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Monday 19 May 1856. Filed a pition and sued out an injunction John M. Russell et al vs W. J. Hawley to stay the proceedings of the probate Court of Utah County in the case of Hawley vs Russell et al.

After obtaining the writ I served it on the party defendant, as a deputy mashall which is my first act in that capacity

Tuesday 20 May 1856. Went to W. Hickmans and staid all night coming home the next day in the afternoon.

Monday 2 June 1856. Eastern Mail left this morning. This evening there was an Indignation meeting held at the Council House against the conduct and practices of the mail agents, conductors &c which was adjourned till to morrow evening

Tuesday 3 June 1856. Indignation meeting this evening which was adjourned to Saturday the 14 instant at the Bowry.

Wednesday 4 June 1856. The Eastern mail came in this evening after being detained 3 or 4 days at the Weber and loosing one mail sack in the stream and 2 or 3 other sacks being unaccountably missing

Monday June 9 1856. A singular case before the Probate Court to day. one Robert Galispie had been put under bonds to appear to day before said Cout to answer for stealing a calf He appeared and there being as yet no indictment found and he being anxious to be disposed of requested the Court to judge him in an off hand and Summery manner. There were no witnesses present and he confesses that he did steal the calf but done it because he was starving

Whereupon the Court fined him ten dollars and costs besides for him to pay the owner Frank Pullin fifteen dollars for the calf.

Wednesday 18 June 1856. Law Suit before probate on an examination People vs William Camp et al. for kidnapping a Negro Dan. The case commenced Monday evening and lasted yesterday & to day till noon

It appears that Camp was the owner of Dan who had ran away and C. had went with three others to bring him back. The court acquitted them Carrington atty Genl for the people & Mr T. S. Williams & self for defts

There was a great excitement on on the occasion The question naturally involving more or Less the Slavery question and I was surprised to see those latent feeling aroused in our midst which are making so much disturbance in the states.⁷¹

Wednesday 25 June 1856. Probate Court called a grand jury to Enquire into a certain matter of stealing which has lately been brought Several men have been arrested and held to await the action of the grand jury. I attend the grand jury as prosecutor.

Thursday 26 June 1856. Attended with the grand jury to day who presented 3 indictments against Thomas Bird, wife & son for Larceny one indictment for stealing two guns one for Stealing a lot of whip lasshes one for stealing a pair of shoes.

In the evening after the grand jury was discharged I attended a suit for the defendant in an action of Replevin for the recovery of a Red Heifer. Charles White v Feremorz Little T. S. Williams for plff the case went down on demurrer at the plff's cost. The matter was then arbitrated before Judge Smith.

71. That Stout should uphold Camp in his property rights over the Negro is somewhat surprising in view of the attitude of many of the Mormons. The "latent feeling aroused in our midst" might be one reason why President Brigham Young later said so little regarding the issues that were shaking the rest of the nation.