

**5819.—Adulteration of tomatoes. U. S. \* \* \* v. Oliver P. Roberts, James H. Roberts, William H. Roberts, M. R. Roberts, and James O. Langrall (Roberts Bros.). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8310. I. S. No. 2836-m.)**

On September 14, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Oliver P. Roberts, James H. Roberts, William H. Roberts, M. R. Roberts, and James O. Langrall, copartners, trading as Roberts Bros., Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 18, 1916, from the State of Maryland into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of an article, labeled in part, "Big R. Brand Tomatoes," which was adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the article contained added water.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in substance in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, added water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to lower or reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for tomatoes, which the article purported to be.

On September 14, 1917, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*