

The last case reported at length is on June 16th 1791, James May sued Thomas Fleet for taking away an anchor from his yard at Detroit. But the evidence showed that Mr. Williams, mate of the "Felicity," commanding a party of six men, went to Mr. May's yard, pointed out the anchor to the men and had them remove it to the King's ship-yard—the defendant not being present and having nothing to do with the transaction.

On June 23rd 1791 "the Court met, but being a great holiday, *Fete de Dieu*, adjourned to the 30th inst."

June 30 "Jacob Dicks v. Jno. Cray and wife.... a witness.... proved the allegations as set forth in the plaintiff's Declaration—the Defendant's wife acknowledged that she does not know anything of the Plaintiff, and that she was sorry for what she had said, and that she was in a passion at the time and did not know what she said, and acknowledging the plaintiff to be an honest man. In consideration of the Plaintiff's relinquishing his claim to the damages, the defendant to pay the costs—allowed witness 2-6 and Ferriage 1-3." The defendant got off cheap—and with this case of happy ending, I should like to close this sketchy account of Mr. Justice Powell's first Court—but the very last case I cannot omit: 4th August, 1791 "George Lyons v. Porline Benac, Esquire, Mr. Roe for plaintiff informs the Court that on the second day of July last a writ of *fi. fa.* was issued from the Court at the suit of the plaintiff against the goods and chattels, lands and Tenements of the Defendant, addressed to the Sheriff of this District who in consequence granted his warrant to Jos. Elam one of his Deputies, who in execution thereof on the 1st day of August instant was violently assaulted and drove off the Defendant's premises by the defendant in person as appears by the affidavit of the said Jos. Elam filed in Court marked "A" and the return of the sheriff on the said writ; wherefore prays the Court to award a writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum* to issue against the Defendant. Court order that a *capias* do issue accordingly." And it is hoped that the Defendant received his just deserts for having drove the Deputy Sheriff off his premises.

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