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SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

United States District Court

FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 74-401-H

JOHN WATTS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CARL ALBERT, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF CONGRESS, C/O CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R. FORD, alias LESLIE KING, JR., a/k/a FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM MICHIGAN, PRIVATE CITIZEN PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED BY DEVIOUS MEANS TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO USURP THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENCY, NAMELY ALEXANDER HAIG, ALLEDGEDLY,

SUMMONS

Defendants.

To the above named Defendant : GERALD R. FORD, alias LESLIE KING, JR.:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the plaintiff:

JOHN WATTS

who is not represented by counsel, and whose address is:

Route 1, Box 161
Harpersville, Alabama 35078

as amended

an answer to the complaint/which is herewith served upon you, within 60 days after service of this (SIXTY) summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR,

(Mrs.) M. P. Cox
Clerk of Court.
Deputy Clerk.

Date: September 27, 1974.

[Seal of Court]

NOTE:—This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN WATTS, et al,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

c/o CARL ALBERT, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF CONGRESS,
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES)
OF AMERICA, GERALD R. FORD, alias)
LESLIE KING, JR., a/k/a/ FORMER)
CONGRESSMAN FROM MICHIGAN, PRIVATE)
CITIZEN PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED)
BY DEVIOUS MEANS TO THE OFFICE)
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED)
STATES OF AMERICA AND ALL OTHERS)
WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO USURP THE POWERS)
OF THE PRESIDENCY, NAMELY ALEXANDER)
HAIG, ALLEDGEDLY,)

Defendants.)

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
SOU. DIST. ALA.
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WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR
CLERK

CIVIL ACTION NO. 74-401-H

AMENDED COMPLAINT

Comes now John Watts, Plaintiff, acting as a citizen of the United States of America, and also as an individual, and also as and on behalf of all the citizens of the United States of America and all its legal possessions, provinces and et al. Further, said Plaintiff acting in the capacity of Chariman of the Whig Party of Alabama, Whig Party of the United States of America, (We Hope In God) does pray that immediate relief be granted by this Honorable Court on the following counts, and that all practical haste be forthcoming in your Majesty's Realm of Jurisdiction.

COUNT ONE

The Congress of The United States of America did without the proper enlightenment of the Electorate on such grave matter, and without due process rob the Electorate by subterfuge pass legislation setting out certain faulty and misleading information or no information readily understandable to the average citizen, and through devious and unholy standards and low means did aid



and abet the culprets of evil doing cause the act of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America to slip through unnoticed by the majority of the officers of the Courts, the Electorate and the average little guy on the streets of this great and glorious country of ours. Such means and methods are just short of Treason and certainly an act without precedent. The motive is all important to the freedom's threatening position at a time when distrust in Government is rampant, and on the verge of rebellion. In the battlefields of the world lie the sons and husbands of the women of this country who died for your and my freedom and the right to choose our President at the ballot box.

COUNT TWO

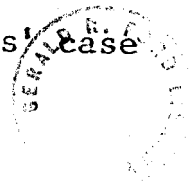
I and others have been denied the right to vote for and elect the highest elected officialdom in our country, namely the President and the Vice President of the United States of America. As such victims of the evil doers, we are disturbed, distraught, torn asunder, troubled, weakened from fear of the consequence of such predicate to the dictatorships of the world, and in substance victims by the usurpation of power by an uninformed and trusting public acting in good faith on the assumption a body of trustworthy statesmen had acted in our behalf and in our best interests.

COUNT THREE

I and others like myself have been denied our rights and freedom by the aforementioned acts of disregard for our basic and inalienable civil and Constitutional rights.

