

Case No. 14,657.

UNITED STATES v. BROWN.

{1 Cranch. C. C. 210.}¹

Circuit Court, District of Columbia. Dec. Term, 1804.

WITNESS—OWNER OF STOLEN GOODS—RELEASE
OF INTEREST IN FINE.

The owner of the goods stolen, having released to the United States his interest in the fine, is a competent witness for the United States, upon the prosecution under the act of congress.

{Cited in U. S. v. Tolson, Case No. 16,530.}

Indictment {against Scipio Brown} for stealing a pair of boots, the property of Benjamin Birch. Benjamin Birch executed a release to the United States of all his right to the fine, and was thereupon examined as a witness for the United States, generally, upon the authority of the case of U. S. v. McCann {Case No. 15,655}, and of a former case, U. S. v. Clancey {Id. 14,800}; U. S. v. Hare {Id. 15,302}. Bill of exceptions taken.

Verdict, guilty. Sentence, twenty stripes, and one dollar fine.

¹ {Reported by Hon. William Cranch, Chief Judge.}

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