

Case No. 16,962.

VIRGINIA v. HOOFF.

[1 Cranch, C. C. 21.]¹

Circuit Court, District of Columbia.

July Term, 1801.

CRIMINAL LAW—ARREST OF JUDGMENT.

If the information upon a by-law state that the penalty accrued to the commonwealth, when, by charter, it accrued to the town, the judgment must be arrested.

Information {against Lawrence Hooff}, for keeping a slaughter-house in the town of Alexandria, contrary to a by-law of the corporation.

THE COURT arrested the judgment on the ground that the information stated that the penalty accrued to the commonwealth. By the act of incorporation, of Alexandria, all penalties for breaches of by-laws were to be for the use of the town, and to be levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods.

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