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No. \_\_\_\_\_

Supreme Court of Illinois

McDonnell.

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vs.

Olwell, et al.

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State of Illinois  
County of Cook S. S.

Plead before the Honorable John M. Wilson  
Judge of the Cook County Court of Common Pleas within  
and for the County of Cook and State of Illinois at a  
Regular Term of said Cook County Court of Common Pleas  
begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Chicago  
in said County and State on the first Monday being the  
second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifty five and of the Independence of  
the United States the seventy ninth.

Present the Hon. John M. Wilson Judge  
James Andrew Sheriff

Attest

Walter Kimball Clerk.

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit on the  
twenty eighth day of February A. D. Eighteen hundred and  
fifty five James Olwell and Matthew Olwell by Harriet &  
Tiley their Attorneys filed in the Office of the Clerk of said  
Court, their process for summons against Charles Mc  
Donnell defendant, which said process is in words and  
figures as follows, to wit,

"State of Illinois } Cook County Court of Common Pleas  
Cook County S. S. } of the April Term A. D. 1855.  
James Olwell and Matthew Olwell  
Merchants trading under the names & firms of  
J. M. Olwell . . . . . plffs. } Apr<sup>15</sup> \$ 1700.  
v  
Charles M. Donnell . . . . . dft. } 5

Asumptio - for Goods & Merchandise sold - damages \$1400.

The Clerk will please issue a Summons against  
the above named defendant, returnable at the April term  
of said Court damages seventeen hundred dollars.

To Clerk of Cook County  
Court of Common Pleas  
Chicago. 28<sup>th</sup> Feby 1850.

Yours for  
Harvey & Tully  
Atts

And whereupon Summons issued out of the Office of the  
Clerk of said Court in words and figures as follows heretofore

State of Illinois  
County of Cook S.S.

The People of the State of Illinois, to the  
Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

We command you that you summon Charles  
Mc Donnell, if he shall be found in your County  
personally to be and appear before the Cook County Court  
of Common Pleas of said County, on the first day of the  
next Term thereof, to be holden at the Court House, in  
the City of Chicago, in said County on the first Monday of  
April next to answer unto James Alwell and Matthew  
Alwell in a Bill of Trespass on the case on promises to  
the damage of the said Plaintiffs as they pay in the  
sum of One thousand Seven hundred dollars. And have  
you shew and there this Writ, with an endorsement thereon  
in what manner you shall have executed the same.

Witness Walter Kimball Clerk of our said  
Court and the Seal thereof at the City of  
Chicago in said County this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
February A.D. 1855.

Walter Kimball Clerk



State of Illinois      Cook County Court of Common Pleas  
Cook County S.S. of the April Term A.D. 1855.  
James Olwell & Matthew Olwell  
vs  
Charles Mc Donnell . . . . } Afumpit?

James Olwell and Matthew Olwell -  
(partners doing business under the name and style of J. &  
M. Olwell) Plaintiffs in this cause by Harvie & Tiley  
their Attorneys complain of Charles Mc Donnell defendant in  
this cause who has been summoned &c in a plea of  
Trespass on the case upon promises For that whereas the  
said Defendant heretofore to wit on the twentieth day of  
January A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty four at the  
City of New York i.e. at the County of Cook State of  
Illinois aforesaid was indebted to the said Plaintiffs in  
the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars for divers goods  
wares and merchandise by the said Plaintiffs before  
that time bargained and sold to the said defendant at  
his special instance and request, and being so indebted  
by the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards  
to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the City  
of New York i.e. at the County of Cook last aforesaid  
undertook and faithfully promised the said Plaintiffs to  
pay them the said sum of money when he the said  
Defendant should be therunto afterwards requested.

