

219 U. S. Cases Disposed of Without Consideration by the Court.

No. 873. FRANK L. NEALL, AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER, *v.* MARYLAND DREDGING & CONTRACTING COMPANY ET AL. February 20, 1911. Petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied. *Mr. William S. Montgomery* for petitioner. *Mr. Frederick M. Brown* for respondent.

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No. 874. E. G. COFFIN ET AL., PETITIONERS, *v.* CHARLES R. FLINT. February 20, 1911. Petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit denied. *Mr. D. T. Watson, Mr. John M. Freeman* and *Mr. R. W. Sutton* for petitioners. *Mr. J. Frank Snyder* and *Mr. James H. Merrimon* for respondent.

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No. 877. THE EMPIRE TIMBER COMPANY, PETITIONER, *v.* THE WOODBINE TIMBER COMPANY. February 20, 1911. Petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied. *Mr. Philip Walker* for petitioner. No appearance for respondent.

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BY THE COURT FROM DECEMBER 19, 1910, TO  
FEBRUARY 20, 1911.

No. 78. THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ITALY, THROUGH A. RAYBOUDI MASSIGLIA, ITS CONSUL GENERAL AT NEW YORK, APPELLANT, *v.* GIROLAMO ASARO, ALIAS VINCENZO FUDERA. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District

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of New York. January 11, 1911. Dismissed with costs, on motion of counsel for appellant. *Mr. Walter V. R. Berry, Mr. Benjamin S. Minor, Mr. Hugh B. Rowland and Mr. Gino C. Speranza* for appellant. *Mr. John J. Hamilton* for appellee.

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No. 863. HEIRS OF MARIA LUISA LOPEZ ET AL., APPELLANTS, *v.* RUBERT HERMANOS. Appeal from the Supreme Court of Porto Rico. January 18, 1911. Docketed and dismissed with costs on motion of *Mr. Frederick S. Tyler* for appellees. No one opposing.

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No. 864. MARIA DEL ENCARNACIO PRADO, WIDOW OF SURO, APPELLANT, *v.* THE SUCCESSION OF ALONZO DEL RIO, ETC. Appeal from the Supreme Court of Porto Rico. January 18, 1911. Docketed and dismissed with costs on motion of *Mr. Frederick S. Tyler* for appellee. No one opposing.

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No. 76. CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA & GULF RAILROAD COMPANY, PLAINTIFF IN ERROR, *v.* MRS. MYRA BURGESS AND W. N. BURGESS. In error to the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma. January 26, 1911. Dismissed with costs per stipulation. *Mr. Ernest E. Blake* for plaintiff in error. *Mr. A. C. Cruce* for defendants in error.

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No. 93. PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILWAY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF IN ERROR, *v.* THE UNITED STATES. In error to the District Court of the United States for the

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Eastern District of Pennsylvania. January 27, 1911. Dismissed, on motion of counsel for the plaintiff in error. *Mr. J. D. Campbell* and *Mr. James F. Campbell* for plaintiff in error. *The Attorney General* for defendant in error.

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No. 912. JUSTO PUENTE Y ARMSTERDAM ET AL., APPELLANTS, *v.* FELIX PUENTE ET AL. Appeal from the Supreme Court of Porto Rico. February 20, 1911. Docketed and dismissed with costs, on motion of *Mr. Frederic D. McKenney* for appellees. No one opposing.

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No. 178. THE TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF IN ERROR, *v.* MRS. MARY A. STEVENSON ET AL. In error to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. February 20, 1911. Dismissed per stipulation. *Mr. John F. Dillon*, *Mr. Rush Taggart* and *Mr. W. L. Hall* for plaintiff in error. *Mr. Cone Johnson* and *Mr. James M. Edwards* for defendants in error.

CHAPTER I. THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. FROM THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTINENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFEDERATION.

SECTION I.

THE first discovery of the continent was made by Christopher Columbus in 1492. He sailed from Spain in search of a westward passage to the Indies, and on the 12th of October he discovered the island of San Salvador in the West Indies.

After his discovery, several other European nations sent expeditions to the continent. The French, English, and Dutch all established colonies in various parts of the continent.

The first permanent English colony was established at Jamestown in 1607. It was founded by a group of men sent by the Virginia Company to establish a permanent settlement in North America.

Other colonies followed, including Plymouth in 1620 and Philadelphia in 1639. Each colony developed its own customs and institutions, and the colonies began to assert their independence from England.

The colonies were united in 1774 by the Continental Congress, which declared their independence from Great Britain. This led to the American Revolutionary War, which ended in 1781 with the British evacuation of Yorktown.

The war resulted in the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which recognized the independence of the United States. The new nation then adopted the Constitution in 1787, which established the federal government.

The early history of the United States is a story of exploration, settlement, and the struggle for independence. It is a story that has shaped the course of American history and the development of the United States as a nation.