

**Case No. 15,824.** UNITED STATES v. MOSES.  
[1 Cranch, C. C. 170.]<sup>1</sup>

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

June Term, 1804.

WITNESS—INCRIMINATING TESTIMONY.

A witness is not bound to answer a question, the answer to which may tend to criminate himself.

E. J. Lee, for the United States, produced Billy, a witness. The confession of Moses had been given in evidence, that he bought the goods of Billy, (the goods having been proved to have been stolen.) The question was asked of Billy, whether he sold them to Moses. Objection by Mr. Jones, that it tended to criminate the witness.

THE COURT sustained the objection.

<sup>1</sup> [Reported by Hon. William Cranch, Chief Judge.]