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New York Mayors Court

Of Tuesday the ~~11th~~ day of May
in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and eighty four

~~City and County of New York~~ vs Thomas Stevenson complains of John Lake being
in custody of for that whereas the said Thomas on the eighteenth
day of September one thousand seven hundred and ~~eighty seven~~
ty six at the City of New York to wit in the north ward of
the said City and within the Jurisdiction of this Court was
possessed of a certain Negro woman Slave of the price of eight
ty pounds as of his own proper negro woman Slave and
being so thereof possessed the said Thomas afterwards to
wit on the same day and year at the City and ward
and within the Jurisdiction aforesaid casually lost
the said Negro woman Slave out of his hands and poss
ession which said Negro woman Slave afterwards to wit
on the same day and year at the City and ward and with
in the Jurisdiction aforesaid came by finding to the hands
and possession of the said John Lake Nevertheless the
said John knowing the said Negro woman Slave to
be the proper negro woman Slave of the said Tho
mas and to him the said Thomas of right to belong and
appertain yet contriving and fraudulently intending
craftily and Subtly to deceive and defraud the said
Thomas in this ~~particular~~ particular hath not (though often

required delivered the said Negro woman Slave to the said
Thomas but afterwards to wit on the first day of Septem-
ber aforesaid in the year aforesaid at the City and ward
and within the jurisdiction aforesaid Convicted and misbe-
haved of the said negro woman Slave to his own proper
use to the damage of the said Thomas of eighty pounds
and thereupon he brings suit &c

Prise for P^{ty} { Steves } John Doe
Lawrence for Def. { Prosecuting } Richard Roe

Colly and Connly of New York Jr. Thomas Swinson puts in his place
Anton Buer his Attorney against John Lake in a plea
of trespass on the case

1897

D. R. G. B. V. M.



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Mayers Court

Thomas Stevenson

John Lake

} Dr. Man

Am 1744

Filed 17 August 1784.