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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 9th 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
26th 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