2 And whereas also the said Defendant afterwards  
to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the City of  
New York i.e. at the County of Cook last aforesaid in  
consideration that the said Plaintiffs at the like special  
instance and request of the said Defendant had before  
that time bargained sold and delivered unto the said  
Defendant divers goods wares & merchandise by the said  
Defendant undertook and then & there faithfully promised  
the said Plaintiffs to pay to them so much as the said

last mentioned goods wares and merchandize at the time  
of the said sale and delivery thereof were reasonably worth  
when he the said defendant should be therunto afterwards  
requested. And the said Plaintiffs aver that the said last  
mentioned goods wares and merchandize at the time of  
said sale and delivery thereof were reasonably worth the  
further sum of eighteen hundred dollars to wit at the  
City of New York in at the County of Cook aforesaid  
whereof the said defendant afterwards to wit on the day  
and year last aforesaid then had notice.

And whereas also the said defendant afterwards  
to wit on the day and year last aforesaid twenty fifth  
day of February A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty five  
at the City of New York in at the County of Cook  
aforesaid was indebted to said Plaintiffs in the further  
sum of three hundred dollars for interest due upon the  
forbearance of monies due from defendant to the Plaintiffs  
and by the latter forbore to the defendant at his request,  
and being so indebted he the said Defendant in consideration  
thereof afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid  
to wit at the City of New York in at the County of  
Cook aforesaid undertook and then and there faithfully  
promised the said Plaintiffs to pay them the said last  
mentioned sum of money when he the said defendant  
should be therunto afterwards requested

And whereas also the said Defendant afterwards  
to wit on the day and year last aforesaid in at the City  
of New York in at the County of Cook aforesaid  
accounted with the said Plaintiffs of and concerning  
divers other sums of money from the said defendant to  
the said Plaintiffs before that time due and owing  
and then in arrear and unpaid and upon such accounting  
the said defendant was then and there found to be in  
arrear and indebted to the said Plaintiffs in the further

sum of Eighteen hundred dollars and being so found in  
arrear and indebted to the said defendant undertook and  
then and there faithfully promised the said Plaintiffs to pay  
them the said last mentioned sum of money when he the  
said Defendant should thereunto afterwards be requested.  
Nevertheless the said Defendant notwithstanding his said  
several promises & undertakings but continuing fraudulently  
intending craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud the  
said Plaintiffs in this behalf hath not as yet paid the said  
several sums of money or any or either of them or any  
part thereof to the said Plaintiffs altho' often requested  
so to do but the said defendant to pay them the same  
hath hitherto wholly neglected and refused and still  
doth neglect and refuse to the damage of the said  
Plaintiffs of Two thousand dollars and therefore they bring  
suit as

Harriet J. Tully  
Plts Atty.

And thereafter to wit on the thirteenth day of March  
A. D. Eighteen hundred and fifty five the said defendant  
by Daniel McIlroy his Attorney filed in the office of the  
Clerk of said Court his Plea & Affidavit of Merits in said  
Cause in words and figures as follows to wit.

Charles M<sup>o</sup> Donnelly

April 3. 1855 Cook Co

at

Aff<sup>c</sup> Court Common Pleas.

Lane, Quill & Matthew Quill

And the said defendant by  
Daniel McIlroy his Attorney comes and defends so and  
says that he did not undertake and promise to pay the  
said several sums of money in the said several counts of  
the said declaration mentioned in manner and form as the  
said Plaintiff have above thereof complained And of this

the said Defendant puts himself upon the Country &c  
D Mc Doway  
Atty for Dft.

State of Illinois  
Cook County S.S.

Charles Mc Donnell being sworn says  
that he is the Defendant in the above entitled cause and  
that he has a defense therein on the merits.

Subscribed and sworn to this

30<sup>th</sup> March 1855, before me C. Mc Donnell,  
Walter Rimbale Clerk.

And afterwards to wit on the twelfth day of April being  
one of the days of the April Vacation Term of said Court  
A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty five the following  
proceedings were had in said cause, and entered of Record  
in said Court, to wit

James Olwell & Matthew Olwell

v. { Ap. C  
Charles Mc Donnell . . .

