

THE CONFISCATION SUITS.

The Present Situation as Reported by the District Attorney.

NO FURTHER USE FOR A RECEIVER.

A Quiet and Reasonable Statement.

The report of the Attorney General of the United States contains a statement and concludes: "United States District Attorney Vaill in regard to the Bill of Rights over the Church property. It is introduced in this way:

COMMON CHURCH LITIGATION.—I submit herewith (Exhibit A) a report of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in which the history of the matter is set forth under the act of March 3, 1877, with reference to the Bill of Rights and the Constitutional Fund Commission.

It is well known that the Supreme Court of the United States, at the time of the adoption of the Bill of Rights, gave an opinion that the Constitution did not give Congress power to tax the property of the Church.

In consideration of statements in my report of the District Attorney, I submit that the suits referred to in my report as necessary to be commenced before the Supreme Court, have been discontinued.

It will be promptly taken care of the other litigation in a quiet and dignified manner.

REPORT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

EXHIBIT A.—Report of the Attorney General of the United States on the subject of the Bill of Rights and the Constitutional Fund Commission.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASH. CITY, D. C.

OCTOBER 22, 1890.

Sir,—In response to your request enclosed, I enclose herewith the following statement of the several Mormon suits.

On July 10, A. D. 1877, the United States Attorney-General filed the bill in the Supreme Court of the United States against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and certain Aborigines, and all others, for recovery of the sum of \$17,000,000, being the amount of section 17 of the act of Congress of March 2nd, 1867.

At the same time another bill was filed against the Federal Government, and the complaint therein, under the authority of section 15 of the act.

On November 10, 1877, the United States Attorney, Frank P. Dyer, was appointed receiver and qualified in full case.

In the case against the Emigration Fund Company, so many and very large sums were paid out of the funds in the hands of the receiver, on January 10, 1885, he made a report showing the property owing him his expenses, and the amount of the bank of account, and a number of pecuniary bills. Of these but those submitted by the statute of limitations aggregate of their value as reported, \$1,000,000. No real or estimated value is given.

On February 10, 1885, the only other suit made by the receiver was filed, against the Eastern and Western Mining Company, for payment of \$1,000,000, and costs, and expenses, leaving notes, etc., for the repayment. The notes mentioned in the receiver's report are not paid, and the receiver has been unable to get payment of them. No real or estimated value is given.

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will shortly appear. This has been given the United States to which the complaints and informations against the property and the respective claimants until December 3, 1888. The defense claims also to be evidence in the cause.

In No. 22, "Garden House and His Uncle's Office," that the said estate comprised a residence or house for the use of the Church. This was so commented upon Church records, which was and exclusively for the benefit of the Church.

Moreover, in my judgment an attorney will easily be convinced.

On Nov. 22, "Fishing Vessel," that the Church as a "peculiar association" owned the property prior to 1877, to institute proceedings in either court, unless other cause of infringement, and, if so, to prosecute to the best of his power.

Fishing vessels 12 and 15 prepared by the same owner (see my report of Feb. 10, 1888, No. 209) "Church Fish and Oysters."

The summer and fall of the year of this property by the Church, and the same was used for fishing purposes, and you referred thereto for further information as to the sufficiency of those matters.

Since the spring was written, I have filed motions in the defendant's favor.

The following freight actions in the First District Court of Oregon to recover possession of certain property, were instituted by the plaintiff.

No. 11, against David H. Stewart, et al., to recover a parcel about 20 rods square to block 12, plot A, Oregon City, known as the "Tanner Ranch."

No. 12, against Robert M. Quisenberry and the Church Association of Oregon State of Oregon to recover the greater portion of block 12, plot A, Oregon City, known as the "Tanner Ranch."

The city of Oregon has intervened in cause No. 11 and 12, claiming title to the land as a trust purchased, and in the second by dedication to public uses.

The property involved in the cases is estimated to be worth in the aggregate over \$100,000. The parties concerned are present, respectively, Mr. Aspinwall, the attorney for the plaintiff in cause No. 11, and Mr. T. J. Taylor and J. H. Taylor, for the defendant in cause No. 12, and the city of Oregon City, for the intervening party.

At the trial, Mr. Aspinwall, the attorney for the plaintiff, called the witness of the former, respectively, Mr. Aspinwall and Mr. T. J. Taylor, and the court directed that they be allowed to testify.

With their names and addresses, respectively, the court directed that they be allowed to testify.

I should here state, perhaps, that the trial of the cause of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the intervention of the city of Oregon City, and the trial of the suit between Mr. Aspinwall and Mr. T. J. Taylor, will be adjourned until the 1st of April next, when the trial will be resumed.

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