No. 12955

Supreme Court of Illinois

Thompson

VS.

Turner

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In the Supreme Court.

JOHN N. TURNER,.........Defendant in Error, vs.

ROBERT B. COLEMAN and AUGUSTUS W. THOMPSON, Plaintiffs in Error.

Points and Authorities of Defendant in Error.

The facts in this case all substantially appear from the abstract of the Plaintiffs in Error.

That the Plaintiff filed his precipie for summons, laying damages at \$600, and on the same day filed his declaration, laying damages at the same sum; that summons issued laying damages at \$100, and was served on both Defendants; that they made default, and judgment was rendered against them for \$428 20.

As assigned, the first error is, that the Plaintiff below recovered more damages than claimed or laid in the summons.

This is true; and we are not aware that it is in conflict with any rule now enforced by courts of law.

The rule is well established that the Plaintiff shall recover no more damages than laid in the declaration; and those, and those alone, limit the Plaintiffs' right of recovery; no where is the rule stated any broader. (Stephens' Pleading, 428; 1 Chitty's Pleading, 339.)

Although not so stated, yet, in fact, the first error assigned amounts to setting up a variance, in the damages laid, between the writ and declaration.

This the Plaintiffs in error cannot do. It was matter in abatement merely, and they should have taken advantage of it as such in the Court below at the proper time; and, having neglected so to do, they cannot have advantage of it upon a writ of error. [Cruikshank vs. Brown, 5 Gilman 77; Pierce vs. Lamb, Breese 298; Chirac vs. Rinucker, 11 Wheaton 302; Mumford vs. Stocker, 1 Cowen 601; Bacon's Abridgement (Tit. Abatment); Div's "I." and "K."]

- From the authorities it is clear that no advantage could be taken of this variance, after verdict; and the seventh section of the statute of amendments jeofails would seem to be decisive of the objection after verdict; and the eleventh section of the same statute puts judgments by default upon the same footing; as respects lack of form in the process and like defects.
- "A man shall never assign that for error which he might have pleaded in abatement; for it shall be accounted his folly to neglect the time of taking that exception."

 [Bacon's Abridgement; Tit. Error, Division "K."]
- The writ in this case, if defective, is not void, but simply voidable by reason of the variance: the variance being in form only; and if the variance be in form only, it must be plead in abatement, or taken advantage of by motion. But where the variance is in substance, it may be taken advantage of by motion in arrest of judgment or by writ of error.

"If a writ be brought to the damage £40, and the Plaintiff declare ad damnum £200, and the verdict give £30, this is no error after verdict, for the writ is not abated de facto, but only abateably by plea." [Bacon's Abridgment; Title Abatement, Division "K." See Com. Digest Pleader, Div. (C. 15) last clause.]

If the error first assigned is not well taken, it would seem, certainly, that the second and third can not be, as the third is but a part of the first, and the second immaterial if the first error is not good. Still we claim that the leave to amend was properly granted, because it was apparent from an inspection of the precipe filed and declaration, that the amount of damages laid in the writ was a mere error of the Clerk; and that the Court not only had power, but it was the duty of the Court to permit the amendment, under the second section of the statute of amendments and jeofails.

And it would seem that this Court, upon appeal or writ of error, would have power to correct the record in this behalf, the variance being entirely the fault of the Clerk as shown by the precipae filed, and again his fault that he did not amend the summons in pursuance of the order of the Court. [§ 3 of Statute of Amendments and Jeofails.]

- The first section of our Practice Act declares that the first process shall be a summons, (in cases where bail is not required); and also declares what the requisites of that process shall be; and the law being silent upon the subject of damages, it would seem that the damages were no essential part of the summons; and indeed if the Legislature had intended that the "ac etiam" clause should form a necessary part of the summons, (no bail being required), it hardly seems that they would have omitted that in enumerating the requisites of the summons.
- The old process of summons against a corporation, was used as early as any process by that name, and in the forms given for that, there was no ac eliam clause. [Yates' Pleading, page 648.]
- The form of summons as required by the English Uniformity act—2 Wil. 4, chap. 39—has no ac eliam clause; nor are any damages laid in the writ. [1 Chitty's Pleading, page 708; 11 American edition.]

LATHROP & BROWN, for Defendant in Error.

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Command I)ou, That by good and lawful men of your County, you give notice to the said
John N. Furner,
that he be and appear before the Justices of our said Supreme Court, at the next
term of said Court, to be holden at Ottawa, in said State, on the first Tuesday after the
third Monday in April next, to hear the records and proceedings aforesaid, and the errors assigned, if he shall see fit; and further to do and receive what said
Court shall order in this behalf; and have you then there the names of those by whom
you shall give the said form N. June
notice, together with this writ.
Witness, The Hon. JOHN D. CATON, Chief Justice
of our said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Ottawa,
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