

4287. Adulteration of butter. U. S. * * * v. 3 Kegs of Butter. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6757. I. S. No. 3818-k. S. No. E-362.)

On July 21, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, 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 3 kegs, each containing about 125 pounds of butter, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about July 1, 1915, and transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration was alleged in the libel for the reason that said article of food consisted in part of a moldy animal product, to wit, butter, and contained maggots, contrary to the provisions of section 7, subdivision 6, under "Food," of the Food and Drugs Act.

On August 11, 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.*