married Tobias, formerly issued, by
which it appears to the Court, that the

following named persons have been duly summoned to appear this day and serve as Grand Jurors at this term of Court to wit:

Henry Fuller James, McCarthy, J. W. Slater, Philip Steimmuller, Isaac Speed, George W. Hight, Patrick Maloy, A. G. Troop, O. J. Hayward, Charles H. Barnes, E. Hanson, L. Bair, John Ward, W. Donnan, Joseph Miller, Louis Turner, Joseph Maloy, Jacob Harris, Wm. Ellis, John Powers, E. Hooley, O. Logan and James S. Finch, who upon being called answered to their respective names and gave their personal attendance at this Term of Court as a Grand Jury in and for the body of the City of Chicago, and Henry Fuller one of the said Grand Jurors having been appointed Foreman of said Grand Jury, they were duly sworn in and charged by the Court, and thereupon retired to consider upon their presentments.

And afterwards to wit, on the eighth day of October in the year last aforesaid, it being the term of Court aforesaid, the following among other proceedings were had and entered

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of record in said Court, which said proceedings are in the words and figures following to wit

The Grand Jury came into open Court and made among others the following presentment, indorsed "A True Bill", which said True Bill is in the words and figures following to wit:

1/ State of Illinois)
City of Chicago.) SS
Cook County)

Of the October term of the Recorders Court of the City of Chicago, in said State and County in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Two

The Grand Jurors chosen, selected and sworn, in and for the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, upon their oaths, present that

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William Clark on the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, in said City of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, One box more of the value of one hundred dollars, one box more of the value of one hundred dollars the personal goods and property of Archibald Scott, then and there being found, did then and there feloniously steal take and carry away, contrary to the Statute and against the peace and dignity of the same People of the State of Illinois.

Joseph Knox
State Attorney

which said True Bill, has the following indorsements to wit:

P. O. No 3470.
" Records Court of the City of Chicago
October Term, 1862.
The People of the State of Illinois
William Clark
Indictment for
Larceny

A True Bill.

Henry Fuller

Foreman of the Grand Jury

Witnesses.

Archibald Scott, Elizabeth Scott, John
McBurns, Officer Dixon, Dennis
Buchanan, Mary Buchanan.

Filed the eighth day of October
A.D. 1862.

Joseph H. C. Forrest
Clerk

And thereupon to wit on the
same day and year last aforesaid, it
being the term of court aforesaid, the
following among other proceedings were
had and entered of Record in said court
which proceedings are in the words and
figures as follows to wit:

3440 The People of the State of Illinois } Indictment
vs } SS for
William Clark } Larceny.

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This day came the said People by Joseph Knox States Attorney and the said defendant as well in his own proper person as by his Counsel S. M. Felker Esq also came and the said defendant having been furnished with a copy of his Indictment and a list of jurors and Witnesses and being now lawfully arraigned for Plea now says, that he is Not Guilty in manner and form as charged in the Indictment, whereupon the Court orders, that the said Plea be accepted and entered of Record and the said defendant to be remanded

And afterwards to wit on the Tenth day of October in the year last aforesaid it being the term of Court aforesaid the said defendant by his Counsel filed in said Court his certain affidavit for continuance, which said affidavit is in the words and figures following to wit,

4 State of Illinois }
Cook County } SS

Recorders Court of the
City of Chicago
October Term. A. D. 1862.

The People of Illinois }
vs }
William Clark }

William Clark being duly sworn
deposes and says, that he is the defendant
in the above entitled cause now pending
in said Court, that the Indictment
was found at the present Term of said
Court and filed in said Court on the
eighth day of this month October A. D. 1862,
this affiant says, that he has five
witnesses who are material witnesses
on his behalf in said cause - that their
names are as follows Daniel Dodd, Ben-
jamin Coates, J. C. Walden, Harvey Coates
and John Drew, all of whom live in the
town of Davenport state of Iowa - that
this deponent cannot safely proceed to
trial without said witnesses, ^{that he can prove by said witnesses} that at the
time said Horses was stolen as charged
by the Prosecuting witness this deponent

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was in said Court of Des Moines &
had not any thing to do with it in
any shape or manner whatever and
that this defendants character is good -
that this deponent has been for eight
months last past engaged in the
mercantile business at said Des Moines
in said state of Iowa, and this affiant
says, that this affidavit is made in good
faith and not for the purpose of delay
or the hindrance of public justice.

