

**Case No. 5,491.** GODDARD V. DAVIS ET AL.  
[1 Cranch, C. C. 33.]<sup>2</sup>

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

July Term, 1801.

PLEADING—TRESPASS—GENERAL ISSUE—JURISDICTION.

1. In trespass, the defendant cannot justify under the general issue.
2. This court has jurisdiction in trespass, although the damages do not amount to twenty dollars.

[Cited in *Hellrigle v. Dulany*, Case No. 6,313.]

Trespass for breaking and entering the plaintiff's house.

THE COURT refused to permit the defendants, upon the issue of not guilty, to give in evidence testimony to prove that they had a warrant for entering the house. Verdict for the plaintiff, ten dollars damages. Motion in arrest of judgment because the damages are less than twenty dollars. Overruled, and judgment for plaintiff.

<sup>2</sup> [Reported by Hon. "William Cranch, Chief Judge.]