

State of Tennessee

Be it remmnded that unto us to meet on the 3rd day of May
1843 a petition for certiorari & superscias & certiorari was filed in
my office in the word and figures following to wit

I do the Honorable M. A. Martin judge of the County of Meigs
giving at Clarksville. Your petitioner William L. Allen wants most
imperitively represent to your Honor that about the day of Jan
uary 1828 he sold to John M. Britt a certain tract of land supposed
to contain about 70 acres. He would state to your Honor that this
Contract of Sale was verbal there being no memorandum in writing
what ever as to the sale. The said John M. Britt agreeing to pay your
petitioner the sum of three hundred & fifty Dollars. Not in pursuance
and of said contract the said Britt his father took the posses
sion of said tract of land & commenced cutting timber & clearing
a small portion which he claim also contained for about one or
two years. in the mean time the said John Maddison Britt paid
to your petitioner about the sum of \$72.00. that J. Britt the father
of the said John M. Britt paid about the sum of \$18.00. making
in all the sum of \$90.00. which was paid to him in part con
sideration for the purchase of the lands. The matter rested in this
matter until a short time ago when to the astonishment of your
petitioner he learned for the first time that the said Britt did not
intend to comply with his verbal contract for the purchase of
the land that he meant to make your petitioner pay back the
Money the property nowise by him in consideration of the land
Your petitioner being advised that by the laws of the land
a verbal contract for the sale of land was void & of no effect
that he could not enforce the contract either in law
or equity submitted to a repayment of the Money the prop
erty. not by his court. but because he was forced to do it
He would state to your Honor that the said John M. Britt
proceeded by warrant against your petitioner for the repayment
of the previous Money. and actually recovered judgment against
him before Mr. Justice William H. Gray M^r of the Superior Court

The last of March 1843. for about the sum of \$73.00 Dollars
which your petitioner states is unjust and oppressive. He would state
to your Honor that after the said judgment was rendered against him
he being to fully ignorant of his right and proceed may for said judgment
most. being then advised that he was bound to pay the same full
amount of said judgment. But your petitioner has since been advised
by his counsel that a portion of the same had no jurisdiction of
the matter because it was on an account. and that if he had
that your petitioner was entitled to a set off for the full amount
of the damages done to the land by the said State for timber
actually cut & destroyed for mfg & profits amount to more than
the amount of the judgment against him say \$80. or 90 Dollars
of not more as your petitioner will fully be able to prove them
on a trial before your Honor. And your petitioner being ignorant
of his rights being advised that he was without remedy in the matter
your petitioner did not take an appeal. but submitted to the judgment
agreed to stay it. He will be fully able to show Honor to your
Honor that manifest & great injustice has been done him. On a trial
before your Honor. He would further state to your Honor that in
the amount of compensation money paid by the said John Mc. Bill
then less about the sum of Sixty Dollars paid in Trade property of
different kinds. with some few cash notes amounting to about the sum
of five or six Dollars for all of which the said John Mc. Bill
obtained a judgment against him as cash without giving your petitioner
any notice what ever which he is advised is contrary to law
and now he would pray of your Honor that justice may be done
him to grant him the states most gracious writs of certiorari and
commeadius etc that said cause may be brought up before your
Honor & justice done him he will ever pray. Johnson & Chard

This day Apr 1st Allen appeared before me P. Pruitt one of
the acting justices of the peace for Montgomery County Indiana who
stated the facts stated in the petition and how as of his own
knowledge and then stated on the information of attorney

In token to be true
Subscribed & sworn to before me and Wm L. Allen
the 26 April 1843 P. Routhier Esq.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court on the petition go-
ing bond and security in the sum of One Hundred Fifty dol-
lars conditioned as the law directs let the writs of certior-
ari issue according to law M. A. Martin
Judge H

To Wm L. Allen & Mr. Shattock and ourselves to
John M. Pitt in the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars
to the view of the said Wm L. Allen presently forth to effect a
certiorari by him obtained either way issued in the suit of
John M. Pitt against him or in case he fail or the certi-
orari be denied by the Court for informality or want of
sufficient substance or other cause that the said Wm L. Allen
will satisfy such judgment as may be given against him
this 26 day of May 1843. Seal

Wm M. Martin Judge

Upon certiorari & supersedeas issued July 2nd 1843 Court.
And at the 1st term 1843 present the Honorable Mr. A. Martin
John M. Pitt 5

Certiorari
Wm L. Allen This day came the plaintiff by attorney to
move the Court to dismiss the certiorari

March Term 1844 not noticed on the Docket
July Term of said Court 1844 present the Hon. Mr. A. Martin
John M. Pitt.

