

fore, its absence is immaterial. The case of *St. Michel v. Vidler* (M. L. R., 1 S. C., p. 164), a case very much resembling the present one, decided that point.

We, therefore, hold the affidavit to contain the essential allegations of the debt, the amount, and the promise to pay. We further hold that the allegation of secretion is sufficient, and we dismiss the petitions to quash both as regards the *capias* and the *saisie-arrêt*.

The judgment of the Court of Review is as follows :—

“Considering that there is error in the judgment of the Court below, rendered on the 9th of June, 1891, doth reverse the same, and proceeding to render the judgment that the Court below should have rendered ;

“Considering that the defendant petitioned to be liberated from arrest under a *capias ad respondendum*, and also to quash the writ, as well as to quash the writ of *saisie-arrêt* in the said cause issued ;

“Considering that the plaintiffs contested both petitions ;

“Considering that the grounds of said petitions and of each of them are insufficient to obtain the conclusions thereof ; that there is no uncertainty as to the amount alleged by the plaintiffs’ affidavit to be due to them, and for which both writs were issued, and further that the alleged secretion is sworn to have taken place after the defendant was so indebted to the plaintiffs ;

“Doth maintain the plaintiffs’ contestation of both the said petitions, and doth dismiss both said petitions, with costs in this Court and the Court below.”

Judgment reversed.

Baker & Martin for plaintiffs.

J. C. McCorkill for defendant, petitioner.

THE PARKMAN-WEBSTER CASE.

On December 27, 1849, the city of Boston was startled with the news that portions of a human body had been discovered underneath the chemical laboratory of Professor John W. Webster in the medical college, which then stood in North Grove Street, and that Professor Webster himself had been arrested and incarcerated in Leverett Street Gaol on suspicion of having been concerned in the murder which had obviously been committed. The excited populace had, however, no idea that the discovery which interested and agitated it that winter morning