

Case No. 15,764. UNITED STATES v. MILBURN.
[2 Cranch, C. C. 501.]¹

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

Nov. Term, 1824.

BRIBERY—PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS.

Upon the trial of an indictment for offering a bribe to a witness, the previous declarations of the defendant of his motives for offering it, cannot be given in evidence by the defendant.

Mr. Taylor, for defendant, offered evidence that [George] Milburn, before the offer of the bribe, said he intended to offer it to show how easily the witnesses might be bribed, so as to discredit them, not intending to pay the bribe.

But THE COURT (THRUSTON, Circuit Judge, absent) rejected the evidence.

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