

**Case No. 16,771.** UNITED STATES v. WRIGHT.  
[Cranch, C. C. 123.]<sup>1</sup>

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

June Term, 1803.

COURTS—JURISDICTION.

A slave in Alexandria may be tried in this court for larceny.

Indictment [against Betty Wright, a slave] under the statute for stealing goods. Some question arose how she should be tried. Under the law of Virginia, she would have been tried by five justices of the county court, without a jury. Upon consideration of a former precedent in this court, she was tried by a jury in the usual form.

Verdict, guilty. Judgment, 20 lashes, 1 cent fine.

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