

Q. Then in the spring of 1891 you personally came in contact with Howard, the plaintiff? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where? A. In St. Louis.

Q. Do you know how he came there? I mean upon whose invitation? A. Howard had Nidelet and Price under his control, and they were supposed to have gone to India, where Howard was supposed to live. But, through an investigation which I made later on, after this fellow had decamped the country, I ascertained that Price and Nidelet went to New York, and there they remained until all their money was spent. This fakir, Howard, took all the money that they had. I have a ledger which will show the amount that these people put into his hands.

Q. About how much money did Price put into Howard's hands? A. I have a ledger here that gives the amount. This is Dr. Howard's ledger that came out of his private papers. He hid the box that he kept these papers in. According to this ledger, Howard got from Celsus Price over \$6,000, and from Nidelet he got \$5,352.

Q. Did you afterward become aware of the fact that these men, Price and Nidelet, were followers of Howard's teachings? A. They claimed to be his followers, to give up everything that they had to him in order to follow out the life that he said that they should have to live.

Q. Did you afterward, and prior to Howard's leaving the country, know as a matter of fact that these men were his servants and following him?

THEIR LORD AND MASTER.

A. Certainly, they were perfect slaves to his will. They called him lord and master, and cringed like a worm.

Q. Each of them called Howard, the plaintiff, lord and master?

A. Lord and master.

Q. And did his will? A. And did whatever he told them to do.

Q. Where were they when you observed these facts? A. These two men were located at Gunston upon a small piece of property that Howard bought. When I say Gunston I mean the little village where the post office was.

Q. Not far from your residence? A. Not far from our residence. And there I observed the perfect control that this man had over these two men; they were afraid to call their souls their own.

Q. One of these men, you say, had been your family physician in St. Louis, and was a man of good standing? A. In good standing and well connected.

Q. Both professionally and socially? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And he was there working this piece of land as the servant and follower of Howard, the plaintiff? A. He did anything that was to be done; yes.

Q. Those are the facts that you observed and became aware of prior to Howard's leaving this country? A. Yes, sir.