

**5306. Adulteration of grapefruit. U. S. \* \* \* v. 1059 Boxes of Grapefruit. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Fit portion ordered released on bond. Unfit portion ordered destroyed. (F. & D. No. 7753. I. S. Nos. 1032-m, 1033-m, 1034-m. S. No. E-697.)**

On October 10, 1916, 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 1,059 boxes of grapefruit, consigned by the La Isabella Grove Plantation Co., San Juan, P. R., and remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about October 4, 1916, and transported from the Island of Porto Rico into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that immature and green grapefruit had been substituted wholly or in part for said article; and for the further reason that the article had been colored, coated, and stained in a manner whereby damage and inferiority were concealed.

On October 17, 1916, the said La Isabella Grove Plantation Co., claimant, having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the grapefruit should be examined by a representative of the Department of Agriculture and that the portion found free from adulteration should be released to said claimant upon the payment of the costs of the proceedings and the expenses incident to said examination and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$4,000, in conformity with section 10 of the act. The portion of the product found to be unfit for food purposes was destroyed.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*