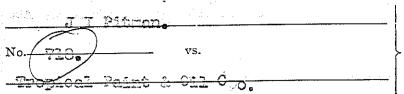
The State of Alabama, BALDWIN COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT. (LAW)

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CIRCUIT COURT-LAW SIDE

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA:

You are hereby commanded to summon

THE TROPICAL PAINT & OIL CO..

to appear within thirty days from the service of this writ in the Circuit Court, to be held for said County, at the place of holding the same, then and there to answer the complaint of

J. L. PITMAN

Witness my hand, this 26th

day of November 1941

COMPLAINT

R. S. Duck Clerk.

J. I. PITMAN, Plaintiff

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

VS.

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA,

THE TROPICAL PAINT & OIL CO., Defendant

AT LAW

TO THE HONORABLE F. W. HARE, JUDGE OF SAID COURT

COUNT ONE

The Plaintiff claims of the Defendant Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars damages for a breach of warranty in the sale of certain water-proof roofing material known as Roofkoter, Erielastic, Tocoseal and Tropitex, sold by the Defendant to the Plaintiff on or about dates ranging from December 16, 1938, to April 6, 1939, which the Defendant warranted, "When applied according to our printed specifications, we guarantee Roofkoter will remain water-proof for a period of five (5) years," when, in fact, said roofing material did not and would not remain water-proof although same was applied according to the specifications by an agent of the aforesaid Defendant.

Attorney for the Plaintiff

Accorded for one transfer

The Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

Richard J. Demeree, Attorney for

the Plaintiff

NOTE: Defendant is a non-resident and service can be completed by registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed to The Tropical Paint & Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

RECORD WALL

J. I. PITMAN,

Plaintiff

versus

THE TROPICAL PAINT & OIL

Defendant

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAW

Comes The Tropical Paint & Oil Company, named as the defendant in the above styled cause, by its attorneys, Smith, Hand & Arendall, and appearing solely and specially for the purpose of this motion, and without making a general appearance, and expressly limiting this, its special appearance, to the purpose of quashing the attempted service of process in this case on it, hereby moves the court to quash the service or attempted service of process upon it in said cause, and for separate and several grounds of such motion assigns the following, viz:

- 1. This court has no jurisdiction over the said The Tropical Paint & Oil Company.
- The plaintiff in said cause seeks to obtain a personal judgment for the payment of money against the said The Tropical Paint & Oil Company.
- 3. The plaintiff in said cause seeks to obtain a personal judgment for the payment of money against the said The Tropical Paint & Oil Company, and the only purported service of process upon said named defendant has been by registered mail.
- 4. The said named defendant is a non-resident of the state of Alabama, being a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio, and no personal judgment for the payment of money can

be entered against it in this cause, the only service or attempted service of process upon it having been made by registered mail.

- state of Alabama, is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio, has not qualified to do business in the state of Alabama, and the only service or attempted service of process upon it has been by registered mail, and this court has no jurisdiction to render a personal judgment for the payment of money against it, as sought by the complaint filed in said cause.
- 6. Said named defendant is a non-resident of the state of Alabama, is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio, has not qualified to do business in the state of Alabama, has not carried on or transacted business in this state, and the only service or attempted service of process upon it has been by registered mail, and this court has no jurisdiction to render a personal judgment for the payment of money against it, as sought by the complaint filed in said cause.
- 7. Neither said named defendant nor any of its servants, agents or employees has been served with process by personal service within the state of Alabama, nor has any property of said named defendant been attached, and said named defendant, being a non-resident of the state of Alabama and a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio, cannot be brought under the jurisdiction of this court by service or attempted

service of process upon it by registered mail, as attempted by the plaintiff in said cause.

- 8. No affidavit has been filed in said cause by a petitioner, the plaintiff or his agent or attorney, as required by code 1940, tit. 7, section 201.
- 9. The only service or attempted service of process in said cause has been by registered mail sent by R. S. Duck, clerk of this court, to said named defendant, and said service or attempted service of process does not bring said named defendant under the jurisdiction of this court.
- 10. The only service or attempted service of process in said cause on said named defendant has been by registered mail, issued by R. S. Duck, clerk of this court, and to bring said named defendant under the jurisdiction of this court, by such service, would be in violation of the 14th amendment to the constitution of the United States.
- ll. The only service or attempted service of process in said cause on said named defendant has been by registered mail, issued by R. S. Duck, clerk of this court, and to bring said named defendant under the jurisdiction of this court, by such service, would deprive the said named defendant of the due process of law, as guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the constitution of the United States.
- 12. The said named defendant is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio, has never qualified to do business in the state of Alabama, and has never carried on or transacted business in the state of Alabama, and this curt cannot acquire

jurisdiction over the person of said named defendant by service or attempted service of process upon it as attempted in this cause.

- 13. The only service or attempted service of process in said cause on said named defendant has been by registered mail, issued by R. S. Duck, clerk of this court, and to bring said named defendant under the jurisdiction of this court, by such service, would deprive the said named defendant of the equal protection of the law, as guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the constitution of the United States.
- personal judgment for the payment of money against the said named defendant, and if the code of Alabama of 1940, tit. 7, sections 201 and 202, under which the plaintiff has sought to proceed, were to be construed to give this court jurisdiction to render such a judgment against said named defendant upon service or attempted service of process upon it by registered mail, said statutes would be unconstitutional as so construed in that they would deprive the said named defendant of due process of the law as guaranteed to it by the 14th amendment to the constitution of the United States, and said service or attempted service of process by registered mail is the only type of service of process which has been had against said named defendant.
- 15. The plaintiff in said cause has sought to secure service of process on said named defendant under code of Alabama of 1940, tit. 7, sections 201 and 202, providing for the service of process on a non-resident by registered mail, and if said statutes were construed to make said named

defendant subject to the jurisdiction of this court for the rendering of a personal judgment for the payment of money, as sought by the plaintiff in said cause, said statutes would deprive the said named defendant, a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the state of Ohio, of due process of the law as guaranteed by the 14th amendment of the constitution of the United States.

16. Section 209 of tit. 7, Code of Alabama of 1940, expressly forbids the rendering of a personal judgment for the payment of money against the said named defendant, a non-resident of the state of Alabama, upon service or attempted service of process against it in the manner provided by sections 201 and 202 of said title of said code, the statutes under which the plaintiff in said cause has sought to proceed in securing service of process on said named defendant.

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Attorneys for The Tropical Paint & Oil Company

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