Subscribed & sworn to before
me this ninth day of

October. A D 1862

Joseph H. Forrest

Notary

Wm. Clark

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And afterwards to wit on the
ninth day of October in the year last
aforesaid it being the term of court
aforesaid, the following among other
proceedings were had and entered of
record in said court, which said pro-
ceedings are ⁱⁿ the words and figures follow-
ing to wit:

The People of the State of Illinois

3470.

vs.

Indictment for Larceny

William Clark.

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This day came the said People by Joseph Knox States Attorney and the said defendant as well in his own proper person as by his counsel S. M. Feltner Esq also came and now moves the Court for a continuance of this cause and the Court having heard counsel as well in support of said motion, as in opposition thereto and being fully advised in the premises, orders that said motion be and the same is hereby overruled, to which ruling of the Court in overruling said motion for a continuance the said defendant by his counsel then and there excepts.

And now issue being joined, it is ordered by the Court, that a jury come, thereupon come a jury of good and lawful men to wit: William Orend, David S. Geary, Gottlieb Leibbrandt, Wm Keller, Wm Hooser, Jos. Holderness, John Saly

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Henry Smith, Thomas Kelly, Thomas Holt, Geo. Colman, Jam. Campbell, who were duly impanelled and sworn and they hearing the testimony of witnesses, arguments of counsel and instructions of the Court, retire in charge of a sworn officer of the Court to consider of their Verdict, and afterwards return into Court again and for a Verdict say "We the Jury find the defendants guilty as charged in the Indictment, we find the value of the property stolen to be Eighty dollars, and fix the term of imprisonment in the States Penitentiary at One year"

And now come the said defendant by his counsel and moves the Court for a new Trial and ⁱⁿ arrest of Judgment and the Court not being advised in the premises takes said motion under consideration and orders the said defendant to be arraigned

And afterwards to wit on the Twenty second day of October in the

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year last aforesaid, it being the term of
Court aforesaid, the following among other
proceedings were had and entered of record
in said Court, which said proceedings are
in the words and figures following
to wit.

The People of the State of Illinois.

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N. Indictment for Larceny.

William Clark.

This day came the said People
by Joseph Knox State Attorney and the
said defendant as well in his own proper
person as by his counsel also came and
the Court having considered the motion for
a new trial and the motion in arrest of
judgment heretofore made herein by the
said defendant, and he being now fully
advised in the premises orders that the said
motion for a new trial and said motion
in arrest of judgment be and the same
are hereby overruled, to which ruling of the
Court, in overruling said motion for a
new trial and said motion in arrest of

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Judgment, the said defendant by his counsel, set them and their exceptions, and now neither the said defendant nor his counsel for him saying anything further, why the judgment of the Court should not now be pronounced against him on the Verdict of Guilty heretofore rendered in this cause.

Therefore it is ordered and adjudged by the Court, that the said defendant William Clark be taken from the bar of this Court to the Common Jail of Cook County, from whence he came, and from thence by the Sheriff of Cook County within Ten days from and after the adjournment of this Court to the State Penitentiary at Joliet and to be delivered to the Warden or Keeper of said Penitentiary and the said Warden or Keeper is hereby required and commanded to take the body of said defendant William Clark and confine him in said Penitentiary in a safe and secure custody, for and during the term of One year from and after the first day of May One thousand eight hundred sixty six (the said defendant having been sentenced by the Court on another Verdict of Guilty, rendered

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at this Term to three years and six months in
prisonment, which said time expires on the afore-
said first day of May A. D. 1866.) one day of said
term in solitary confinement and the residue of
said term at hard labor, and that he be there
after discharged.

