

Case No. 8,660.

MACKBEE v. GRIFFITH.

[2 Cranch, C. C. 336.]<sup>1</sup>

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

Oct. Term, 1822.

CONTRACTS—BOARD AND LODGING—PROSTITUTES.

A woman who keeps prostitutes for gain cannot recover in an action against them for boarding and lodging.

Indebitatus assumpsit and quantum meruit, for boarding and lodging.

THE COURT, upon the motion of Mr. Key and Mr. Lear, for defendant, instructed the jury, that if they should be satisfied by the evidence, that the plaintiff kept a bawdy-house, and that the defendant lived with her for the purposes of prostitution, and that the plaintiff was to derive any profit from the prostitution of the defendant, the plaintiff could not recover in that action.

Mr. Jones, for plaintiff, did not object to the instruction.

<sup>1</sup> [Reported by Hon. William Cranch, Chief Judge.]