

1828-025 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

GURLEY VS. DREW

12/1828

other surnames: Blow, Bell

Henry } Bill for an
v } injunction
vs }
Jesse }
}

1828 Hon. Jy on awarded

Wm R. Allison J.C.

To the worshipful Court of Southampton county in Chancery
sitting. Humbly complaining sheweth to your worships
your orator Geo. G. Gentry, that a certain Tom below of this
county, has been a boarder at your orators Tavern in Jmsea-
-lm, for a considerable time and thus became indebted
to your orator in a large sum of money which he has
not fully paid & satisfied your orator to this day; that
your orator from motives of kindness and with an ardent
wish that the said Tom might meet with no obstacle in his
way to preferment, had not rigorously exacted payment
of his debt, nor demanded his small property consisting
principally in a horse, in satisfaction of a part of his
said debt, but had suffered the said Tom to use and
enjoy his property as though proper, always intending
in the event that the said Tom should be constrained to
sell or deliver up any part of his said property, to bring
forward your orators claim, being in fact a just and
bona fide debt, and as your orator thinks, one that
should have priority to other debts, being for the very necessa-
-ries of life: that your orator not knowing that the

Said Wm had been warrantied and judgment obtained against him, was surprised to find that his horse was levied upon by the constable, and the delivery by your orator for safe keeping by James. Bell, as constable, until the day of sale, of the said horse, was the first intimation that such proceedings were had against the said Wm. Your orator is informed that execution levied upon the said horse, is at the instance and in favor of a certain Bruf. Snow of this county, for twenty dollars, with interest, costs &c, and your orator has such information on the subject of the said debt, as to leave not a shadow of doubt upon his mind, that the said debt was contracted at the gaming table, a debt incurred by that sum won by the said Bruf. of & from the said Wm. That your orator being apprized of the nature of the debt as just mentioned, immediately took a bill of sale for the said horse from the said Wm. for valuable consideration, to wit \$75. due for board, lodging &c, the said horse being in your orator's possession and custody as aforesaid, your orator deeming it just and right that he should be paid & satisfied his fair and bona fide debt, at least in preference to

any contracted by the said Wm. at the gaming table. In tender consideration of the premises and for as much as your orator is unable to help himself without the aid and interposition of this worshipful Court, upon matters of this and the like kind are properly cognizable and relievable: To the end therefore that your worships will compel the said Bruf. Snow to upon his corporal oath, a true and perfect answer to your orator's bill to make, and especially to answer the allegation, "that the debt was incurred at the gaming table," and deliver answer to set forth and say whether or no, it was a gaming debt or founded on a gaming consideration: That your worships will sustain the said judgment and restrain the said Bruf. and all others from further proceeding under the same. May it please your worships to grant to your orator such other and further relief in the premises as shall be meet and equitable, and grant the nature of your orator's case require, and further grant him the Commonwealth's most gracious writ of Subpoena of injunction &c &c