

4857. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. * * * v. 55 Barrels of Vinegar. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6545. I. S. No. 3769-k. S. No. E-273.)

On May 18, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 55 barrels of vinegar, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Norfolk, Va., alleging that the article had been shipped by Harrison & Co., Hightstown, N. J., on or about February 2, 1915, and transported from the State of New Jersey into the State of Virginia, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The barrels containing the article were labeled: "Harrison & Co. Standard Apple Vinegar, New York."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that the same had been mixed and packed with a certain substance, to wit, water, so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength; and for the further reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been substituted in part for vinegar.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the labels on the barrels were false and misleading in that they did not contain an accurate statement of the contents thereof.

On June 22, 1916, E. L. Woodard, Norfolk, Va., claimant, having paid all of the costs of the proceedings and filed bond in the sum of \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that the vinegar should properly be relabeled and not sold in violation of law, State or Federal, it was ordered by the court that the product should be released, and that the case should be stricken from the docket.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*