REQUESTED RELIEF

An open hearing is absolutely essential in this and all future matters meddling with the rights of all United States citizens. An open hearing is essential to the Plaintiffs' case



to establish the mood and the concern of every freedom-loving individual in the world, on the airing and the right of the American press and the public, and the rights of the poor and uneducated maligned and misled through the designed omission of the intent to breach the confidence of the public. The press has the right and responsibility to expose all facets of the cover-up and devious means resorted to in sneaking through the dubious legislation by legal mumbo-jumbo and long hard to understand words. All this to try and shove this down our throats in the 25th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. This right to an open hearing has been recognized for many years in American Jurisprudence. As a matter of policy, an open hearing promotes the public interest in a number of ways, for instance: (a) open hearings improve the accuracy and quality of testimony offered; (b) open hearings may produce evidence unknown to the litigants or the trier; (c) the presiding official and other attendants are more likely to carry out their responsibilities in the light of the public scrutiny (d) open proceedings inspire confidence in the Tribunal; (e) the public is given the education, the operation of justice so sorely needed; (f) the beneficial effect of law is more probable if proceedings are widely publicised and (g) the agencies, like the Courts are part of Government and ought to be subject to constant scrutiny;

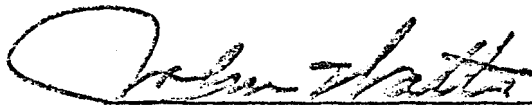
WHEREFORE, the Plaintiffs prays for the following relief:

1. A Declaratory Judgment that the manner and methods and contents of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is unconstitutional.

2. An order requiring Congress to thoroughly air all future legislation by sub-committees traveling the width and breadth

of our land immediately be instituted. That relief be extended and offer a substitute bill guaranteeing our right to vote on everyone concerned with the destiny of this great land of ours. Further, that never will anybody be permitted to trample on our rights with such contempt.

3. Such other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN
DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOHN WATTS ET AL PLAINTIFFS

VS

% CARL ALBERT SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF CONGRESS
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R. FORD
ALIAS LESLIE KING JR. AKA FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM MICH
IGAN, PRIVATE CITIZEN PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED BY DEVIOUS MEANS
TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO USURP THE POWERS OF THE
PRESIDENCY, NAMELY ALEXANDER HAIG: ALEDGEDLY.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 74-401-H

COMES NOW JOHN WATTS COMPLAINANT, ACTING AS A CITIZEN OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ALSO AS AN INDIVIDUAL, AND ALSO AS
AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE U.S.A. AND ALL ITS LEGAL
POSSESSIONS, PROVINCES AND ET AL. FURTHER SAID COMPLAINANT ACT-
ING THE CAPACITY OF CHAIRMAN OF THE WHIG PARTY OF ALABAMA,
WHIG PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (We Hope In God)
DOEZ PRAY THAT IMMEDIATE RELIEF BE GRANTED BY THIS HONORABLE
COURT ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTS, AND THAT ALL PRACTICAL HASTE
BE FORTH COMING IN YOUR MAJESTIES REALM OF JURISDICTION:

COUNT I

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DID WITHOUT THE
PROPER ENLIGHTENMENT OF THE ELECTORATE ON SUCH GRAVE
MATTER, AND WITHOUT DUE PROCESS ROB THE ELECTORATE BY
SUBTERFUGE PASS LIGISLATION SETTING OUT CERTAIN FAULTY AND
MISLEADING INFORMATION OR NO INFORMATION READILY UNDERSTANDABLE
TO THE AVERAGE CITIZEN, AND THROUGH DEVIOUS AND UN HOLY STANDARDS
AND LOW MEANS DID AID ABET THE CULPRETS OF EVIL DOING CAUSE
THE ACT OF THE 25th AMMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
U. S. A. TO SLIP THROUGH UNNOTICED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE
OFFICERS OF THE COURTS, THE ELECTORATE AND THE AVERAGE LITTLE
GUY ON THE STREETS OF THIS GREAT AND GLORIOUS COUNTRY OF OURS.
SUCH MEANS AND METHODS ARE JUST SHORT OF TREASON, AND CERTAIN
LY AN ACT WITHOUT PRECEDENT. THE MOTIVE ISA ALL IMPORTANT TO
THE FREEDOM S THREATENING POSITION AT A TIME WHEN DISTRUST IN
GOVERNMENT IS RAMPANT, AND ON THE VERGE OF REBELLION. IN THE
BATTLEFIELDS OF ALL THE WORLD LIE THE SONS AND HUSBANDS OF
OF THE WOMEN OF THIS COUNTRY WHO DIED FOR YOUR AND MY FREEDOM
AND THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE OUR PRESIDENT AT THE BALLOT BOX.

