

MEMORANDUM.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

OCTOBER TERM, 1883.

Ordered by the court that the following letter, order and oath of office be entered upon the minutes of the court.

LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 8th October, 1883.

Sir :

I have the honor to tender my resignation of the office of Reporter of the Decisions of the Court, to take effect on the publication of Volume 107 U. S.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

The Honorable,

The Chief Justice.

W. T. OTTO.

ORDER.

Mr. William T. Otto having resigned the office of Reporter of the Decisions of this Court, Mr. J. C. Bancroft Davis is appointed in his place. Mr. Davis is charged with the duty of reporting the decisions of the present term from the beginning, and those of the last term not included in the volumes already published by Mr. Otto.

OATH.

I, J. C. Bancroft Davis, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties of the office of Reporter of the Supreme Court of the United States according to the best of my abilities and understanding, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to in open court, this fifth day of November, A. D. 1883.

J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS.

JAMES H. MCKENNEY,
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Reporter, with the consent of the Court, induced the publishers to try the experiment of issuing the reported cases in serial numbers. For obvious reasons the series began with cases adjudged at the current term, none of which had been reported. Thus the unreported cases of the last term were left to be printed by themselves in this volume ; and it happened that in carrying it through the press simultaneously with Vol. 109, the latter and a portion of Vol. 110 appeared before it.

Arguments of counsel are reported more fully than the Reporter can hope to do hereafter. The cases are arranged in the order in which the judgments were announced. The same arrangement will be observed in future volumes unless circumstances prevent.

In order that this volume may be properly cited, it is numbered only as a volume in the series of the United States Reports. It is the custom of the Court to cite decisions reported since Wallace only by the number in the official series, as "91 U. S." "92 U. S." &c. If counsel will do the same thing, it will aid in securing accuracy in reporting arguments. The proper citation for the cases reported in this volume is "108 U. S." with the page added.

WASHINGTON, 20th March, 1884.