

year aforesaid, at the aforesaid Parish of Saint Louis, in the County and District aforesaid, unlawfully and wickedly by the said false accusation, and by divers threats, menaces, and allegations that he the said *Etienne Drouin* might and should be hanged for the said pretended offence did exact, receive, and take of and from the said *Etienne Drouin*, a certain promissory note in writing, bearing date the said fifteenth day of February in the thirty-eighth year aforesaid, subscribed with the ordinary mark of him the said *Etienne Drouin* then and there made in the presence of two witnesses, to wit, one *Etienne Dervin* and one *Honoré Le Guerrier*, for the payment on demand of the sum of eighteen hundred livres equal to seventy five pounds current money of this Province of *Lower Canada*, by him the said *Etienne Drouin*, to him the said *Charles Baptiste Bouc*, for and as a composition for the said pretended offence, and as a sum for which the said *Charles Baptiste Bouc* then and there engaged to desist from any prosecution against the said *Etienne Drouin* for the said pretended offence, and that afterwards to wit, on the eighteenth day of March in the thirty-eighth year aforesaid, at the aforesaid Parish of Saint Louis in the County and District aforesaid. He the said *Charles Baptiste Bouc*, did have, receive and take from the said *Etienne Drouin* the sum of fourteen hundred livres in money, equal to fifty-eight pounds six shillings and eight pence current money of this Province of *Lower Canada* in full discharge and payment of the said promissory note, whereas in truth and in fact the said *Etienne Drouin* never was guilty of the said pretended offence so charged against him as aforesaid, or of any such like offence, to the great damage impoverishment and disgrace of the said *Etienne Drouin* to the evil and pernicious example of all others in the like case offending, and against the Peace of our said Lord the King his Crown and Dignity."

"Whereupon the Sheriff of the said district of *Montreal* is commanded that he do not omit by reason of any Liberty in his District and Bailiwick, but that he take the said *Charles Baptiste Bouc*, *Charles Renault*, *Jean Baptiste Coll*, *Antoine Lauzon* and *Magdeleine Collard* to answer to the Premises.—And afterwards, to wit, at the session of the Court of King's Bench for the district aforesaid begun and holden in the City of *Montreal* aforesaid for the trial of all crimes and criminal offences on Friday the first day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and in the thirty-ninth year of the reign of our said Lord,