

Iowa Supreme Court Ruling on Montgomery v. Ralph, 1839

Thursday morning, July 4th, 1839.

Court met pursuant to adjournment, Present, Charles Mason, Chief Justice, and Joseph Williams, associate.

Jorden J. Montgomery

vs

Ralph a man of color

And now on this day, this cause was submitted to the court by consent, on a case of facts stated and on file; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, on argument of Counsel, that the said Ralph a man of color, is free by operation of law; it is therefore ordered and adjudged; that he be discharged from further duress and restraint, and that he go hence without day.

The committee appointed for the purpose of preparing (sic) a set of rules for the government of the practice in this court reported, which report was adopted, order to be spread upon the record, and copies thereof sent to each of Clerks of the District in the several Counties in the Territory.

Ordered that this Court now adjourn, Sine Die

Charles Mason

Chief Justice