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Colithess, The Hon. JOHN D. CATON, Chief Justice of our said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Ottawa, this The day of August in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred Year of Our and Fifty-light - Leland

Clerk of the Supreme Court.

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Know all men by these presents, that we, Daniel Brain and, Il Mes Grellight of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, are held and firms, bound unto the City of Chicago, in the Sum of Three thousand dollars, to be paid to the said City of Chicago; forwhich payment well and truly the made, the buil ourselver, our and Each of our heirs, Executors and adminestrators, firmly by these presents. Scaled with our Seals and dated the fifth day of august, in the year of our Lord, one thous and light hundred and fifty Eight. Whereas, the above unued Daniel Brain ard, Sames Granger and E. Morrison have prosecuted a writ of Error, & the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, & reverse the Judgment rendered by the book County Court of Common Pleas, on the 24th day of June a. D. 1858, infavor of the Citis of Chicago, against Said Daniel Brainard, Sames Granger, and E. Morrison, on an appli-cation for pedgment on an assessment in the by the Course on Council of the City of Chicago, on the 5th day of October a.D. 1859, for Macadamizing Canal Street heliveen

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Clerk's office of the Supreme Court.

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