J. S. DISTRICT COURT
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WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR
CLERK

I AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN DENIED THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR AND ELECT THE HIGHEST ELECTED OFFICIAL DOM IN OUR COUNTRY, NAMELY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A., AS SUCH VICTIMS OF THE EVIL DOERS WE ARE DISTURBED, DISTRAUGHT, TORN ASUNDER TROUBLED, WEAKENED FROM FEAR OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH PREDICATE TO THE DICTATORSHIPS OF THE WORLD, AND IN SUBSTANCE VICTIMS BY THE USURPATION OF POWER BY AN UNINFORMED AND TRUSTING PUBLIC ACTING IN GOOD FAITH ON THE ASSUMPTION A BODY OF TRUST WORTHY STATESMEN HAD ACTED IN OUR BEHALF AND IN OUR BEST INTERESTS.

COUNT III

I AND OTHERS LIKE MYSELF HAVE BEEN DENIED OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM BY THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTS OF DISREGARD FOR OUR BASIC AND INAILABLE CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

REQUESTED RELIEF

AN OPEN HEARING IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN THIS AND ALL FUTURE MATTERS MEDDLING WITH THE RIGHTS OF ALL U.S. CITIZENS. AN OPEN HEARING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PLAINTIFFS CASE TO ESTABLISH THE MOOD AND THE CONCERN OF EVERY FREEDOM LOVING INDIVIDUAL IN THE WORLD, ON THE AIRING AND THE RIGHT OF THE AMERICAN PRESS AND THE PUBLIC, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE POOR AND UNEDUCATED MALIGNED AND MISS LED THROUGH THE DESIGNED OMISSION OF THE INTENT TO BREECH THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC. THE PRESS HAS THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPOSE ALL FACETS OF THE COVER-UP AND DEVIOUS MEANS RESORTED TO IN SNEAKING THROUGH THE DUBIOUS LEGISLATION BY LEGAL MUMBO JUMBO AND LONG HARD TO UNDERSTAND WORDS. ALL THIS TO TRY AND SHOVE THIS DOWN OUR THROATS IN THE 25th AMMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.A. THIS RIGHT TO A OPEN HEARING HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR MANY YEARS IN AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE AS A MATTER OF POLICY AN OPEN HEARIG PROMOTES THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, FOR INSTANCE: (a) OPEN HEARINGS IMPROVE THE THE ACCURACY AND QUALITY OF TESTIMY OFFERED: (b) OPEN HEARINGS MAY PRODUCE EVIDENCE UNKNOWN TO TH LITIGANTS OR THE TRIER : (c) THE PRESIDING OFFICIAL AND OTHER ATTEN. ANTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO CARRYOUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE LIGHT OF THE PUBLIC SCRUTINY (d) OPEN PROCEEDURES INSPIRE CONFIDEN DENCE IN THE TRIBUNAL. (e) THE PUBLIC IS GIVEN THE EDUCATION I THE OPERATION OF JUSTICE SO SORELY NEEDED. (f) THE BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF LAW IS MOER PROBABLE IF PROCEEDINGS ARE WIDELY PUBLICISED AND (g) THE AGENCIES, LIKE THE COURTS ASA PART OF GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO BE SUBJECT TO CONSTANT SCRUTINY.

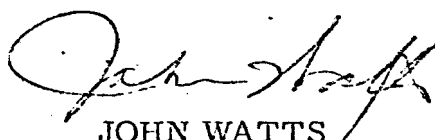
WHEREFORE THE PLAITIFFS PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIEF :

1. A DECLARTORY JUDGEMENT THAT THE MANNER AND METHODS AND CON' TENTS OF THE 25th AMMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S.A., IS UNSTITUTIONAL;
2. AN ORDER REQUIRING CONGRESS TO THOROUGHLY AIR ALL FUTURE LEGISLATION BY SUB COMMITTEES TRAVELING THE WIDTH AND BREADTH OF OR LAND BE IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED. THAT RELI EFF BE EXTEND

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and offer a substitute bill guaranteeing our right to vote on every one concerned with the destiny of this great land of ours. further that never will any body be permitted to trample on ours rights with such contempt.

