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Court : US Supreme Court

Decided On : 1866

Appeal No. : 72 U.S. 579

Appellant : Jones

Respondent : La Vallette

Judgement :

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ERROR TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED

STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

SYLLABUS

A judgment in the Circuit Court of Louisiana in the ordinary action by petition and summons upon a promissory note cannot be brought into this Court *by appeal*. It must come here, if at all, on writ of error.

A judgment had been rendered in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana in favor of La Vallette against Jones, in the ordinary action by petition and summons, upon a promissory note. The defendants below took an appeal seeking to bring the case into this Court in that way.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE delivered the opinion of the Court.

The Judiciary Act of 1789 gave appellate jurisdiction to this Court by writ of error, and it was held that under that act, no cause could be brought here by appeal. [*](#)

The act of 1803 gave appellate jurisdiction by appeal "from final judgments and decrees in cases of equity, of admiralty, and maritime jurisdiction, and of prize or no prize." No other cases can be brought here in this mode, and the case in the record is of neither class. It must come here, if at all, upon writ of error.

The appeal must therefore be

Dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

* [Blaine v. Ship Charles Carter](#), 4 Dall. 22.