

SHERBURNE V. SEMMES ET UX.

{2 Cranch, C. C. 446.}¹

Circuit Court, District of Columbia. April Term, 1824.

COURTS—APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Quære, whether this court has jurisdiction of an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace upon the verdict of a jury.

This was an appeal from the judgment of a justice of the peace, who tried the cause by a jury, under the late act of congress for enlarging the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the District of Columbia, March 1, 1823 (3 Stat. 743).

THE COURT, having doubts concerning their jurisdiction, requested the gentlemen of the bar, if so disposed, to argue the question, whether this court can try a case, either with or without a jury, which has been tried by a jury before a justice of the peace; and for that purpose, continued until the next term, all the appeals in cases over the value of \$20.

¹ [Reported by Hon. William Cranch, Chief Judge.]