And now come the said  
Plaintiffs by Harvie & Tuley their Attorneys and the said  
defendant by P. Ballingall his Attorney also comes and on  
Motion of said Plaintiffs Attorneys It is Ordered that the  
Defendant's Plea and Affidavit be stricken from the files  
for the reason of the insufficiency of his Affidavit to his  
defense on the merits, and said defendant thereupon enters  
his exceptions to the opinion of the Court in striking  
his said Plea and affidavit from the files of this Court

And thereupon the said defendant being three times  
solemnly called in open Court comes not, nor does any person  
for him but herein makes default, which is on Motion

of said Plaintiffs Ordered to be taken and entered of Record  
Wherefore the said Plaintiffs ought to have and recover of  
the said Defendant their damages herein sustained by  
occasion of the premises, and the Court after hearing  
the testimony adduced by said Plaintiffs and being now  
fully advised in the premises aforesaid paid Plaintiff  
damages to the sum of one thousand six hundred and  
sixty two dollars and fifty three cents.

Therefore it is considered that the said Plaintiffs  
do have and recover of the said Defendant their damages  
of one thousand six hundred and sixty two dollars and  
fifty three cents in form aforesaid by the Court here  
affixed and also their costs and charges by them about  
their suit in this behalf expended and have execution  
therefor.

State of Illinois  
County of Cook S.S.

I Walter Kimball Clerk of the Cook County Court  
of Common Pleas within and for said County and State  
Do hereby that the foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of the Precipit, Summons, Declaration, Plea & Affidavit  
of Merits, and also of the Orders entered of Record in  
said Court, now on file in my Office in the case of  
James Olwell and Matthew Olwell vs Charles McDonnell

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
seal of said Court at Chicago this  
third day of July A.D. 1855.

Walter Kimball Clerk

And now comes Charles McDonnell, the Defendant  
in the within Record, by Blackmar Ballingall  
and Hendonwood his attorneys and says that there  
is manifest error to his prejudice in the proceedings  
and judgment in the said Record and that the  
said judgment ought to be reversed and set aside  
and for causes of error shows to the Court

1<sup>st</sup> The Court erred in striking from the files of the  
Court the said defendant's Plea; the said  
Plea <sup>& affidavit</sup> being a compliance with the Statute

2<sup>nd</sup> The Court erred in rendering judgment  
against the defendant

3<sup>rd</sup> The Court erred in rendering judgment against  
Defendant in the manner in which the same  
is rendered

4<sup>th</sup> The Plea was a perfect and complete defense  
to the third Count of Plaintiff's declaration  
and also to the second Count; and pro-  
tests to the first and fourth Counts as appears  
from the judgment itself; the plea therefore & affidavit are  
true.

5<sup>th</sup> The third section of an act entitled an act to  
regulate the practice in the Circuit Court of  
Cork County and the Cork County Court of  
Common Pleas approved 12 Feb 1853 is unconsti-  
tutional

6<sup>th</sup> Said Act by its terms precludes a defense  
as to a part of a demand

7 There are divers other errors and irregularities; for all  
which Pleff in error prays that said judgment be  
set aside & reversed

Blackmar Ballingall & Hendonwood  
att'd for Pleff in error

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Error to Cork County  
Court of Common Pleas.

Charles O'He. Donnell  
Deft in error

James Olwell and  
Matthew Olwell  
Deft in error

C H  
Copy of Records

Filed July 26. 1855.  
L. Celand Oth.

