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## COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND.

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WILLIAM ISAACS vs. STATE OF MARYLAND.

Appeal from the Criminal Court of Baltimore City .- Writ of Error.

APPELLEE'S POINTS.

The Appellee will contend as follows:

FIRST POINT.

That the Sentence, page 8 of record, is in exact accordance with the law:—see 1 vol. Code, Art. 30, section 98, page 230, taken in connection with 1st vol. Code, Art. 78, sec. 37, p. 493. The words, service and labor, which are complained of as rendering the sentence illegal and void, are not absolutely necessary, but only prescribe to be done the very thing provided in sec. 37 of Art 73; they in no way alter for the worse the condition of the Plff. in Error, and are no proper cause of complaint; the Sentence is in the usual form as used in the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, and is legal in form and effect.

# SECOND POINT.

Unless the Sentence or Judgment contravene the law, or render the condition of the prisoner, upon whom it is passed, worse, it will not be reversed at his instance.

1 vol. Bishop's Crim. Law, sec. 420, note 2.

2nd Md., 216, Rawlings vs. State.

8 Wendell, 203 to 211, Kane vs. People.

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### THIRD POINT.

All the cases referred to by Plff. in Error, show that there must be substantial injury and injustice worked by an erroneous Judgment or Sentence, to enable the appellate Court to reverse the Judgment. In this case no injustice or injury is done by Sentence, omission of the Judge to order the restoration of the property,can not be complained of by the Plff. in Error, it was not to his prejudice, and in fact it was not intended by the law to be made part of the sentence.

See 1 vol. Code, Art. 30, page 230, and cases referred to on Second Point.

