

Syllabus.

raised for decision, of avoiding rather than expressing any views upon it.

We are of opinion that the writ of error cannot be maintained.

Writ of error dismissed.

PRATHER v. UNITED STATES.

ERROR TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

No. 546. Submitted November 2, 1896. — Decided November 30, 1896.

Chapman v. United States, ante, 436, followed.

MOTION to dismiss.

Mr. Solicitor General for the motion.

Mr. H. E. Davis and *Mr. Jeremiah M. Wilson* opposing.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE: On the question of our appellate jurisdiction this case differs in no material respect from *Chapman v. United States*, just decided, ante, 436. The motion to dismiss the writ of error is sustained.

Writ of error dismissed.

PERRINE v. SLACK.

ERROR TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

No. 549. Submitted October 13, 1896. — Decided November 30, 1896.

The controversy in this case being between the mother and the testamentary guardian of infant children, each claiming the right to their custody and care, the matter in dispute is of such a nature as to be incapable of being reduced to any pecuniary standard of value; and for this, and for the reasons given in *Chapman v. United States*, ante, 436, it is held that this court has no jurisdiction to review judgments of the Court of Appeals under such circumstances.