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There could be no question but that the appellant, Hatfield would be the tenant of Fullerton, if he had obtained the possession of the entire premises, by him leased, of the appellee, Fullerton, but when it is admitted by the appellee, that one William Burns was occupying the premises, or a portion of them, at the time that he leased them to Hatfield, and that he did not remove him, although he agreed to, and that Burns remained in the possession of the portion of the premises that he was occupying from that time up to, and until after this cause was commenced, by distraining the goods of Hatfield, and that too, when Hatfield was continually protesting against his occupancy, and insisting upon Fullerton's dispossessing And further, that Hatfield lost the use of a large portion of the him. premises that were by him leased; and was disturbed, and to a great extent deprived of the occupancy of the balance, and thus losing the benefits that he might have derived to a great extent from their possession and oc-We think it raises another question, and that question is, whether a distress would lie or not.

We say that distress will not lie, because the landlord has not, as he admits, fulfilled the entire conditions of his agreement. Thus, as we say, absolving the existence, by his own default, of the condition of the parties, and the obligation of Hatfield as tenant. We are not aware that this

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question has ever been presented to this Court, as it is now presented, and if it has not, then we now present it upon what we believe to be the true proposition of law, to-wit: That the failure upon the part of the landlord to give possession of the entire premises by him leased, deprives the landlord of that right which the law throws around him, of distraining the goods of the tenant for rent that may be due to him for the use of that portion of the premises which he has occupied. And that the only remedy which the landlord has against the tenant is, in an action for use and We cite the Court to the case of Lawrence vs. French, 25, Wendall's Rep., page 443, which is a case similar to the present one. The Court there decided that "where premises are demised at a fixed rent and the tenant enters, but is prevented from obtaining the whole of the premises by a person holding a part under a prior lease executed by the landlord, the latter has no right to distrain for a proportionate part of the rent reserved, by deducting the value of the part held under the prior lease, and demanding the residue; though it seems, that in such case the landlord is entitled to sustain an action for the use and occupation of the premises, and recover under a quantum mernit."

E. F. RUNYAN,
Att'y for Appel't.

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Herewith I return to you a copy of a Distrees Warrant to me issued by alexander A Fullestow dated the 17th day of March 1859 under and by virtue of which I have levied upon the property described in the list thereunder written which are as State of Illinois & Ls levek leounty & To clohn Canothers- you are hereby authorised to distrain the goods and chat tels of moses & Hatfield which are liable to distress in the Country of Cook, for the sum one hundred minety six dollars & eighty five cents being the amount due me for nent of the following described premises in said County liz dot five (5) in Block sixty (60) in Russell Mather and Roberts addition to the City of Chicago and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given under my hand and seal this seventeenth day of march 1859 Alex. A. Fulleston Seal's List of property distrained -One Boiler - One Engine - One Furnace -One Smoke Pipe - Two Planing Machines. I Sot shafts & Drivers one Sot Bands

Dated Chicago

Souk County Court of Common Pleas
Alexander N. Gullerton & Distress for Rent

Modes & Hatfield & On filing the above copy On filing the above copy & return the bleck of said bourt will issue Summons herein by law required - Burgers & Hawley for Poffand afterwards to wit on the tenth day of dune in the years aforesaid came the defendant by his attorneys Brown and Hungon and filed in the office of the Clerk aforesaid his certain appearance in words and figure following to wit: following to wit: Alexander Fullerton? Superior Court of Chicago v's af the clune Term AD. 1859 Moses C. Hatfield Distress for Bent We do hereby enter our appearance for the said defendant in the above cause.
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This day comes said plaintiff by Burgess Hawley his attorneys and said defendant by Brown and Tennyon his attorneys also comes, and this cause upon agreed case is submitted to the bourt for trial and the bourt now here after hearing the allegations and proofs submitted and being fully advised in the premises finds yours for said plaintiff and amount due soud plain tiff for rent of the premises mentioned in the distress warrant filed at the sum of One hundred and seventy five dollars.

and hereupon defendant submits his motion herein for a new trial in this cause

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and now again comes said plaintiff by Burgers and Hawley his attorneys and said defendant by Brown and Bunyon his attorneys also comes and counsel being heard on defendants motion heretofore submitted herein for a new trial in this cause the court being fully advised overriles and denies defendants said motion for a new trial herein, Wherefore said plaintiff ought to have judgment on the verdict and finding rendered by the bourt.