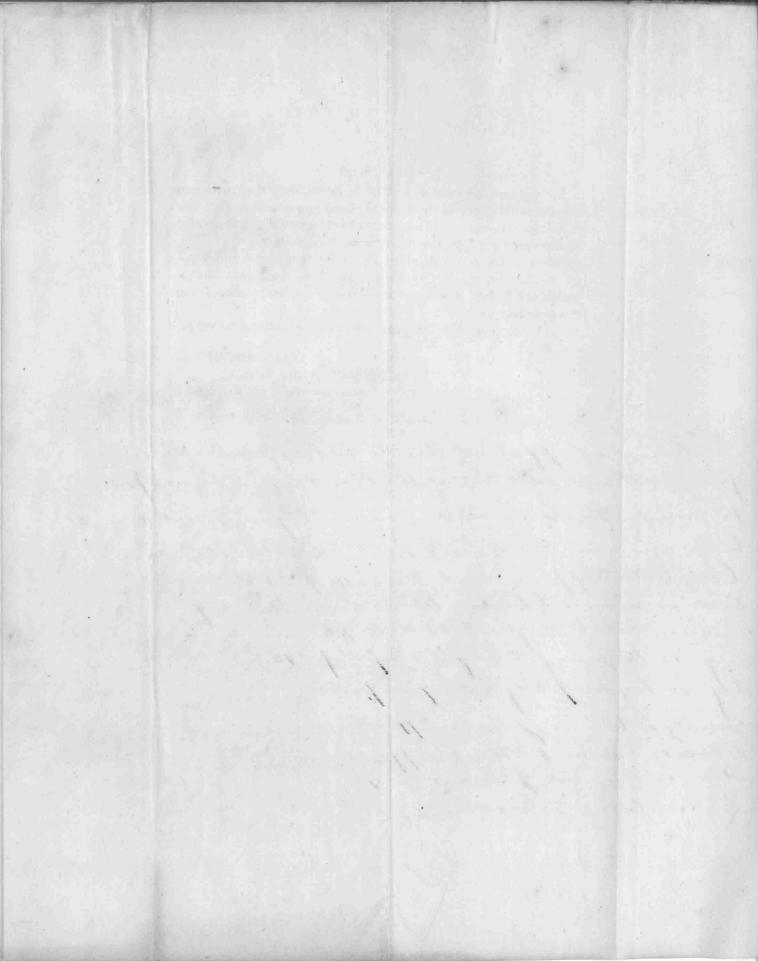
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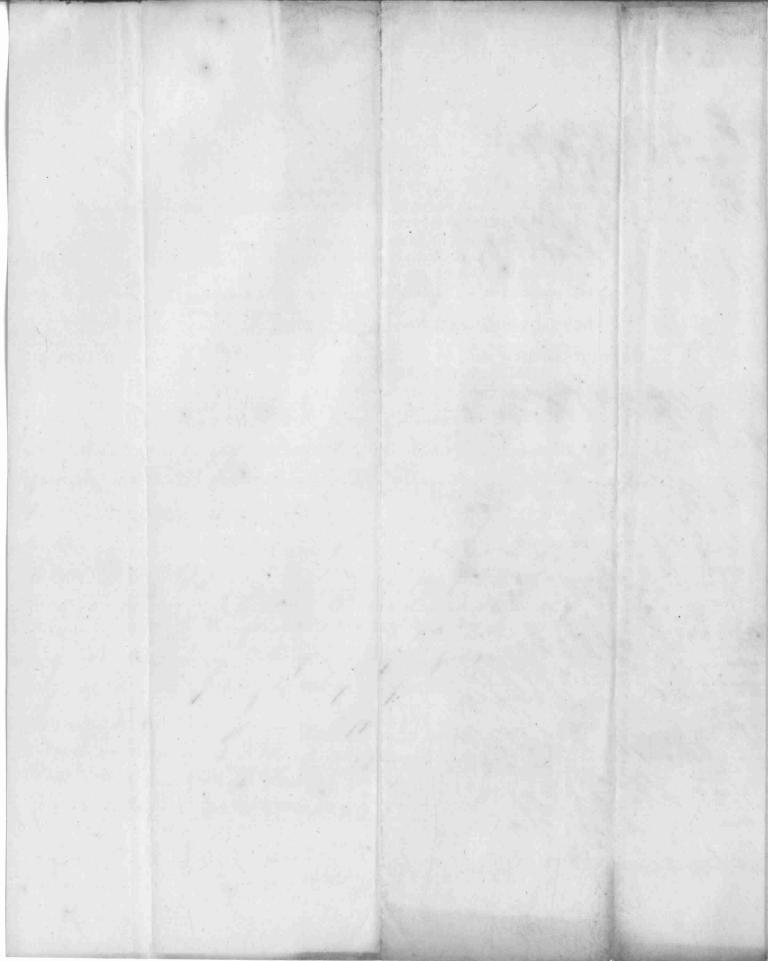
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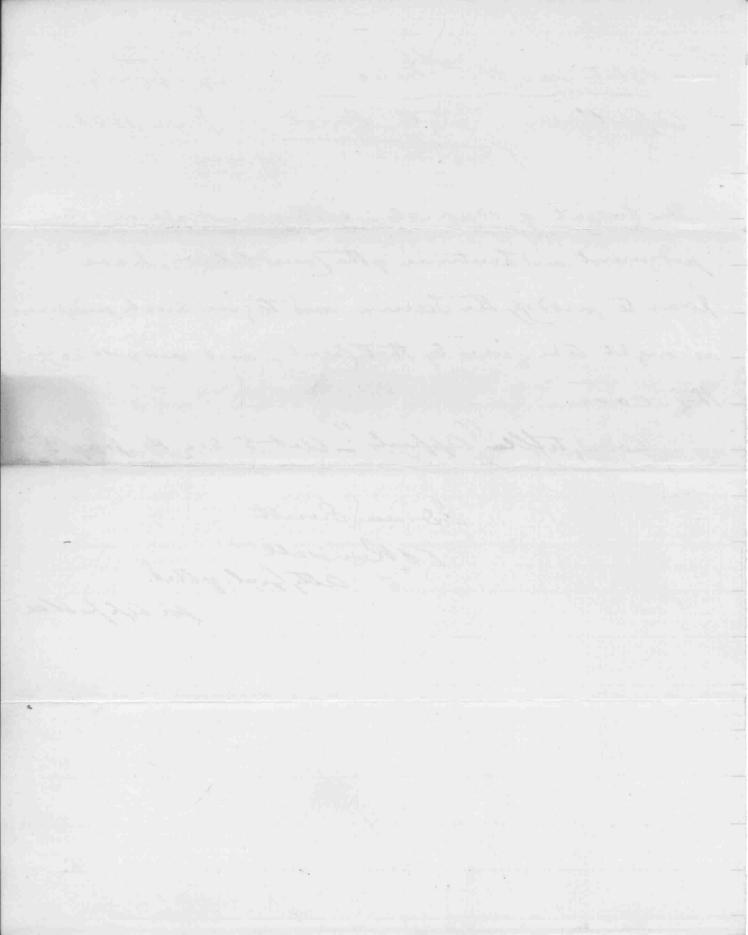
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WILLIAM ISAACS