No Indorsement

Know all men by these presents, That we Charles McDonnell, and Daniel M. Tracy, of the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, are held and firmly bound to James Oliver and Matthew Oliver - in the penal sum of three thousand three hundred and twenty five Dollars, and six cents; which sum well and truly to be paid to the said James Oliver and Matthew Oliver - we bind ourselves our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, Witness our hands and seals this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five;

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas, the said James Oliver and Matthew Oliver, at the April term of the Cook County Court of Common Pleas, in said State, recovered a judgment against the said McDonnell for the sum of sixteen hundred and Sixty two dollars & forty four cents besides costs; from which said judgment, the said McDonnell has prosecuted his writ of error to the Supreme Court of said State now if the said McDonnell shall duly prosecute his said writ of error; and in case the said judgment shall be affirmed, shall pay the said judgment, costs, interest, and damages then the above obligation to be void

Signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of

William B. M. George

C. McDonnell   
D. M. Tracy 

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Charles McDonnell  
& Daniel McHoy

to

James & Mathew  
Oliver

Bond on Trial of Oliver

Fifty July 30. 1855.  
J. Leland Cts.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Supreme Court, { ss. The People of the State of Illinois,  
 Cook County, of Common Pleas  
 To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county of Cook - Greeting:

**BECAUSE** in the record and proceedings, as also in the rendition of the judgment of a  
 plea which was in the said court of Common Pleas ~~county~~, before the Judge there-  
 of, between James Olwell & Ellathan Olwell

plaintiff and

Charles McDowell

defendant - it is said manifest error hath intervened, to the injury of the aforesaid defendant

as we are inform-  
 ed by his complaint, and we being willing that error, should be corrected if any there be in due  
 form and manner, and that justice he done to the parties aforesaid, command you that if judgment there-  
 of be given, you distinctly and openly without delay, send to our Justices of the Supreme Court  
 the record and proceedings of the plaintiff, aforesaid, with all things touching the same, under your seal,  
 so that we may have the same before our Justices aforesaid at Ottawa, in the county of La Palle,  
 on the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday in June - next, that the record and proceedings, being inspeted,  
 we may cause to be done therein, to correct the error, what of right ought to be done according to law;

*Walter B. Seaton*  
**WITNESS**, the Hon. SAMUEL H. TREAT, Chief Justice  
 of our said Court, and the Seal thereof, at Ottawa, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July  
 in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine.

*S. C. Land*  
 Clerk of the Supreme Court.

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Charles McDonell  
v  
James O'Neill et al.  
Wit & cur

Filed July 30, 1855.  
Seland Ch.

This writ of cur is  
made a supersedas  
as such shall be obeyed  
by all concerned —

S. Seland Ch.

Compt'd -

John H. Smith

State of Illinois }  
LaSalle County }

F. S. Buckley upon oath  
says that he is acquainted <sup>by reputation</sup> with the pecuniary circumstances of Daniel  
McElroy and that he verily believes  
the said McElroy to be worth at least  
in real and personal property from  
Twenty Thousand to Thirty Thousand  
dollars, free from all debts.

Subsd. Edward }  
to help me }  
July 26. 1855.  
Shelburne Ck.

F. S. Buckley

McDowell

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Oliver St. & al

affidavit purifying  
Summons

Filed July 26. 1855.

A. Celand Ok.

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L Leland

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afternoon train. Sale  
tomorrow at ten o'clock

P Hollenbeck

Chicago 4<sup>th</sup> August  
1855

Mr Leland

Dear sir

The super-  
seideas has never reached me in  
the matter of McDonnell & Shur-  
et al: so therefore please send me  
one immediately on receiving this.

Direct it to me individually  
and not to the firm as Mr  
Blackwell has charge of the  
firm Box & he is not at home  
just now

Yours

P. Ballingard.

State of Illinois  
In the Supreme Court

Charles M. Donnell  
plaintiff in error

James Oliver Matthew Glebe  
Defendant in error

And the said  
defendants by Harry Kelly their attorney  
come into this appearance & join in the  
in the above cause

Harry Kelly  
Atty for deft in error

Supreme Court

Olive & Olive  
deft in two  
cases

Thos McDonnell  
plff in one

Filed June 12 1855  
L Leland  
Clerk

Stein & Luly  
Atts for deft

Chs. McDonnell <sup>40</sup>  
Jas. O'Leary et al.

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1851

12 days

