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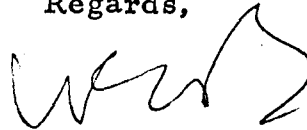
May 16, 1973

Re: No. 71-1005 - Michigan v. Payne

Dear Lewis:

Please join me.

Regards,



Mr. Justice Powell

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To: The Chief Justice
 Mr. Justice Brennan
 Mr. Justice Stewart
 Mr. Justice White
 Mr. Justice Marshall
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1st DRAFT

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 71-1005

From: 5-11-73

State of Michigan, Petitioner, } On Writ of Certiorari to
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[May —, 1973]

MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS, dissenting.

We deal here with the guarantee contained in the Fifth Amendment, applicable to the States by reason of the Fourteenth, *Benton v. Maryland*, 395 U. S. 784, that no person shall "be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb." The construction given that clause was applied retroactively in *North Carolina v. Pearce*, 395 U. S. 711; and I think that *Payne* as well as *Pearce* should have the benefit of the "new" constitutional rule. My views have been at odds with those of the Court as witnessed by the dissent of Mr. Justice Black in *Linkletter v. Walker*, 381 U. S. 618, 640, which I joined and by my separate dissent in *Desist v. United States*, 394 U. S. 244, 255. I could understand making a "new" constitutional rule applicable only prospectively. But I cannot bring myself to making the "new" rule applicable to some but not to others. If a State has violated the Federal Constitution in convicting or sentencing a prisoner, I see no way of denying him relief from that unconstitutional trial or unconstitutional sentence.

The Double Jeopardy Clause in my view was designed to discourage the abusive use of the Executive and Judicial Branches of the awesome power of government over the individual. Jeopardy attaches once the trial starts. If there is error in that trial and as a result a new trial

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

May 7, 1973

RE: No. 71-1005 - Michigan v. Payne

Dear Lewis:

I agree.

Sincerely,

Bill

Mr. Justice Powell

cc: The Conference

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

May 14, 1973

71-1005 - Michigan v. Payne

Dear Thurgood,

I am glad to join Part III of your
dissenting opinion in this case.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.
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Mr. Justice Marshall

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

May 7, 1973

Re: No. 71-1005 - State of Michigan
v. Payne

Dear Lewis:

Please join me in your opinion in
this case.

Sincerely,



Mr. Justice Powell

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

May 7, 1973

Re: No. 71-1005 - Michigan v. Payne

Dear Lewis:

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Sincerely,

H.A.B.

Mr. Justice Powell

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

May 4, 1973

No. 71-1005 Michigan v. Payne

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

My notes indicate that, at our Conference discussion of this case, some Justices thought the case should be disposed of on the nonretroactivity issue while at least one Justice preferred (according to my notes) to reverse on the merits.

As you will see from my circulation of this date, I concluded that it was best to decide the retroactivity question which - as I recall - was the primary reason for our taking this case. On at least two prior occasions cases taken to decide whether Pearce is retroactive ultimately went off on other grounds.

While I could reverse the decision below on the merits (believing that the Pearce requirements were met), this is a more arguable issue on its facts than that of retroactivity.

If one concludes, as I did, that Pearce is nonretroactive then we do not reach the merits. My draft opinion is written accordingly.

L. F. P., Jr.

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Respondent, Leroy Payne, pleaded guilty in a county circuit court in Michigan to a charge of assault with intent to commit murder in connection with an armed attack upon two sheriff's deputies. In March 1963, he was sentenced to a prison term of from 19 to 40 years. Several years later respondent's conviction and sentence were set aside when a hearing, ordered by the Michigan Court of Appeals, disclosed that his confession and subsequent guilty plea were involuntary. Following a retrial, at which he exercised his rights to trial by jury and

¹ We decide today only the retroactivity of the prophylactic restrictions established in *Pearce* to govern the rendition of a higher sentence after retrial. The question of the retroactivity of the double jeopardy holding, which "requires that punishment already exacted must be fully 'credited' in imposing a sentence upon a new conviction for the same offense," *id.*, 718-719, is not before us in this case.

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May 17, 1973

No. 71-1005 Michigan v. Payne
No. 72-6732 Chaffin v. Stynchcombe

Dear Chief:

Although Payne has a lower number than Chaffin, I would prefer to announce Chaffin first - as this will enable me to state the rule of the Pearce case and not have to repeat it.

Sincerely,

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss

71-1005

Supreme Court of the United States
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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

May 31, 1973

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE

I would like the holds for No. 71-1005 Michigan v. Payne and No. 71-6732 Chaffin v. Stynchcombe to be relisted for the June 8 Conference. I will circulate a memorandum shortly.

L. F. P., Jr.

L. F. P.

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

May 10, 1973

Re: No. 71-1005 - Michigan v. Payne

Dear Lewis:

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Justice Powell

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