3. Such other relief as the court may deem just and equitable.



JOHN WATTS

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

OTIS L. DARBY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Civil Action

No. 74-194-C5

GERALD R. FORD, COMMANDER IN CHIEF;
JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE;
HOWARD CALLOWAY, SECRETARY OF ARMY;
MARVIN D. FULLER, MAJOR GENERAL,
COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST INFANTRY
DIVISION; and FORT RILEY, KANSAS,

Defendants.

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ARTHUR G. JOHNSON, Clerk
By Beth A. Coon Deputy

ORDER

The plaintiff has lodged with the Clerk of this Court his application for a writ of habeas corpus.

The application of plaintiff alleges, among other things, that he is unlawfully deprived of his liberty.

In order that the Court may be fully advised as to all circumstances surrounding the plaintiff's present detention;

IT IS ORDERED that a rule to show cause issue returnable within ten (10) days from this date; that within ten (10) days after receipt by him of a copy of defendants' return the plaintiff file a traverse thereto, admitting or denying all factual allegations therein contained; that the file then be returned to the undersigned Judge of this Court for such other and further proceedings as may then be appropriate; and that a copy of this Order be transmitted by the Clerk to the plaintiff, his attorney, the defendants above named and to the United States Attorney.

At Wichita, Kansas this 3rd day of October, 1974.

/s/ WESLEY E. BROWN

~~Wesley E. Brown~~
Chief Judge

ATTEST: A true copy

ARTHUR G. JOHNSON, Clerk

By Beth A. Coon

Deputy

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

OTIS L. DARBY

Petitioner,

v.

GERALD R. FORD, COMMANDER IN CHIEF;
JAMES R. SCHLESINGER, et al
Respondent.

~~NO. XXXXXXXXXX~~

NO. 74-194-C5

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RULE TO SHOW CAUSE

To the RESPONDENT above named; to the PETITIONER above named; and to ~~ARTHUR G. JOHNSON~~, Clerk
ATTORNEYS OF RECORD herein

By /s/ Beth A. Coon Deputy

GREETING:

WHEREAS there has been filed with the undersigned clerk of the court a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and accompanying papers, challenging the legality of petitioner's detention by the respondent above named; and

WHEREAS it is not apparent from the face of said petition whether there are any issues of fact requiring a hearing before the court in order that it may dispose of the matter as law and justice require; and

WHEREAS the court is desirous that the facts upon which the parties rely may be fully exhibited to it in order that it may ascertain whether any issue of fact is involved or exists and avoid the useless granting of the writ with consequent production of the petitioner and witnesses, if from undisputed or incontrovertible facts it appears as a matter of law that petitioner is entitled to the writ and to a discharge or that no cause for granting the writ exists; and

WHEREAS the court has determined that a rule to show cause issue herein; that with the return of the rule within 10 days the respondent file an answer to the petition on file, certifying the true cause of petitioner's detention; and that the petitioner file any traverse deemed by him to be pertinent or necessary within 10 day thereafter

NOW THEREFORE YOU, the respondent, are hereby commanded within 10 days from this date, to file herein an answer to the petition on file and a return to this rule, certifying the true cause of petitioner's detention. Consideration thereof and of any traverse filed by the petitioner thereto will be given by the court at its earliest convenience.

HEREOF FAIL NOT UNDER PENALTY OF LAW.

Issued at Topeka, Kansas, this 3rd day of October, 1974.

~~ARTHUR G. JOHNSON, CLERK~~
~~CHARLES W. CAHILL, Clerk~~
U. S. District Court

By Beth A. Coon
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE

Copy of above mailed to respondent, petitioner, attorneys of record and U. S. Attorney this 3rd day of October, 1974.

Beth A. Coon
Deputy Clerk



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