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Platte County Circuit Court March Term 1854

State of Missouri v Quimby “torturing a slave; selling liquor on Sunday”

“Two distinct charges: Unable to separate due to possible inaccurate division of documents; accused of cruelly beating, wounding & abusing his slave “Lige”

09/06/1854:

Summons to John M. Hall and Jonathan Hunt to appear on Sept. 14, 1854, to testify in the Missouri v. Quimby lawsuit on behalf of Quimby.

Served by reading on Sept. 6 & 7, 1854 by Sheriff Spratt

09/14/1854:

Summons to J.R. Daniels, Perry Fleshman, E Green, John Ferris, T.O Rader, W. Williams, John J. Hall and John Neall and Jonathan Hunt to appear on Sept. 14, 1854, to testify in the Missouri v. Quimby lawsuit on behalf of State.

Served by reading on Sept. 6 & 7, 1854 by Sheriff Spratt

09/14/1854: Quimby’s Demurrer

The defendant answers to the indictment in this case:

1. Because the indictment claim set out the mode, manner of the XXXX of the offense charging such, as the circumstances under which the offense charged was committed or allowing the correction f the slave.
2. Because the correction of the slave being lawful when the tantrum is inflicted in moderation and under proper circumstances, the Indictment fails to show the intent of such torture, or the circumstances under which the slave was inflicted, or where in the cruelty consisted, or any facts to distinguish between lawful correction and cruel treatment. Defendant therefore ask judgment.” George Quimby by Wilson and Clark, attorneys

01/01/1855: Indictment for Selling Liquor on Sunday.

Quimby indicted for selling liquor on Sunday. James Craig, Circuit Attorney
Witnesses J.B. Oliver, F.C. Cockrill

02/01/1855: Indictment for Selling Liquor on Sunday.

Quimby indicted for selling liquor on Sunday. James Craig, Circuit Attorney
Witnesses J.B. Oliver, F.C. Cockrill

02/13/1855:

Summons to J.R. Daniels, Perry Fleshman, John Ferris, T.O Rader, John J. Hill and John

Summons to J.R. Daniels, Perry Fleshman, John Ferns, T.O Rader, John J. Hill and John Hall to appear on March 12, 1855, to testify in the Missouri v. Quimby lawsuit on behalf of State.

Served by reading on Feb. 17th and 26, 1855 by Sheriff Spratt

02/13/1855: Grand Jury Indictment

"The Grand Jurors of this State of Missouri for the body of the County of Platte aforesaid upon their that present that George Quimby late of said County on July 1, 1853, and on diverse other days and times between that day and the day of the finding this Indictment at the County of Platte aforesaid, did cruelly and inhumanely torture, beat, wound and abuse a certain Negro man slave named “Lige” and that said slave was there and then the property of and there and then belonging to him the said George Quimby and then and there under the charge, power, and control of him the said George Quimby contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State.

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that the same George Quimby on March 1, 1854 at the County of Platte aforesaid did cruelly and inhumanely torture, beat, wound and abuse a certain other slave named Lige which slave last mentioned was then and there the property of an belonging to the said George Quimby and then and there under the charge, power, and control of him the said George Quimby contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State.” signed James Craig, Circuit Attorney.

Grand Jury: Jame H. Berry (foreman), J.R. Daniels, Perry Fleshman, E. Green, Irv Farmer, T.P Rader, W. Williams, John J. Hall, John Neall, N.B. Green, B. Richards

03/07/1855: Indictment for Selling Liquor on Sunday.

Quimby indicted March 1, 1855, for selling liquor on Sunday. James Craig, Circuit Attorney
Witnesses J.B. Oliver, F.C. Cockrill

03/10/1855:

Summons to John Hall to appear on March 12, 1855, to testify for Defendant Quimby in the case between the State of Missouri vs. Quimby.

Served by reading on March 12, 1855, by Sheriff Spratt

03/12/1855:

Summons to B. Richards and N.R. Green to appear on March 12, 1855, to testify for the State in the case between the State of Missouri vs. Quimby.

Served by reading on March 12, 1855, by Sheriff Spratt