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**Appeal No. :** 116 U.S. 393

**Appellant :** Wells

**Respondent :** Wilkins

**Judgement :**

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**Submitted January 4, 1886**

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*ERROR TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED*

*STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA*

**SYLLABUS**

The court receives affidavits from plaintiffs in error, and counteraffidavits from defendants in error, to determine the value of tracts of land sued for in ejectment (neither pleadings nor evidence in the record showing it), and dismisses the case.

The facts are stated in the opinion of the court.

MR. CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE delivered the opinion of the Court.

These are suits in ejectment, each for a separate and distinct

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part of a lot in Pensacola. A judgment was rendered in each case for the recovery of the premises sued for in that case. Neither the pleadings nor the evidence found in the records show the value of the property, but on suing out the writs of error, the plaintiffs in error in each case filed two affidavits to the effect that the value was more than \$5,000. Since the cases were docketed here, however, the defendant in error has filed counteraffidavits which prove beyond all doubt that this is a mistake, and that the value in every one of the cases is very much less than our jurisdictional limit.

*The writs of error are consequently all dismissed for want of jurisdiction.*

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