COURT OF APPEALS,
JANUARY TERM, 1865.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

# Writ of Error to the Criminal Court of Baltimore City.

William Isaacs, the Plaintiff in Error, was indicted for Larceny in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, (Rec. p. 3,) and the case was on his application removed to the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, (Rec. 5,) in which Court he was tried before a jury, who, on the 2d October, 1863, rendered a verdict of guilty against him, (Rec. 7).

The Court thereupon on the 26th of October, 1863, caused the said Plaintiff in Error to be brought before it for sentence, and then and there passed sentence upon him in the following words, (Rec. 8).

That the sentence pared was illeral and void, set

"It is therefore considered by the Court here that the said William Isaacs do undergo a confinement in the Penitentiary, for the period of 12 years; and that he serve and labour for the said period in the aforesaid Penitentiary according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided."

The said Isaacs was thereupon committed to the custody of the Warden of the Penitentiary, accompanied by the following transcript of the said sentence: "STATE OF MARYLAND,"

vs.

WILLIAM ISAACS.

Criminal Court of Baltimore.

Presentment and Indictment
for Larceny.

Plea non cul and issue.
Jury sworn—Verdict guilty.

Judgment that the Prisoner serve and labour in the Penitentiary for the period of twelve years." (Rec. 8.)

The Prisoner thereupon by S. A. Leakin, Esq., his Attorney, sued out of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City this Writ of Error. (Rec. 8.)

The Plaintiff in Error will contend:

## FIRST POINT.

That the sentence pronounced upon the Prisoner in this case is erroneous and unauthorized by the Laws of Maryland.

1.—Because the sentence is that the Prisoner "serve and labour in the Penitentiary for 12 years," whereas the only sentence authorized by law is that the Prisoner be "confined in the Penitentiary," and therefore the award of sentence that he "serve and labour" in the Penitentiary was illegal, and renders the sentence illegal and void.

For the proper sentence see

1st Vol. Code, Art. 30, Sec. 98, page 230.

That the sentence passed was illegal and void, see

- 7 Barr, (Pa.) 371. Daniels vs. Commonwealth.
- 3 Binney, (Pa.) 584. Kraemer vs. Comm.
- 2 Gale & Davidson, 617. Silverside vs. The Queen.
- 4 Medcalf, 360, 371. Stevens vs. Comm.
  - 6 Serg & R., (Pa.) 554. Guldin vs. Comm.
- 2 Medcf., 408, 412. Wilde vs. Comm.
- 5 Wisconsin, 529. Haney vs. The State.
  - 4 Wisconsin, 395. Fitzgerald vs. The State.

2d.—Because the Law of Maryland punishing Larceny declares that the prisoner who shall be convicted thereof shall restore the thing stolen or its value, and be sentenced to the Penitentiary for not less than one nor more than fifteen years; and the Court in passing sentence upon the Plaintiff in Error omitted to make it a part of its sentence that said Prisoner should restore the things stolen, or their value.

1 Code, p. 230, Art. 30, Sec. 98.

That a prisoner may have reversed a sentence against him, though it is more favorable to him than the sentence prescribed by Law, see

- 7 Add. & Ell. N. S. 582. (Eng. Com. L., vol 53, p. 582.) Whitehead vs. The Queen.
- 4 Wisconsin, 395. Fitzgerald vs. State.
- 5 Do., 529. Haney vs. State.
- 4 Metcf., 360, 371.

The Court can pronounce no sentence except the particular one prescribed by the Law.

14 Maryland, 412. Watkins vs. State.

15 Maryland, 208. Cornish vs. State.

## SECOND POINT.

That the sentenced pronounced against the Plaintiff in Error being erroneous and void, the judgment must be reversed and the Prisoner discharged.

14 Maryland, 412. Watkins vs. State.

2 Gale & Davidson, 617.

7 Ad. & Ell., 58.

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