

UNITED STATES V. BILL.

{2 Cranch, C. C. 202.}¹

Circuit Court, District of Columbia. June Term, 1820.

CONSTABLE—SACRIFICING PROPERTY—CORRUPT
MOTIVE.

In a prosecution against a constable for wantonly sacrificing property taken under execution, the jury cannot find him guilty, unless they should be satisfied that he acted from a corrupt motive.

The defendant [A. T. F. Bill], who was a constable, was presented for wantonly sacrificing a carpet taken by him in execution, and sold at a time and place different from the time and place mentioned in the notice of sale.

At the motion of Mr. Law, the defendant's counsel, THE COURT instructed the jury that before they could find him guilty, they must be satisfied that he acted from a corrupt motive.

Verdict for the defendant.

{See Cases Nos. 1,405 and 14,594.}

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

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