

4653. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. 4 Cases of Oysters. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7031. S. No. E-472.)

On October 29, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel of information for the seizure and condemnation of 4 cases of oysters, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Holyoke, Mass., alleging that the article had been shipped by the American Oyster Co., Providence, R. I., and transported from the State of Rhode Island into the State of Massachusetts, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel of information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed animal substance.

On December 3, 1915, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*