

River; & that there was no intention on the part of said Vaughn, Captain Jefferson, or their respondent, to violate any act of congress.

14<sup>th</sup> That all & singular, the premises are true.

Wherefore this respondent prays that this honorable court will be pleased to pronounce against the said libel & information, & to condemn the libellant in costs, & otherwise law & justice to administer in the premises.

Charles & M<sup>r</sup> Kinty, Proctors for Resp<sup>t</sup>.

United States of America.

Eastern District of Louisiana, City of New Orleans

Before the undersigned, Commissioner of the United States for said district, personally appeared Salvador Paetz, the respondent & claimant herein, who having been duly sworn, deposes that the allegations of the foregoing answer & claim, are true & correct.

Sworn to & Subscribed

Salvador Paetz

at New Orleans,

this 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1860,

before

Robt. M. Lusher, U. S. Com<sup>r</sup>.

Filed, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 1860.

John A. Cuthbert

Clk.

December Term, 1860.

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1861.

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The United States } This case having been argued by counsel, it is there-  
or } fore ordered & decreed by the court, that the libel &  
The Brig Eggert, } information be dismissed; & that the said brig, her  
Cargo, &c } tackle, apparel, & furniture, & cargo, be restored by the  
marshaled to the claimants. And on motion of the  
district attorney of the United States, & it appearing to the satisfaction of  
the court, that there was probable cause for the seizure of the said brig,  
her tackle, apparel, & furniture & cargo, it is ordered by the court, that  
it is hereby certified, that there was probable cause for filing a libel in  
this case, & for the seizure of the said brig, her tackle, apparel, & fur-  
-niture, & cargo.

Summons  
2620

The United States } The District Court of the United States -  
or } Southern District of Alabama.

Benny Meaher } The President of the United States, to the Marshal  
of said district, greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon Benny Meaher, who is a citizen  
of the United States of Alabama, to appear before the honor. the district court  
aforesaid, at the place of holding said court at Mobile, on the second mon-  
-day after the fourth Monday of November next, then & there to answer the  
certified information, filed in said court on behalf of the United States.  
And have you then & there, this writ.

Witness the Hon. William G. Jones, Judge of the District  
Court of the United States, for said district, & the seal of  
said court, this 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of April, A. D. 1860.



Issued the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, A. D. 1860.

Attest,

John A. Cantaback R. B. Owen -

Clk. Dist. Ct. So. Dist. Ala.

Return

Executed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1860, by giving the defendant the information verbally -

C. M. Godbold -

U. S. Clk.

Information

United States of America,  
Southern District of Alabama.

District Court of the United States for the said district, of the term of the second Monday after the fourth Monday of November, 1860.

To the Hon. Wm. C. Jones, Judge of the district court of the United States for the district aforesaid.

Information having been lodged with the undersigned, United States district attorney for the southern district of Alabama, by Code M. Godbold, that one hundred & three negroes, more or less, have been imported in said district, contrary to law, & the provisions of the acts of congress in such case made & provided; I, A. J. Requier, United States attorney as aforesaid, who prosecute on behalf of the United States, & being present here in court in his proper person, in the name & on behalf of the United States; information makes, & alleges -

That heretofore, to wit, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1860, one hundred & three negroes, whose names & description are to your informant unknown, were imported or brought to the United States, from a foreign kingdom, place or country, with intent to hold, sell, or dispose of such negroes, as slaves, or to be held to service or labour; that Berry Meeker, of the county of Clarke, State of Alabama, to wit, in the district aforesaid, & within the jurisdiction of this court, holds the negroes aforesaid, to wit, twenty five men, & twenty five women, twenty five boys, & twenty five girls, contrary to the provisions of the acts in such case made & provided

Wherefore the said attorney prays for process of seizure of the said negroes, & against the said Berry Meeker; & for further advice of the court, in the premises.

A. J. Requier

U. S. Att<sup>y</sup>. So. Dist.

of Ala.

At Chambers, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 1860.