It is further ordered by the Court
that the said defendant pay all the costs of these
proceedings and that execution issue therefor.

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Be it remembered that the People to prove their said
issue called as a witness, Alfred Brewington
who being duly sworn in open Court testified
as follows. I came to this City to identify
some Horses which I understood were here, the
Sheriff of Henry County sent word to the
Sheriff of Purser County - That the Scott Horses
was in Chicago and that a man by the name
of Clark had stolen them,

To what the Sheriff of Henry
County told the Sheriff of Purser County, to wit,
That Scotts Horses were in Chicago and that
Clark had stolen them, objected to by defence,
objection overruled & defendant excepted.

I came here and identified the Horses,
They were a pair of old Horses, and are worth at
cash value forty or fifty dollars apiece. I
delivered the Horses to Mr Scott, They were
sitting in the yard shelling corn when I came
in to their yard with the Horses, They cried for
joy when they saw their old family team coming
back, to what Mr & Mrs Scott did or said, objected
to by defence, objection overruled and defendants
excepted, I know nothing further about the
matter,

Cross.

Mr Scott lives about fifteen miles from
Rock Island - About one hundred and ninety

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seventy miles from here,

The People then called as a witness
John M. Burns, who testified as follows,

I live in Henry County,
Archabold Scott told me that he heard of his
Horses in Chicago, (For what Archabold Scott told
Burns objected to by defence, objection overruled
by the Court - defendant then & there excepted.) and
wanted me to go after them, I came to Chicago
and found the Horses here, I know them well,
their cash value is about fifty dollars each,
They are old Horses, I took the same Horses
& delivered them to Archabold Scott, he and
his wife knew them well and cried for joy
when they received them back, (For what Scott &
his wife said or did when they received the Horses
back - objected to ^{by defence} objection overruled by
the Court and defendant
then & there excepted.)

The People then called as a witness, Joseph Dixon, who testified
as follows, I am a Policeman, I found these
two Horses, One at Mr Dennis Buchanans Barn
corner of water & market street & the other on the
north side, at the corner of Division & north wells
street, I delivered them to Burns, One was a
small Bay Horse & the other was a sorrell, One
of them I saw this man Clark leading, One
I found at Buchanans stable, I arrested the
defendant, I asked him where he got the Horses,

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He said that he got them of a man by the name of Heflin on Kinzie Street on the North side, I followed the defendant into Mr Buchanans Barn corner of Market & South water street, Mary Buchanan the wife of Dennis Buchanan would not willing let them goe without twelve dollars, I agreed it should be paid & took the Horses, I advertised the Horses, John M. Burns came here after the Horses, I delivered the same Horses to him.

Cross examination.

The defendant Clark told me he got the Horses of Heflin, He disclaimed to own them but always said that they belonged to Heflin, I arrested Heflin. we kept him locked up some time & then let him goe, I do not know what became of him, I arrested him after I arrested Clark, Mrs Buchanan described him to me, as one of the men who came there to their stable with the Horses, Clark told me he was taking care of them for Heflin.

The People then called us a witness, Elizabeth Scott who testified as follows,
I live in Henry County, Illinois, On the night of the seventh of August last my husband Archabold Scott put into his pasture two Bay mares, The next morning they were gone, They were his property, He is sick a bed and could not come

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here, The Horses are worth One hundred dollars
apiece to us, John M. Burns brought the Horses
Home, I knew the Horses was in Chicago, and
~~that Clark the man who stole them was~~
~~in Jail in Chicago,~~ because the sheriff of
Mercer County sent word to the sheriff of
Henry County, That the Horses was in
Chicago and that Clark the man who
stole them was in Jail. (For what the
sheriff of Mercer County told the sheriff of
Henry County, objected to by defence, objection
overruled by the Court - and the defendant
excepted, They are our old family Team, I know
the Horses that was returned to us by Burns to be
the same Horses that was taken from us on
the night of the seventh of August last.

Cross.

