

brought back by the act of God the vessel was driven out of her course
and compelled to go to one of the Islands - this was no wrong by Capt. Conner
But when the Perry makes his Escape - Is this the wrong of Captain Conner
we think not - suppose Perry had ran from the ship and showed himself
would Conner be answerable, would it be a Concealment - No. suppose he had
when compelled to go in this Island committed ^{an} offence against the laws of the
State and was imprisoned would Conner be answerable - No. suppose the
Slave had taken knife and cut his own throat, would it be said
that Captain Conner ought have been standing always by to arrest the blow
and that he having neglected to do this - he is answerable - No.

Upon the whole we think that Matthew May had a Right to hire - and
that there was no wrong in Capt. Conner in receiving the Slave on board as
a Seaman - that Captain Conner did all he was bound to do to
obtain the Return of the Slave - and if he defected it was not
Conner's fault - and therefore that Conner is not guilty of a Concealment
upon the facts so offered and admitted to be proved to the Jury
~~if the property is lost to the Infants - it is the opinion of the Court~~
~~act. between the Guardian and the wards - it is a question of~~
and opinion of the Court the Court for the Plaintiffs prayed leave to
except and that the Court would sign and seal the same which
is done accordingly

Henry Redgely
Wm. Winchester
Edward Johnson

Jury

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