Therefore it is considered and ordered by the Court that the finding of the Court, as afore--said be certified under the seal of the bourt to

the said plaintiffs Bailiff Who made and returned the levy and distress in this cause and that he proceed thereupon forthwith to make said sum of One hundred and seventy five dollars in form aforesaid by the Court here found due together with the costs of this proceeding out of the property distrai-

ned according to the statute in such case made and provided and make due return

thereof according to law.

and thereupon defendant having entered his & exceptions herein prays an appeal herein to the Supreme bourt which is allowed on filing his appeal bond in the sum of three i hundred dollars, to be approved by a Judge of this bourt said bond and bill of exceptions to be filed within thirty days. and afterwards to wit on the twelfth day of December in the year aforesaid said day being one the days of the December Term of the Superior Court of Chicago the following among other proceedings was had and entered of record in said Court town; Alexander A Fullerton vis Distress for Rent Moses. C. Hatfield And now again comes said defendant and files herein his appeal bond to the Supreme bout which bond is approved by the bourt. And afterwards to wit on the twelfth day of

And afterwards to wit on the twelfth day of December in the year aforesaid comes said defendant by his attorneys and files in the office of the Clerk aforesaid his certain Bill of Exceptions and Appeal Bond which are in words and figures following to wit:

State of illinois & The Superior Court of Chicago County of Cook & Ofthe November Term AD. 1859 Distress for Reent Alexander N Fullerton & Moses C. Hatfield The it remembered that on the Twelfth day of November AD. 1869 the above entitled cause came on to be tried in said bourt then holden at the City of Chicago in the County of book in the State of illinois by and before the Hon Van H Higgins one of the Judges of said bout a jury being waired and said cause being submitted to the bourt by agreement and upon an agreed State of facts (acopy of which facts as agreed whon being hereto attached and marked A.") and after examining said cause as agreed upon and the lease between the parties (a copy of which is hereto attached and marked B.) the said bout found the amount due for sent on said Lease to be the sum of One hundred and seventy five dollars at which time the defendant entered a motion to set aside the finding and said judgment and grant a new trial which said motion so entered by said defendant was overruled by the Court to which ruling the

said defendant excepted and prayed an appeal to the Supreme Court of the State of 8 illinois and that said Court sign and certi fy this his bill of exceptions Van. H. Higgins Escaled ludge State of Illinois? Superior Court of Chicago County of Cook ? Sto October Term A.D. 1859 Alefander A Fullerton ? Distress for Rent
Noves Co. Hatfield ? This suit is brought by the plaintiff against the defendant, for sent due upon a Lease entered into between the parties in Russell Mather & Poberts addition to Chicago The distress was made on the 17th day of March A.D. 1859 for a balance of the rest claimed to be due from the defendant to the plaintiff of \$196. 85. The defence to the suit is this That at the time of the leasing of the Sot by Hatfield of Fulleston - a portion of the Sot was occupied by another party under Fullerton - that he at the time of the leaving agreed with & Fullertow to lease and give possession of -he occupying the rear and on the alley -Thus shutting him off from the alley - We claim that no distress will lie in any case except the party renting the premises obtain possession of the entire premises leased and that Heatfield in no case could be liable except pro rata-or in proportion to the amount he occupied

This indinture made this first day of May in the year of our Sord One Thousand Eight Bundred and fifty seven. Between Alexander A Fullerton of the City of Chicago of the first part and moses to Hatfield of the same place of the second part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the covenants and agree-

second part his executors administrators and assigns has demised and leased to the said party of the second part all those

ments hereinafter mentioned to be kept

premises, situate lying and being in the City of Chicago in the County of Cook and

in the State of Illinois known and described as follows, to wit Sot five in Block sifty (5)

(60) in Bussell Mather & Roberts addition

Il to the City of Chicago. To have and to hold the said above described premises with the appurtenances and the said party of the second hart executors administrators and assigns from the first day of mayin the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty seven for and during and until the first day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty willed the said party of the second part in consid--eration of the leasing of the premises aforesaid by the said party of the first part to the said party of the second part does coven - and and agree with the said party of the fire part his heirs executors administrators and assigns to pay to the said party of the first part as rent for said demised premises the sum of line hundred (\$100,00) for the first year, and hundred and twenty five (\$ 125,00) the second year, One hundred and twenty five Dollars the third year to be paid Quarterly in advance with the right to lease said premises at the expiration of the foregoing term for two years more at a nent that shall be equal to six percent upon the valuation of said lot at the expiration of said first term and subject to all the covenants in this lease and the further

payment of all city tages & assessments of every description whatever to be made by said part of the second part during each of said terms the party of the first part reserving the right to make payments of such takes Lassessments in the first instances to collect the same as a pail of the rent. and the said party of the second part further coverants with the said party of the first part that the said second party has received said demised premises in good order and condition, and that at the expira tion of the time in this lease mentioned he will yeild up the said premises to. the said party of the first part in as good condition as when the same were entered whom by the said party of the second part lop by five or inevitable accident or ordin. any wear excepted; and also will keep said premises in good repair during this lease at his own expense. and the said moses le Hatfield for himself his ejecutors administrators and assig in agree further to pay (in addition to the rents above specified) all water rents levied or charged upon said premises for and

