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**1870 February 26: Bond for witness, James Oates, in U.S. v. John L. Woods, where Woods is charged with opening a letter while in the employment of the Post Office Department of the United States; James Churchill, commissioner**

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Western District of Arkansas.

## Know all Men by these Presents:

That we, James Oates  
as principal, and \_\_\_\_\_  
as sureties, acknowledge ourselves jointly and severally to owe and be indebted unto the  
United States of America, in the sum of Five Hundred  
\_\_\_\_\_ dollars, to be levied of our goods and chattels, lands  
and tenements, to the use of the said United States, if default shall be made in the condition  
following, to-wit :

Whereas, ~~the said~~ John L. Wood  
has been brought before JAMES O. CHURCHILL, a United States Commissioner for the  
Western District of Arkansas, to answer to the charge of opening a letter  
while in the employment of the Post Office  
Dept. of the U S  
and upon an examination had, it appearing to said Commissioner that the offence with which  
the said John L. Wood was charged had  
been committed, and that there was probable cause to believe the said \_\_\_\_\_

John L. Wood to be guilty thereof, the Commissioner thereupon ordered  
said James Oates a witness to find sufficient bail in  
the sum of Five Hundred dollars for his  
appearance at a District Court of the United States for the Western District of Arkansas, to  
be holden on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1870, at the  
U. S. Court Room in the city of Van Buren, in said District, to answer what may then and  
there be objected against him; and that in default of finding such bail he stand  
committed for trial.

Now, Therefore, the Condition of this Recognizance is such, That  
if the said James Oates shall personally appear at the  
said Court on the first day of the next May Term thereof, at the U.  
S. Court Room in the City of Van Buren, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and then and there answer  
in said case all such matters and things as shall be objected against u and abide the orders  
of the Court, and not depart the said Court without leave, then this Recognizance to be  
void, otherwise to be in full force and virtue.

James Oates

Acknowledged and subscribed before me this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1870

W O Churchill

U. S. Commissioner.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Western District of Arkansas.

Know all Men by these Presents:

United States  
vs  
John L. Moody

Bond for Mithy

James Carter

May Term

1870