SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE,	}
Plaintiff	\
V.	ORDER
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A FIELD, JR.,)))
Defendants)

The defendant was arrested pursuant to a capias issued by this court for failure of a subpoeaned witness to appear.

The defendant is ordered released and, pursuant to an agreement reached between the defendant and the State, ordered to:

- 1) Reimburse within 45 days of the date of this Order the amount of \$121.50 for the cost of arresting the defendant under the capias order;
- 2) In accordance with the March 1, 1983 default judgment entered against the defendant, pay to injured consumers restitution listed in that default judgment in accordance with the following schedule:
 - a) by August 31, 1983: \$40.00
 - b) by September 3, 1983: \$40.00;
 - c) by the last day of each succeeding month: \$250.00 until total restitution has been made.

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This restitution will be paid to the Department of the Attorney General for distribution to the injured consumers.

Date: 8/3/83

JUSTICE, SUPERIOR COURT

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ATTEST

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SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE,)	·
Plaintiff) }	
v.	,))	CAPIAS FOR DAVID A. FIELD, JR. FOR FAILURE OF SUBPOENAED WITNESS
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation)	TO APPEAR (16 M.R.S.A. Sec. 102)
and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,) .)	
Defendants)	

To the York County Sheriff or his deputies:

Pending before this Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Contempt for the Defendants failure and neglect to make restitution as specified in the Judgment made by this Court. The Motion for Contempt was set for hearing before this Justice in this Court on the 24th day of June, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. David A. Field, Jr. was personally served by a Deputy Sheriff with a copy of the Motion and Notice of Hearing on 11 June, 1983. At the same time David A. Field, Jr. was duly served with a subpoena duces tecum summonsing him to appear and attend as a witness for Plaintiff at the hearing on the Motion for Contempt to be held on 24 June, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. and was at the same time paid his legal fees for travel to and from the place of hearing, and for one day's attendance. To wit; eighteen dollars for one hundred and eighty miles' travel and ten dollars for one day's attendance. David A. Field, Jr. did not appear before this

Court but refused and still refuses, without reasonable excuse, to appear and attend, and thereby committed a contempt of this Justice and Court.

Therefore, you are commanded, in the name of the State of Maine, to apprehend David A. Field, Jr. and bring him before me to answer for said contempt, and to be further dealt with according to the law.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of your doings hereon.

Witness my hand this 3074 day of June 1983.

SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE

STATE OF MAINE

YORK, SS.

Under authority of the within Capias, I have apprehended the within named defendant and now have him before said Court, as within commanded.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER

Hearing had on 6/24/83 and Bail set at \$5,000.00 double surety or \$1,200.00 cash.

P. VALERIE PAGE
CLERK OF COURTS

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE, Plaintiff)
v.)) MEMORANDUM OF LAW
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,))
Defendants))

A. NATURE OF CONTEMPT

It is contempt of court for a person to violate a court order of which he has knowledge and which was within the court's jurisdiction to make. The proceedings serve a dual function:

- 1) vindication of the public interest by punishment of contemptuous conduct and
- 2) coercion to compel the contemnor to do what the law requires him to do. (17 Am. Jur. 2d -Contempt sec. 34, pp. 39-40) (Small v. Small, 413 A2d. 1318)

B. AUTHORITY TO HOLD IN CONTEMPT

The Superior Court's power to punish for contempt is regarded as an essential element of judicial authority.

(17 Am. Jur. 2d - Contempt sec. 62 p. 62) (Charles Cushman Co. v. MacKosy, 135 Me. 490, 200 A. 505).

Furthermore, the order in this particular case retains the court's jurisdiction to make sure that its orders are followed.

Consequently, this court has the power to hear the contempt proceeding and to make an appropriate order therein.

Date: May 16, 1983

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Assistant Attorney General
Consumer and Antitrust Division
State House Station 6
Augusta, ME 04333
Telephone: 289-3717

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SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE,)
Plaintiff)
V:)) MOTION FOR CONTEMPT
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,))))
Defendants	j

Pursuant to Rule 7(b)(1) of the Maine Rules of Civil
Procedure plaintiff applies to this Court for an Order of
Contempt against the defendants. In support of this Motion
the plaintiff attaches an Affidavit of Michael N. Westcott,
Esq., Assistant Attorney General, which Affidavit is marked
Appendix "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for an Order directing

Defendants to show cause whay they should not be punished

for a Contempt of this Court for their failure and neglect

to make restitution as specified in the judgment of this

Court duly made and entered herein in the Court, and why

plaintiff should not have such other and further relief in

this case as the Court deems just and proper.