I do not know what the cash value of the
Horses is, They are worth one hundred dollars
each to us, I know nothing about this matter
except what I have stated.

The People then called as a witness, Mary Buchanan,
who testified as follows. This defendant came
to our Barn Sunday morning and brought a
Horse there, He then went and brought two
more, I know this is the man, My husband
lent him twelve Dollars, He said that he
wanted to pay freight on some Horses that were

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at the depot, I did not want my husband to lend him the money, because I thought the horses was stolen, (do what she thought objected to by evidence, objection overruled by the Court, and defendant excepted) my husband let him have twelve dollars and he left a horse as security, for the money, Our stable is in this city.

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There was another man came with this one, He was a tall slim dark skinned man with light whiskers, I remember this man, He borrowed twelve dollars of my husband to pay the freight on some horses the other man was present, He sat on the steps close by with a newspaper up to his face, He seemed to be writing something with a pencil, He told this man to feed the horses and take good care of them, He told my husband to feed and take care of them too. One of Bradly's men arrested both of these men, and took the horses away. The man that took the horses away said that he was an officer, and that he would be responsible for the twelve dollars, I saw both of the men this man Clark and the other man in Mr Bradly's office, I should not know the other man if I saw him. This man came to the stable first with one horse then the other man & he came with two horses.

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Here the People rested.

No evidence for the defence.

The Counsel for defendant moved in arrest of judgement, and for a new trial, the Court overruled said motions, to which ruling of the Court the defendant then and there excepted, and prayed an appeal to the supreme Court of the state of Illinois and tenders this his Bill of exceptions, to which the said R. S. Wilson Judge of said Court has set his hand and seal this twenty second day of October A. D. 1862.

R. S. Wilson

Recorder

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The People of the state of Illinois.

vs.
William Clark

Bill of Exceptions.

Filed

October 23^d A.D. 1862

J. K. C. Foster
Clerk

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I, Joseph Knox, States Attorney, having prosecuted the case of the People of the State of Illinois versus William Clark, and examined the Witnesses in open Court, and having carefully examined the foregoing Record do hereby certify that in my opinion the foregoing Record contains a full, true and perfect history of the proceedings had on the trial of said cause and that the testimony is correct as given on the trial of said cause in the Records Court of the City of Chicago at the October Term of said Court A.D. 1862.

And I do further certify that in case a Supersedeas is granted in said cause, it is a proper case wherein the prisoner should be admitted to Bail.

Joseph Knox
States Atty

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State of Illinois }
County of Cook } ss.
City of Chicago }

I, Joseph K. C. Formist, Clerk of the Recorders Court of the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and complete copy of all the proceedings entered of Record and of all the papers on file in a certain cause heretofore pending in said Court wherein The People of the State of Illinois were Plaintiff and William Clark was defendant



Witness, Joseph K. C. Formist
Clerk of said Court and the
Seal thereof at Chicago, this
Fifteenth day of December
A. D. 1862.

J. K. C. Formist
Clerk

Let a supersedeas issue
in this cause

July 30. 1863

J. H. Curtis

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Now comes the defendant and says that in the Record and proceedings aforesaid, and in the rendition of the Judgment aforesaid, There is manifest error in this, to wit;

1st The Court erred in permitting improper evidence to be given to the Jury on the part of the People.

2^d The Court erred in overruling the defendant's objections made in the progress of the trial.

3^d The Court erred in overruling the motion for the continuance of the cause.

4th The Court erred in overruling the defendant's motion in arrest of Judgment.

5th The Court erred in pronouncing Judgment on the verdict.

Samuel C. Felker
Defendant's Attorney

And now comes the said people of the State of Illinois by D. P. Jones State's attorney & say that in the record and proceedings aforesaid and in the rendition of the judgment aforesaid there is no error wherefore they pray Judgment &c
D. P. Jones State's attorney

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William Clark
by
The People &
Reverend C. Emory

Filed July 30. 1863.
L. S. Clark
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
SUPREME COURT, } ss.

