

venit." So the appellant is bound by the terms of his contract, however unexpected to him may be its result.

The decree of the district court is affirmed, with costs.

THE NICARAGUA.

NICOLAYSEN v. ORR & LAUBENHEIMER CO., Limited.

(Circuit Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. January 28, 1896.)

No. 439.

1. CHARTER PARTY—DEMISE OF SHIP—AGENCY OF MASTER.

Under a charter party whereby the general owner retains possession, command, and navigation of the ship, the master is the owner's agent, charged with the duty of getting proper entrance permits to the ports within the charter limits; and, for his default therein, the ship and her owner are liable.

2. SAME—DETENTION AT QUARANTINE—LIABILITY FOR LOSS OF CARGO.

Under a charter party not amounting to a demise, the ship is liable to the charterers for damage to perishable cargo, resulting from detention at quarantine because of the master's act in taking on board, without the charterer's consent, a passenger who was without the health certificate which the master knew would be required at the port of destination. 71 Fed. 723, affirmed.

Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Alabama.

This was a libel in rem by the Orr & Laubenheimer Company, Limited, against the Norwegian steamship Nicaragua (G. Nicolaysen, claimant), to recover, under a charter party, for damage to perishable cargo, accruing during detention of the vessel in quarantine at the port of Mobile. The district court rendered a decree for the libellant (71 Fed. 723), and the claimant appealed.

Gregory L. & H. T. Smith, for appellant.

H. Pillans, for appellee.

Before PARDEE and McCORMICK, Circuit Judges, and BOARMAN, District Judge.

McCORMICK, Circuit Judge. This case was begun on August 24, 1894, by the libel of the appellee, seeking to recover damages for the alleged violation of a certain charter party, then existing between the libellant and the owners of the steamship, in that after the vessel had left Bluefields, Nicaragua, destined for Mobile, Ala., with a cargo of perishable fruit, the master thereof received and knowingly took on board at Bluefields a passenger, and brought him to Mobile, whereby, on arriving at Mobile, the steamship Nicaragua became and was detained by the quarantine authorities at that port, for fumigation, for a space of three entire days, which detention, the libel alleges, arose alone from the violation by the master of the quarantine regulations in bringing the passenger to Mobile. It is conceded by all that this vessel did arrive at quarantine station, Mobile Bay, on Saturday, the 19th of August, and was there de-

tained by the quarantine officer in charge on account of the presence of a passenger, one John McCafferty, and that certain damage did result to the cargo of the vessel from this detention. The extent of this damage is not now material, the only question raised by the assignments of error being as to the liability of the steamship for the damage thus suffered, the amount thereof having been correctly ascertained. On April 11, 1895, the district court decreed that the libelant was entitled to recover these damages, which were finally fixed at \$2,833.15, for which a decree was rendered against the appellant on July 10, 1895. It is for the reversal of these decrees that this appeal is taken.

The respondent (now appellant) denies liability of the vessel in his answer, and now insists upon the reversal of the decree, for the following reasons: (1) Because the master of the steamship was, in the matter in question, the agent of the libelant, as charterer, and not as the agent of the owner of the vessel; (2) because no duly-established quarantine regulation was in fact violated; (3) because the passage of John McCafferty was in fact authorized by the agent of the libelant residing at Bluefields; (4) because McCafferty was an American citizen, who was at that time in great peril of assassination, and because it was necessary to so receive him as such passenger in order to save human life.

It is unnecessary and would be tedious to detail here and compare the evidence, which, as is not unusual in such cases, is conflicting. The charter party is in the common form of the West Indian and American time charter party; and, on consideration of its special provisions and of all the proof showing the practical construction put on it by the parties while it was in active life, we concur in the findings of the trial judge that it was not a demise of the vessel; the general owner did not part with the possession, command, and navigation of the ship; the captain was the agent of the owner of the vessel, whose business it was to get proper entrance permits to the ports within the charter limits, and that a default of the master in that respect is chargeable on the ship and its owners; that in August, 1894, there were in fact quarantine regulations in force in the port of Mobile, of which the appellant had notice, which required that passengers from Bluefields should have a health certificate or entrance permit from the quarantine physician at Bluefields, in default of which the vessel bringing passengers from Bluefields would be detained at the quarantine station. The proof with reference to the circumstances under which the passenger was brought from Bluefields does not relieve the master from his liability for failure to have the proper papers and entrance permit for this passenger, by reason of which failure the detention occurred and injury to the cargo resulted. The decree appealed from is affirmed.

AUER et al. v. LOMBARD et al.

(Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit. February 15, 1896.)

No. 146.

1. CIRCUIT COURT—JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT—SUIT AGAINST STOCKHOLDERS OF CORPORATION—COLORADO STATUTE.

A statute of Colorado provides that "shareholders in banks * * * shall be held individually responsible for debts * * * of said associations in double the amount of the par value of the stock owned by them respectively." Laws 1885, p. 264. *Held*, that the remedy of creditors of such corporations under this statute, unless in exceptional cases requiring an accounting, is at law only, and that the claims of creditors against shareholders are several, and cannot be joined in one action to make up the amount required to give jurisdiction to the United States circuit court.

2. SAME—COSTS.

Under the circumstances of the case the order for dismissal by the circuit court must be without prejudice and without costs in that court, but with costs in the court of appeals.

Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts.

Henry W. King and Charles M. Rice, for appellants.

Robert M. Morse and John Duff (Edgar S. Hill with them on brief), for appellees.

Before PUTNAM, Circuit Judge, and NELSON and WEBB, District Judges.

PUTNAM, Circuit Judge. This is a bill in equity brought by a part of the creditors of a savings bank, established under the laws of the state of Colorado, in behalf of themselves and of such other creditors as may desire to join them, against a portion of the shareholders of the corporation. The bank was incorporated June 8, 1887, and the bill was filed February 28, 1895. A statute of the state of Colorado, enacted in 1877, provided as follows:

"The officers and stockholders of every banking corporation or association formed under the provisions of this act shall be individually liable for all debts contracted during the term of their being officers or stockholders of such corporation, equally and ratably to the extent of their respective shares of stock in any such corporation or association, except that when any stockholder shall sell and transfer his stock, such liability shall cease at the expiration of one year from and after the date of such sale and transfer." Gen. St. 1883, c. 19, § 43.

By a subsequent section this enactment was made applicable to the officers and stockholders of savings banks. In 1885 the following statute was also enacted:

"Section 1. Shareholders in banks, savings banks, trust, deposit, and security associations, shall be held individually responsible for debts, contracts, and engagements of said associations in double the amount of the par value of the stock owned by them respectively.

"Sec. 2. Any and all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed." Laws 1885, p. 264.

The respondents are all citizens of the state of Massachusetts, and there are no other shareholders residing or found within the district