Date: May 16, 1983

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Assistant Attorney General
Consumer & Antitrust Division
State House Station 6
Augusta. ME 04333

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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Family Furniture, Inc. and David A. Field, Jr.

Please take notice that the undersigned moves for Contempt for the relief demanded in the Complaint in the above-entitled action and will bring the Motion on for hearing before this Court on the 24th day of June, 1983 at 9:00 A.M.

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office of Attorney General
Consumer & Antitrust Division
State House Station 6
Augusta, ME 04333

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STATE OF MAINE YORK, SS.

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SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

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STATE OF MAINE,	
Plaintiff)
V.) AFFIDAVIT OF CONTEMPT
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,)))
Defendants	,)

Michael N. Westcott, being duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- 1. He is attorney of record of the plaintiff, and has personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Affidavit.
- 2. On 1 March 1983 Default Judgment was made and entered by the above-entitled Court, by which order the defendants were ordered to make restitution in the total amount of \$1,772.90 to the following named consumers who suffered an ascertainable loss as a result of defendants using the unfair and deceptive trade methods, acts or practices:

	Nai	me and Address	Amount
•	a)	Kenneth & Marlene Barrows 98 Hogan Road Lewiston, ME 04240	\$100.00
	b)	Sharon Bray & Douglas Clark Oak Hill Road, P. O. Box 421 Standish ME 04084	\$500.00

c)	Ross and Linda L. Converse	\$100.00
	915 Brighton Avenue	
	Portland, ME 04102	

- d) Robert R. & Kathryn F. McGee \$460.00 16 First Street Scarboro, ME 04074
- e) Judith Plourde \$200.00 172 Concord Street Portland, ME
- f) Mary & Ken Randall \$312.90 Box 464 Mahlon Avenue Gorham, ME 04038
- g) Jo Laine C. & John A. Ricci \$100.00 92 Lamb Street Westbrook, Maine
- 3. A copy of the order was mailed to each defendant by U. S. Mail, first class and prepaid, and addressed to the defendants at their current address; a copy of the letter enclosing the order is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.
- 4. On 22 March 1983 defendant David A. Field, Jr. telephoned the undersigned to respond to Exhibit "A" and to discuss payment; on 31 March 1983 the undersigned sent another letter to David A. Field, Jr. at his current address with postage prepaid, which letter confirmed the conversation and discussed settlement and payment. A copy of the letter is attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof.
- 5. Defendants have failed to respond to the undersigned letters and have refused and failed to make any payments to the undersigned or to the individuals listed in paragraph 2

of the Affidavit; reference is also made to Affidavit of Barbara McKay which Affidavit is marked Exhibit "C" and is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 6. By failing to honor the Default Judgment the defendants have impeded and impaired the victimized consumers of their right to restitution.
- 7. No previous application has been made for the order or relief sought herein.

Date: 5/. 4/+ 7

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT

STATE OF MAINE KENNEBEC, SS.

Personally appeared the above-named Michael N. Westcott and made oath that the foregoing Affidavit is true to the best of his personal knowledge.

Before me,

Date: 5/16/88

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STATE OF MAINE

KENNEBEC, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION
DOCKET NO. CV-83-37
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STATE OF MAINE,

Plaintiff

DEPT. OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,

Defendants

Pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure Plaintiff applies to this Court for a Default Judgment for the relief requested by the Complaint and restitution in the amount of \$1,772.90 together with costs in the amount of \$21.52. In support of the motion the Plaintiff attaches the following Affidavits which are attached hereto and made a part hereof:

- Appendix A Certificate of Clerk showing Entry of Default,
- 2) Appendix B Affidavit as to Military Service of Defendants, and
- 3) Appendix C Affidavit Establishing Total Amount of Restitution.

Date: February 18, 1983

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MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office of Attorney General
Consumer & Antitrust Division
State House Station #6
Augusta, ME 04333

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE,)
Plaintiff)
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V •)
) DEFAULT JUDGMENT ENTERED
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC.,	BY THE COURT
a domestic corporation)
and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,)
)
Defendants)

This action came on for hearing on the motion of the plaintiff for a default judgment pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, and the defendants having been duly served with the summons and complaint and not being an infant or incompetent person and having failed to plead or otherwise defend, and their default having been duly entered and the defendants having taken no proceedings since such default was entered, and the plaintiff having filed the affidavit required by Rule 55(b)(4) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure,

It is Ordered and Adjudged:

1) That the following methods, acts or practices used by the defendants are unlawful and constitute violations of Title 5 M.R.S.A. §207, the Unfair Trade Practices Act:

- A. Defendants contract with consumer purchasers for the sale of specific furniture, receive payment, but deliver different merchandise.
- B. After notice of the improper delivery, defendants fail within a reasonable time to deliver the ordered furniture.
- C. Defendants contract with consumer purchasers for the sale of specific furniture, receive a deposit or full payment for the furniture, but fail to deliver the furniture or to refund the monies within a reasonable time.
- D. Defendants contract with consumer purchasers for the sale of specific furniture, receive payment, but deliver defective merchandise which is not fit for its ordinary purposes.