The People of the State of Illinois,

To the Clerk of the Recorers Court ~~for the County of~~ of the City of Chicago Greeting:

Because, In the record and proceedings, as also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which was in the Recorers Court of the City of Chicago, before the Judge thereof, between

The People of the State of Illinois

Complainants and

William Clark

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

William Clark

as we are informed by his

complaint..... and we being willing that error should be corrected, if any there be, 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 first Tuesday after the third Monday in April 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. JOHN D. CATON, Chief Justice of our said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Ottawa, this 30 day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Three.

L. Seland
Clerk of the Supreme Court.



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William Clark

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WRIT OF ERROR.

This Writ of Error is made a Supersedeas, and as such is to be obeyed by all concerned.

L. Silanda
Clerk.

FILED Jan 7. 30. A. D. 1863,

L. Silanda
Clerk.

To the Clerk of the Supreme Court, State of Illinois, }
Court for the County of Cook, }
The People of the State of Illinois, }
Greeting:

Know all men by these presents, that the undersigned, Clerk of the Court for the County of Cook, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the within and foregoing as the same appears in the records of the Court for the County of Cook, State of Illinois, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original of the within and foregoing as the same appears in the records of the Court for the County of Cook, State of Illinois.

and no party interested
in the same shall be
admitted to file any
other writ or process
in the same cause, or
to do any act in the
same, until the writ
of error is returned
and the same is
affirmed by the
Court.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Court at Chicago, Illinois, this 7th day of January, 1863.
JOHN D. CATTON, Clerk of the Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT,

State of Illinois,

APRIL TERM, A. D., 1863.

WILLIAM CLARK,

PLAINTIFF IN ERROR,

vs.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

DEFENDANTS IN ERROR.

BRIEF.

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Abstract.

2 What Mary Buchanan thought and talked with her husband is clearly improper evidence. First, As being hearsay and irrelevant to the issue. Secondly, Its tendency was to prejudice the minds of the Jury.

Volume 1, Greenleaf's Evidence,
8th Edition, Page 70, Section 52.
Page 584, Section 448.

2 The Court should have sustained the Defendant's objection. The overruling of which is clearly error.

2 and 3 The Prosecution sought to establish the Indictment, by proof of the Defendant's possession of the horses. (See the testimony of Dixon and Mary Buchanan.) They utterly failed in this — but did prove the possession in Heflin. (See testimony of Mary Buchanan.) Heflin orders and controls the Defendant and the horses. *Orders the Defendant to feed and take good care of them. Also orders Mr. Buchanan to do the same. The Defendant disclaims to own any or either of the horses, but tells where another horse is, and says that they all belong to Heflin, and that he is taking care of them for Heflin.* (See Dixon's testimony.) Hence this being his relation to Heflin and the horses, Heflin orders him to do so and so. The account which he gives of his connection with the horses, as sworn to by Dixon, to wit: That he is taking care of them for Heflin is not upon its face unreasonable or improbable, and especially when the evidence shows that Heflin was

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2 Car. 111, 970
2 Car. 111, 454
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ordering him about in the premises. In order to show his possession of the property, the State's Attorney ought to have shown upon the trial of the cause, that the Defendant's statement, about him taking care of the horses for Heflin was untrue.

Rex vs. Abraham, 2d Carr & K., 550, Roscoe's Criminal Evidence, 5th American Edition, page 79, Crowhurst's case there cited. 1st Carr & K., page 370. 1st Volume Archbold's Criminal Practice and Pleading, 6th Edition, pages 117 and 118, Note (1.)

2 and 3 It cannot be doubted from the evidence, that the People upon the trial of the cause, clearly showed the possession of the horses to be in Heflin, and not in the Defendant. If Heflin was an honest, upright man, why his connection with the horses, as Mary Buchanan testifies? Why did not the State's Attorney produce him upon the trial to show the Defendant's statement untrue. Unfortunately for Clark the law shut his mouth, and he can give no account of the transaction, except as he wrings it from the mouths of the reluctant witnesses for the Prosecution.

