

12800. Adulteration of butter. U. S. v. 121 Cubes of Butter. Product released under bond to be rechurned. (F. & D. No. 18894. I. S. No. 11679.-v. S. No. W-1536.)

On or about July 25, 1924, the United States attorney for the Southern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 121 cubes of butter, remaining in the original, unbroken packages at Los Angeles, Calif., consigned by the Jerome Co-operative Creamery, Jerome, Idaho, alleging that the article had been shipped from Jerome, Idaho, on or about July 5, 1924, and transported from the State of Idaho into the State of California, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that a product deficient in milk fat had been substituted wholly or in part for butter, and for the further reason that a valuable constituent, milk fat, had been in part abstracted therefrom.

On September 4, 1924, the Jerome Co-operative Creamery having appeared as claimant for the property, and the product having theretofore been released under bond to the said claimant and reworked and rechurned so that it met the requirements of the act, a final decree was entered dismissing the libel and ordering that the Government recover its costs.

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*