 After notice of the breach of the implied warranty defendants fail to repair or to replace the defective merchandise within a reasonable time.
- 2) That the defendants are permanently enjoined from using the methods, acts or practices set out in paragraph numbered 8 of the Complaint and paragraph numbered 1 of this Default Judgment.
- 3) That the defendants make restitution in the total amount of \$1,772.90 to the following named

consumers who suffered an ascertainable loss as a result of defendants using the unfair and deceptive trade methods, acts or practices:

Name & Address	Amount
a) Kenneth & Marlene Barrows 98 Hogan Road Lewiston, ME 04240	\$100.00
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- 4) That defendants reimburse the State of Maine the amount of \$21.52 for costs of this suit.
- 5) Nothing in this judgment shall affect any right or remedy in law or equity of any person who has filed a claim with the Attorney General's Office and rejects the restitution provided hereunder.

Acceptance of restitution paid hereunder shall, however, constitute a waiver of all claims arising out of any act or practice set forth in plaintiff's complaint herein, except that if judgment on any such claim has been entered by any court of competent jurisdiction and has become final prior to the time of acceptance of restitution, the payment of restitution shall only be credited against the amount due on such a judgment, if such a credit is otherwise proper.

herein and of the parties hereto. Jurisdiction is retained for the purpose of enabling any of the parties to this Permanent Injunction to apply to this Court at any time for such further orders and directions as may be necessary or appropriate for construction or carrying out of this Permanent Injunction, for the modifications or termination of any of the provisions contained herein, for the enforcement of compliance therewith, and the punishment of the violation of any of the provisions

Dated:

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE,)	
Plaintiff	
v.)	APPLICATION TO CLERK FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT AND SUPPORTING
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC.,) a domestic corporation { and DAVID A. FIELD, JR., }	AFFIDAVIT
Defendants)	

The clerk is requested to enter default against the defendants, Family Furniture, Inc. and David A. Field, Jr. in the above-entitled action for failure to plead, answer or otherwise defend as set out in the affidavit hereto annexed.

Dated: February 9, 1983.

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office of Attorney General
Consumer and Antitrust Division
State House Station #6
Augusta, ME 04333

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF KENNEBEC, SS.

February 9, 1983

Michael N. Westcott, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That he is the attorney of record of the plaintiff, and has personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit.
- 2. That the defendants were duly served with a copy of summons, together with a copy of plaintiff's complaint, on the llth day of January, 1983.
- 3. That more than 20 days have elapsed since the date on which the said defendants were served with summonses and a copy of the complaint.
- 4. That the defendants have failed to answer or otherwise defend as to plaintiff's complaint, or serve a copy of any answer or other defense which he might have upon the undersigned attorney of record for the plaintiff.
- 5. That this affidavit is executed by affiant herein in accordance with Rule 55(a) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, for the purpose of enabling the plaintiff to obtain an entry of default against the defendants, for their failure to answer or or otherwise defend as to the plaintiff's complaint.

Michael N. Westcott

STATE OF MAINE KENNEBEC, SS.

February 9, 1983

Personally appeared the above-named Michael N. Westcott and made oath that the foregoing affidavit is true to the best of his personal knowledge.

Before me.

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Notary Public

STATE OF MAINE

KENNEBEC, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE,

Plaintiff

 \mathbf{v} .

FAMILY FURNITURE, INC.,) a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,)

Defendants

APPLICATION TO CLERK FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT AND SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT

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Dated: February 9, 1983.

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office of Attorney General
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CLERK OF COURTS KENNEBEC COUNTY

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Family Furniture, Inc. and David A. Field, Jr.

Please take notice that the undersigned moves for Default Judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint in the above-entitled action and will bring the Motion on for hearing before this Court on the 31st day of March, 1983 at 9:00 A.M.