Certiorari
Wm L. Allen This day came the parties by their
attorneys and thereupon the plaintiff moved
to dismiss being argued and by the Court fully understood
It is ordered by the Court that the said motion
be overruled

And at the Number 7m of our said Court B.C. present
the Honorable Mr. A. Martin pro se

John M. Britt

3rd October

Mr. L. Allen 3. This day came the parties by their attorney
and on motion it is ordered by the
Court that said Mr. L. Allen have leave to amend his petition
on the payment of all the cost of this suit & when amended
to stand as a Motion to amend. Whereupon it is ordered
by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the defendant
Mr. L. Allen for Motion against Wm. M. Shultz his security
for costs and the cost in their behalf expended that herein
comes ipso.

And on a subsequent day of the same

John M. Britt

3rd October Slip reading

Mr. L. Allen 3. This day came the parties by their attorneys
and the defendant having amended his
petition the plaintiff move the Court to amend the ceterior
which said amendment is in the words & figures went

Amendment 3

3. As an amendment to his original petition. Your
petitioner Mr. L. Allen would most respectfully re-
quest to your Honor that the amount declared
as due upon by the Magistrate in the trial attached to in his
original petition that John M. Britt was liable to recover
from the said petitioner sum about forty four Dollars per
haps less on the same day judgment was made in favour
of petitioner against Frederick Britt for fourteen Dollars which
by consent of parties that is Frederick Britt and John M. Britt
was placed as a credit upon the account which the magistrate
also found in favour of Frederick Britt against petitioner &
judgment was finally rendered against petitioner upon own
account for thirty three Dollars in favour of petitioner

I add upon another account for truly sum Dollars
and fifty cents toward the costs in both suits amounting
to \$3.75. This suit was brought to recover back
the purchase Money for the land as stated in his original
petition. And your petitioner is informed that said John
McEntee could not legally sustain his accounts and
institute two suits in order to bring an account. Other
than by and the joint direction of a Justices of the peace.
Under the joint direction of a Justice of the peace. In his
original petition when aluding to payment for about
72 Dollars rendered against him. He intended to have
Matthew or allow ~~to~~ the amounting to nearly 72 \$
and supposed it was so stated in his original petition
but owing to the absence of petitioner he supposed there
must have been some mistake under standing between himself
and counsel.

State of Georgia — This day personally appeared before
Montgomery County, in the Clerk's Office of the
Circuit Court of Montgomery County
and made oath in answer of issue that the facts
stated in the foregoing petition are true to the best of his
knowledge. Wm. Allen

From Wm. Allen before me

the 20 Novr 1866 Seal M. McEvoy ~~Recd~~
And for record at a Special Term of the Court on the 25 November in the year 1866
that the Plaintiff and Defendant came to an agreement by their attorneys
and attorney being here on the Plaintiff to accept of a sum of money to be paid to the Plaintiff
and having entered into bond of security accordingly to secure
the same is allowed

Bwd Wm. McEvoy of Miller B. Johnson attorney

our selves to be bound and indebted to John M. Britt in
the sum of One Thousand and Twenty five Dollars, for the
payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors
and administrators jointly & severally jointly by their property
held both in our sole & estate this 11th day of December 1844.

The execution of the above obligation is such that when
as in an action of trespass prosecuted in our Circuit Court
for Montgomery County by Mr. D. Allen plaintiff against John
M. Britt defendant said plaintiff may sue the said defendant against
by said court against the said Allen for cost of suit or a
Writ to remove the petition, from which said judgment
the said Allen shall pray an appeal to the Supreme Court
not to be held at Newark etc. Now if the said Allen shall
prosecute said appeal with effect or in case of failure then
in shall perform the judgment rendered or decree which the said
Supreme Court shall pass or make therein in case the said appeal
and shall have the same done against him then this obliga-
tion to be void. or an appeal filed from effect.

Given under our hands this the day & date above written

See
Dr. B. Johnson *(S)*

Bill. court

Def app'd and filing and petition	25
" Motions to amend	25
" Demurrer	25
" Judgment for cost	25
Appeal filed	25
order of service	25
Transcript filed	1.62 nd
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In the Clerk Party book

State of Georgia
Montgomery County 3rd of October Party Clerk of the
Court Court for the County

I am bound over entirely that the foregoing paper written
by you contains a true and perfect transcript of the facts
then known and believed. I forward this in this case of
John M. Bill against Wm. L. Allen as the sum now
agreed upon by my attorney in that case whereat
I have cause to set my hand &
date of after the 13th instant
B.C.
Chas Bailey

John H. Orr
Mr. L. Orr

filed 4th Aug 1871

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