2 The law presumes the Defendant innocent. And before he can be legally convicted, this presumption must be overcome by evidence which shows his guilt, or at least raises a violent presumption that he is guilty. It not being shown that the Defendant was in possession of the horses, otherwise than as the servant or special agent of Heflin, we candidly submit that he is improperly convicted in this case, and that the presumption of innocence, which the law raised for the Defendant, was not overthrown or its force destroyed by the evidence on behalf of the Prosecution — but on the contrary was strengthened by their evidence, showing so clearly the possession of the horses in Heflin.

1st Volume Greenleaf on Evidence, 8th Edition page 42, section 34 and 35. Sixth Edition, 1st Volume, Archbold's C. P. and P., page 117, 2 Note (1).

SAMUEL M. FELKER,

Of Counsel with the Plaintiff in Error.

*Arthur J. Wendt
for App. in Error.*

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William Clark

vs
The People

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The People
vs
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Attorney
for
the
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Press Brief

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and 118, Note (1.)
Kneading, 6th Edition, page 111.
Archbold's Criminal Practice, and
Carr & K., page 376. 1st Volume
Crawford's case, there cited. 1st
2d, American Edition, page 18.
2d, Rogers's Criminal Evidence,
Box vs. Abraham, 3d Carr & K.,

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2 Note (1.)
Archbold's C. P. and P., page 117.
88. Sixth Edition, 1st Volume.
2d Edition page 45, section 84 and
1st Volume (continued on Evidence.

SAVILE W. FETTER.

Defendant's Attorney

Filed May 6, 1863

J. Leland
Clerk

SUPREME COURT,

State of Illinois,

APRIL TERM, A. D., 1863.

WILLIAM CLARK,

PLAINTIFF IN ERROR,

vs.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

DEFENDANTS IN ERROR.

ABSTRACT.

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Record.

5 Indictment in this case, filed October 8, A. D. 1862, in the Recorder's Court, of the city of Chicago, October Term, A. D. 1862, contains one count for larceny.

4 "That William Clark, on the First day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two, in said city of Chicago, in the County and State aforesaid, one Bay Mare of the value of one hundred dollars; one Bay Mare of the value of one hundred dollars, the personal goods and property of Archabold Scott, then and there being found, did then and there feloniously steal, take and carry away, contrary to the statute," etc.

6 To this Indictment on the 8th day of October, A. D. 1862, the Defendant in proper person plead not guilty.

6 On same day and year last aforesaid, Court ordered the plea accepted and entered of Record, and the Defendant remanded back to jail.

7 Affidavit of Defendant for continuance filed in said Recorder's Court on the 10th day of said October, A. D. 1862, sets up that Clark was duly sworn, and says that he is the Defendant in the case; that the case is now pending in said Court, and that the Indictment was found at said October Term of said Court, and filed in said Court on the 8th day of October, A. D. 1862. That he has five witnesses in said cause; that their names are Daniel Dodd, Benjamin Coates,

7 J. C. Wallace, Harvey Eastman and John Drew, all of whom live in
 the town of Davenport, State of Iowa; that he cannot safely proceed
 to trial without said witnesses; that he can prove by said witnesses
 8 that at the time said horses were stolen as charged by the prosecuting
 witness, this deponent was in said town of Davenport, and had nothing
 to do with it in any shape or manner whatever, and that this de-
 ponent's character is good; that for eight months last past, this de-
 ponent has been engaged in the mercantile business in the said town of
 Davenport; that this affidavit is not made for delay or the hindrance
 8 of public justice, but is made in good faith, etc.

8 October 10, 1862, motion for continuance overruled by the Court,
 9 to which ruling of the Court in overruling said motion for a continu-
 ance, the said Defendant by his counsel then and there excepted.

