

Case No. 14,758. UNITED STATES v. CATON.
[1 Cranch, C. C. 150.]¹

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

Dec Term, 1803.

CONTEMPT—REFUSAL TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY.

It is a contempt of court in a witness to refuse to answer proper questions before the grand jury, for which he may be fined, and required to give security for his good behavior.

[Cited in *U. S. v. Anonymous*, 21 Fed. 770.]

Attachment of contempt on complaint of the grand jury, signed by their foreman, that Caton had refused to answer questions, and behaved in an insolent manner, and had threatened some of the grand jurors. Upon examining on oath two of the grand jurors, and the facts being proved, he was fined five dollars and ordered to give security for his good behavior for one year, himself and one surety in fifty dollars each—or himself in fifty dollars with two sureties in twenty-five dollars each.

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