Judge's Order

On motion of the district attorney of the United States, & on the affidavit of Code M. Godbold, it is ordered, that process be issued by the clerk of the district court of the United States for the southern district of Alabama, upon this information, directed to the marshal of the United States for said district, commanding him to seize, & take into his possession, the negroes mentioned in this information; & to keep the same, subject to the further orders of the court in this case; & also process against the said Berry Meeker, giving him notice of the filing of this information, & requiring him to appear & answer the same - returnable to the next regular term of this court.

Wm. C. Jones,

Judge U. S. Dist. Ct.

So. Dist. Ala.



Writ of  
Seizure

The United States } United States of America.  
 v } District Court of the United States for the Southern District  
 Berry Meacher } of Alabama.  
 The President of the United States, to the marshal  
 of said district - Greeting.

Whereas information has been filed in said court, by A. S. Requier, U.S. attorney for said district, against Berry Meacher, that one hundred & three negroes were imported or brought to the United States, from a foreign king-  
 -dom, place, or country, with intent to hold, sell, or dispose of said negroes as slaves, or to hold them to service or labour; & that the said Berry Meacher holds the negroes aforesaid, to wit, twenty five men, twenty five women, twenty five boys, & twenty five girls, contrary to the provisions of the acts in such case made & provided

you therefore, under & by virtue of an order of the Hon. Wm. C. Jones, Judge of the district court aforesaid, granted in the above case of information, you are hereby commanded to seize & take into your possession, the said negroes, & keep the same, subject to the further order of the said district court in the premises.

Witness the Hon. William C. Jones, Judge of the District Court aforesaid, & the seal thereof, the fourth Monday of April, A.D. 1860.

Issued the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 1860.

R. B. Owen,

Clk. Dist. Ct. So. Dist. Ala.

Return

The within named negroes not found in any district, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1860.

C. M. Godbold.

U. S. M.

December Term, 1860.

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Dismissal  
of the case

The United States } On motion of the United States attorney, it is  
 v } ordered by the court, that the information in this  
 Berry Meacher } case, be dismissed.

Information  
2619

The United States } United States of America  
 v } Southern District of Alabama.  
 John M. Sabney, } District Court of the United States for said District.  
 Of the Term of the second Monday after the fourth  
 Monday of October, 1860.

To the Hon. Wm. C. Jones,

Judge of the district court of the United States  
 for said district.

Information having been lodged with the undersigned, United States at-  
 -torney for the southern district of Alabama, by Cade M. Godbold, that one  
 hundred & three negroes, more or less, have been imported in said district, con-  
 -trary to the provisions of the acts in such case made & provided, A. S. Requier,  
 United States attorney, as aforesaid, who prosecutes on behalf of the United States,  
 & being present here in court in his proper person, in the name & on the behalf  
 of the United States, information made, & alleges:







Writ of  
Seizure

The United States } United States of America.  
v } District Court for the Southern District of Alabama.  
John M. Dalbey } The President of the United States, to the Clerk  
of said District: ~ Greeting.

Whereas information has been filed in said court, by A. J. Requier, U.S. attorney for the southern district of Alabama, against John M. Dalbey, that one hundred & three negroes were imported or brought to the United States, from a foreign kingdom, place, or country, with intent to hold, sell, or dispose of such negroes, as slaves, or to hold them to service or labour; & that the said John M. Dalbey holds a large number of said negroes, to wit, ten men, ten women, ten boys, & ten girls, contrary to the provisions of the acts in such case made & provided: you therefore under, & by virtue of an order of the Hon. Wm. C. Jones, Judge of the district court aforesaid, granted in the above case of information, and hereby commanded to seize & take into your possession, the said negroes, & keep the same, subject to the further order of said district court in the premises.

Witness the Hon. William C. Jones, Judge of the District Court aforesaid, & the seal thereof, the fourth Monday of April, A.D. 1860.

Issued the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 1860.

Attest,

R. B. Owen,

Clk. Dist. Ct. So. Dist. of  
Ala.

Return

The within named negroes not found in any district.  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1860. ~

C. M. Godbold -  
U.S. Ct.

Dismissal

The United States } On motion of the United States attorney, it is ordered by the  
v } court, that the information in this case be dismissed.  
John M. Dalbey }