

On Friday of last week, Charles F. Presby, of this place, was brought before Justice Bonett on complaint of Grand Juror B. A. Bowker, charged with selling the property of another without authority, and with intent to defraud. It appeared on trial from testimony on behalf of the State, that last December, Clark Stevens bought of H. W. Burbank, a pair of oxen for \$135, giving his note on 90 days time for them, but paid the note in about 20 days. Stevens let Presby have the oxen to use in drawing logs for S. under the agreement that after the logging season was ended, Presby might buy the oxen, if Stevens wished to sell them, by paying cash for them at the price paid Burbank, with interest added to May 1; or return them, and pay interest on the money and shrinkage on the cattle. Stevens testified that he never sold the oxen to Presby—never received any pay for them, and that Presby at the end of the logging season had not enough due him for logging to pay for the oxen. Presby testified for himself—admitted the purchase of the cattle by Stevens and that he sold them as his own to F. C. Phinney of Windham, Me., on April 5, but claimed that when he spoke to Stevens about buying the oxen, Stevens said, "let me give my note for them, and you give me the money so I can have it to use in my business and I will make it right with you." To this he (Presby) agreed—that in carrying out this arrangement, Stevens did give his note as stated, and that the next week he paid Stevens \$130 in money for the oxen. Upon cross examination Presby said that no price was agreed upon which he was to pay Stevens for the oxen—that when the \$130 were paid, S. made no objections to the discount of \$5 which Presby made in the price paid for the oxen, and in fact nothing was said about it by either party. It appeared also that Stevens was not in any way pressed for money but that Presby was. After a careful consideration of the evidence presented, Justice Bonett decided to hold Presby to bail in the sum of \$400 for his appearance at Court. Bail was furnished the next day. D. S. Storrs appeared for the prosecution, and J. G. Crawford, of Lancaster, N. H., for the defence.

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