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But the question arises, whether this evidence could in any event operate to the prejudice of the prisoner. If so the judgment must be reversed. The object of instituting courts is to dispense justice, and prevent wrong. And when justice has been

fully and properly dispersed in a case, the object of the law has been attained. It therefore follows, that if the great object of a trial has been had, and slight departures from forms have occurred, it is not a sufficient reason for setting aside the proceedings, and for pursuing again all of the forms of a new trial to arrive at the same ~~end~~ result. If then this evidence could not have prejudiced the rights of the accused, there is nothing of which he can rightfully complain, and hence the judgment should not be disturbed.

When considered in connection with all the evidence in the case, it seems to be entirely immaterial, and could have not have changed the result of the ^{verdict} ~~trial~~. It seems only to have been incidentally stated by the witnesses, and explanatory of other acts that had been done by ~~the witnesses~~ ^{them} and not called for, or relied upon by the prosecution. Hence it could not have misled the jury and consequently was not prejudicial to the

rights of the account.

Upon the whole evidence of the case, it is urged that the jury were not warranted in their finding. The theft of the horses by some one is clearly proved. Of this there seems to be no doubt. And as evidence of the guilt of the accused he is found a few days afterwards in the possession of the horses. It is proved, that he took one of them to the stable of the witness, and left it to be kept, and also pledged it for money to pay the rail road freight on the others. When he pledged this horse he said nothing about its belonging to another person. He acted with it in all respects as though it was his own. Nor did he say any thing about to the stable keeper about it or the others ~~belonging~~ belonging to Stefflin, at that or the subsequent interview. The other of them pretended that Stefflin was the owner. All that is relied upon to prove that fact was Stefflin's directions to the stable keeper and to account to feed and take good care of the horses, when the others

me afterwards brought to the stable
and also the declarations of the pris-
-oner at the time he was arrested.

These directions of Stefflin in
reference to the care of the horses,
and ~~upon~~ the prisoner's declarati-
-ons, ~~that~~ to the officer who arrest-
-ed him, that the horses belonged
to Stefflin, and that he was only
~~his agent for their sale~~ ^{taking care} of the horses
- as for Stefflin, was all properly
before the jury for their consid-
-ation. They were evidence, and the
jury no doubt give them their
full weight, when considered
in connection with the other cir-
-cumstances in the case. He, though
- out, acted as the owner of the horses.
He pledged one to obtain money to
pay freight on the other. He did
all made all of the arrangements
with the keeper of the stable, and he
- kept them all and placed them in
his ~~the~~ custody. ~~of the~~ These facts and Stef-
-flin said nothing to indicate, that
he claimed any interest in the prop-
-erty. These facts clearly prove, that
- accused was the principal in the
transaction, the active man, and

not that he was acting for another.
In view of all of this evidence, we
are unable to see, how the jury
could have arrived at a different
conclusion than they did, and the
judgment of the court below must
be affirmed ~~and the case is~~
judgment affirmed.

William Clark,
v.
The People of the State of Illinois.

Mistake of error to the Recorder's Court of the
City of Chicago.

Mr. Justice Walker: The facts in this ~~case~~
do ~~not~~ ^{not} differ materially from the
present ^{ing} case, and do not require a
separate opinion, as all of the ques-
tions involved in this, ^{case,} are discussed
and determined in that ~~case~~. The
judgment of the court below is af-
firmed. judgment affirmed.

Mr Clark

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6 P. L. 156.

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The motion for a continuance
was properly overruled. Because
non constat, 1st that the witnesses
were not present or could not have
been procured & 2nd that there were
not other available witnesses by
whom the same facts could have
been ~~pro~~ shown as by those named

What the owner of the horses & his wife
did & said at the time the witness deliv-
ered the horses to them, & what the Sheriff
& Scott told the witness when he
started to go to Chicago ^{to recover the horses for Scott}, were all
a part of the res gestae.

The evidence was not material to the
issue & therefore is not error to
admit it 14 Ohio 386

Although the evidence was
exceptionable yet there was sufficient
legal testimony to support the
verdict & no suggestion was made
~~the verdict will not~~
A new trial will not therefore
be granted

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The record does not show that
objections was made to the evidence
& exception taken in the trial
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