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office of Attorney General
Consumer & Antitrust Division
State House Station #6
Augusta, ME 04333

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO. CV-83-37

STATE OF MAINE, Plaintiff)))
ν.	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,)))
Defendants))

Upon reading the Plaintiff's Motion for Contempt with its accompanying Affidavit of Contempt which included Exhibits "A," "B" and "C" and upon the Defendant's failure to appear at the hearing held on the Motion before this Justice and Court on 24 June, 1983 at 9:00 A.M., it appears the Defendants have without just cause or excuse failed and neglected to make restitution as ordered in the Judgment of this Court dated 1 March, 1983.

It is ordered that David A. Field, Jr. appear before this Court at Kennebec Superior Courthouse, 95 State Street, Augusta, Maine on the day of , 1983 at o'clock M., then and there to show cause why he should not be adjudged guilty of, and punished for, contempt of court by such reasonable fine or imprisonment as the circumstances require.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AS ORDERED ABOVE, A BENCH WARRANT SHALL ISSUE FOR YOUR ARREST TO BRING YOU BEFORE THIS COURT TO ANSWER THE CHARGE OF CONTEMPT.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be served on David A. Field, Jr. at least days before the time fixed for showing cause.

Dated:

SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MAINE YORK, SS.

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STATE OF MAINE

KENNEBEC, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION DOCKET NO.

STATE OF MAINE,)
Plaintiff	<u> </u>
•) COMPLAINT FOR PERMANENT
v.) INJUNCTION AND RESTORATION OF MONIES
FAMILY FURNITURE, INC., a domestic corporation and DAVID A. FIELD, JR.,) (Title 5 M.R.S.A. §209)))
Defendants)

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James E. Tierney, Attorney General for the State of Maine, states that:

- 1. Plaintiff is the Attorney General of the State of Maine and has reason to believe that Defendants are using or about to use unfair or deceptive acts or practices as defined in Title 5 M.R.S.A. §207 in the conduct of trade or commerce and therefore brings this action pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §209.
- 2. The complaint filed is in the public interest to protect the general consuming public from unfair or deceptive acts or practices which break the consumers' ordinary assumption in their dealings with the defendants and from monetary loss or from delivery of defective goods.
- 3. The Defendants have been notified of the action pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. §209.

- 4. Venue in this jurisdiction is authorized by Title 5 M.R.S.A. §209.
- 5. Family Furniture, Inc. is a domestic Maine corporation and is located at Lower Main Street, Gorham, Maine.
- 6. David A. Field, Jr. is a resident of Buxton, Maine and has been President of Family Furniture, Inc. since its inception in January, 1981. At all times relevant to this complaint Mr. Field had authority and control of the business practices of Family Furniture, Inc.; Mr. Field specifically authorized and approved the acts and practices alleged herein.
- 7. At all times relevant to this complaint the Defendants advertised, dealt in, and sold furniture at Family Furniture, Inc.'s location on Lower Main Street, Gorham, Maine.
- 8. From at least March, 1981 the Defendants are using the following methods, acts or practices which are declared to be unlawful by Title 5 M.R.S.A. §207.
 - A. Defendants contract with consumer purchasers for the sale of specific furniture, receive payment, but deliver different merchandise.
 - B. After notice of the improper delivery, Defendants fail within a reasonable time to deliver the ordered furniture.
 - C. Defendants contract with consumer purchasers for the sale of specific furniture, receive a deposit or full payment for the furniture, but fail to deliver the furniture or to refund the monies within a reasonable time.

- D. Defendants contract with consumer purchasers for the sale of specific furniture, receive payment, but deliver defective merchandise which is not fit for its ordinary purposes.

 After notice of the breach of the implied warranty Defendants fail to repair or to replace the defective merchandise within a reasonable time.
- 9. The Defendants will continue to employ these unfair and deceptive trade practices unless this Court permanently enjoins them from doing so.
- 10. By the use of these unfair and deceptive trade practices the Defendants have acquired monies from consumers who have suffered an ascertainable loss of monies in the amount of \$2,750.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Court to:

- Declare that the practices alleged in this complaint constitute violations of Title 5 M.R.S.A. § 207, the Unfair Trade Practices Act.
- 2. To permanently enjoin the Defendants from using the methods, acts or practices set out in paragraph 8 of this complaint.

- 3. Order the Defendants to:
 - a. make restitution to any person who suffered the loss of money or other property as a result of the practices alleged in this complaint; the total amount of restitution is \$2,750.
 - b. reimburse the State of Maine for costs of this suit and its investigation of the Defendants.
- 4. Make such other orders as the Court deems equitable and just.

Dated:

STATE OF MAINE JAMES E. TIERNEY Attorney General

MICHAEL N. WESTCOTT

Assistant Attorney General Consumer and Antitrust Division

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