granted and save said premises and the

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party of the first part harmless therefrom and that he will keep said premises in a clean and healthy condition, in accordance with the ordinances of the City and the directions of the serverage commissioners. It is expressly understood and agreed by and between the parties aforesaid that if the rent above reserved, or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid on the day of payment whereon the same ought to be paid as aforesaid, or if default shall be made in any of the covenants or agreements herein contained to be kept by the said party of the second part his executors administrators and assigns, it shale and may be lanful for the said party of the first part his heirs executors administrator, agent attorney or assigns, at his election to declare said termended and into the said premises or any part thereof either with or without process of law to reenter; and the said party of the second part, or any other person or persons occu pying, in or upon the same to repel remove and put out using such force as may be necessary in so doing and the said fremises again to repossess and injoy as in his first and former estate and to dis-

train for any rent that may be due thereon upon 14 any property belonging to the said party of the second part whether the same may be exemps from execution and distress by law or not, and the said party of the second part in that case hereby agree to waive all leg. al rights which he may have to hold or retain any such property under any exemption laws now in force in this State or in any other way! Meaning and intending hereby to give the said party of the first fast his heirs executors administra tors or assigns a valid and first lien upon any and all the goods chattels or other property belonging to the said party of the second part as security for the payment of said rent in manner aforesaid anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary notwithstanding. and if at any time said term shall be ended at such election of said party of the first part his heirs executors administrators or assigns as aforesaid or in any other way the said party of the second part his executors administrators and assigns do hereby cover -nanat and agree to surrender and de--liver up said above described premises and property peaceably to said party of

the first part his heirs executors administra 16 took and assigns, immediately whom the de termination of said term as aforesaid and if he or they shall remain in possession of the same five days after notice of such default, or after the lermination of this lease in any of the ways above named he or they shall be deemed quilty of a forcible detainer of said premises under the statute and shall be subject to all the conditions and provisions above named and to exiction and removal for. cibly or otherwise with or without process of law as above stated. and it is further coveranted and agreed by and between the parties that the party of the second part shall pay and discharge

all costs and attorneys fees and exprenses that shall arise from enforcing the coven auto of this indenture by the party of the first part.

Witness the hands and seals of the parties aforesaid

Alexander N Fullerton Geals Mob. Hatfield Geals

\$25,00 Reed on the within twenty five (\$25,00) for amount of rent due may 1 1854 A.N. Fullerton

\$25.# Reed on the within twenty five (\$25) dollars
16 Rount due Augh 1 185 y. A.St. Fullerton
per Athentington

Know all men by these presents That we Moses to Hatfield as principal and Eben It Pound of the County of book and State of Illinois are held and firmly bound unto alexander A Fullerton in the penal sum of Three Hundred Dollars of langul money of the United State of america the payment as which well and truly to be made we bird ourselves our heirs executors administrators and assigns jointly severally and firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals the hinth day of December AD, 1859.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said Alexander.

Fullerton did on the Invelth day of November A.D. 1859 in the Superior Coult of Chic ago in an action of Distress for rent obtain a judgment against the above bounden Moses be Hatfield for the sum of lone Hundred and seventy five thotas and judgment the said sud besides costs of suit from which said judgment the said Moses be Hatfield has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court of the State

of Illinois. Now therefore if the said moses to 17 Hatfield shall prosecute his said appeal with effect and in case of failure therein or in case of said judgment being affirmed shall pay said judgment with all costs interest and damages that may be adjudged against him then this bond to be of no force or effect, otherwise to rem ain infull force and virtue

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E. F. Bunyon Geals State of Minors Sel. S. Mall I. Waller Kimball Clerk of the Superior bout of Chicago in and for said County, formerly the book bounty bourt of Common Reas. I do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a full true and complete transcript of the pleadings on file in my office & of the proceedings and judgment entered of levoid of said bout in the case wherein Alexander N. Fullerton is plaintiff and Moses & Halfield is defendant. In testimony whereof I hereunto Subscribe my name, and affix the Seal of said bourt, at the bily of Chicago. in said boundy this 14 day of April AD 1860 Walter Himbule Clerk,

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Rungan his attorney and essigns. the following as cross in Land Cause, First, The Court cross in culting the defendant, Lecard, The Court correction entiring a judgment in the couse against the defendation the amount that affected to be due upon the face of the lease, Theire - The Courb erredory not Lutlanding the Objection of the defendant to the action and dismissing the lie sohere the party hed not given forteste of the culting premises to the dependent 19 Fourtto- The Court cred in not granting a new tradas prayed fire by the definda ul, and in oversaling his motion for a new trial Menfen he prays that the Dann a norseet 2 F. Maryon for appellant Une to said Alexander M. Fulluton by his Alty MJ Bruggs comes a Says that in the Rear sprocurings afonsaid thou is no error & W. Y. Phuy

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