Territory of Louisiana
District of Arkansas } In the court of common pleas
December term one thousand eight
hundred & ten

To the Honorable Francois Vaugine Esquire Presiding Judge
of the court of common pleas in & for the District
of Arkansas

Your Petitioner comes here into court before the Honorable
Judges of the same & complains of Walter Hale in
a plea of trespass on the case and sayeth that he
did on or near the twentieth of June last, give an
order to the said Walter Hale to receive a certain valuable
horse worth two hundred dollars, of William Winter
in the Territory of orleans, which horse the said Hale
was to deliver to Your petitioner within twenty days,
the said Walter Hale having received the aforesaid horse
of William Winter aforesaid on my order, & hath
refused & does still refuse to deliver the said horse to
Your petitioner agreeable to his contract, and hath
so absconded that the ordinary process of law cannot
be served on him, therefore Your petitioner prays
that a writ of foreign attachment may issue against
the goods chattels lands & tenements of the said Walter
Hall so as to secure the aforesaid sum of two hundred
dollars (1) also the sum of one hundred dollars damage
together with costs, and Your petitioner as in
duty bound will ever pray &c

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Jacob Durst
by
Walter Hall
August 23rd 1810

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J. Scull