

5644. Adulteration of oranges. U. S. . * * * v. 25 Cases of Oranges.
Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.
(F. & D. No. 7384. I. S. No. 20231-1. S. No. W-75.)

On November, 27, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Hawaii, 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 25 cases of oranges, consigned on or about November 17, 1915, by Wellbank & Co., San Francisco, Cal., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Hilo, Hawaii, alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of California into the Territory of Hawaii, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

It was alleged in the libel that the oranges were gathered before mature and were sweated for the purpose of giving them the appearance of ripe and mature oranges, whereas, as a matter of fact, they were green and immature, and their inferiority was concealed by said treatment, said oranges being immature and unripe and having been treated as herein shown, would if eaten or consumed, especially by children, produce serious disturbances of the digestive system.

On January 18, 1916, 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.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*