

Case No. 9,697.

MOITEZ v. THE SOUTH CAROLINA.

{Bee, 422.}¹

Admiralty Court, Pennsylvania.

1781.

SEAMEN—WAGES—GOVERNMENT VESSEL—LIBEL.

Mariners enlisting on board a ship of war or vessel belonging to a sovereign independent state, cannot libel against the ship for wages due.

[Cited in *Briggs v. Light Boat*, 93 Mass. (11 Allen) 180.]

{This was a libel by Pierre de Moitez against the South Carolina.}

On a plea to the jurisdiction, it was adjudged, that mariners enlisting on board a ship of war, or vessel belonging to a sovereign independent state, cannot libel against a ship for wages due.

¹ [Reported by Hon. Thomas Bee, District Judge.]

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