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The Reader is desired to correct the following *Errors*.

Page 80. the last Line but two in the Note to c. 8. for *to* read *for*.—p. 172. Note to c. 5. for Grant of the *Crown*, read Grant of the *Toll*.—p. 182. c. 7. for *Cary* and *Rook*, read *Cray* and *Rook*.—p. 203. c. 1. for *Battily* and *Cook*, read *Batteley* and *Cook*.—p. 205. for *Smith* and *Tanner*, read *Smith* and *Turner*.—p. 212. c. 1. for *Hicks* and *Pendarvis*, read *Hicks* and *Pendarvis*.—p. 256, 257. c. 5. for *Looffes* and *Lewen*, read *Loeffes* and *Lewen*.—p. 285. c. 4. for *Sir Edward Bettifon* and *Harrington*, read *Sir Edward Bettifon* and *Farrington*.—p. 292. Note to c. 14. for *Lawther* and *Fletcher*, read *Lowther* and *Fletcher*.—p. 294. c. 22. for 528, read 258.—p. 296. Line second, for *Bunter* and *Cook*, read *Bunker* and *Cook*.—p. 302. c. 23. for *Ibberton* and *Beckwith*, read *Ibbetson* and *Beckwith*.—p. 430. c. 5. for *Dormer* and *Bertine*, read *Dormer* and *Bertie*.—p. 434. c. 15. for *Donner* and *Bertie*, read *Dormer* and *Bertie*.—p. 445. c. 59. for *Humpreys*, read *Humphreys*.—p. 500. c. 27. for *Dawson* and *Cbutir*, read *Dawson* and *Cbater*.—p. 513. c. 2. for *Vincent* and *Harmandex*, read *Vincent* and *Farnandex* (or *Farmandex*).—p. 567. c. 17. for *Hornfly* and *Hornfly*, read *Hornfly* and *Hornfly*.—p. 639, 640. c. 5. for *Beale* and *Beale*, read *Beale* and *Beale*.—p. 659. c. 1. for *Sarib* and *Lady Blankfrey*, read *Garib* and *Blanfrey*.—p. 749. c. 4. for *Lawson*, read *Lawson*.

C A P. I.

Abatement and Revivor.

(A) Abatement of the Suit & econ't.

(B) Reviving a Suit, and the Parties thereto; and who may and may not maintain a Bill of Revivor, and why.

(A) Abatement of the Suit & econ't.

1. **I**F two Jointenants exhibit their Bill, and one releases, this will not abate the Suit as to the other. So held *per* Lord Chancellor, *Trin.* 1676. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 6. *pl.* 5.

2. The Attorney General of the Dutchy exhibited an Information at the Relation of one Part-Owner of Coal-Mines against the others, the Relator (*a*) dies; by the Opinion of *Atkins* C. B. and *Ventris* J. this abates the Suit, for though Mr. Attorney be Plaintiff, yet the Relator is Party. *Trin.* 1690. in the Case of *The Attorney General* and *Sir Jo. Heath & al'*, *Preced. in Chan.* 13.

3. A Bankrupt brings his Bill against *B.* his supposed Debtor, for an Account, who pleads in Abatement, that Plaintiff being found a Bankrupt, his Effects were assigned to Assignees, &c. and that they ought to be Parties. *A.* by (*b*) Order amends his Bill, and charges the Assignees in the Body thereof in a proper Manner, but prays Process only against the Defendant *B.* who pleads the same Plea, which was held good; for by *Parker* C. they only are Defendants against whom Process is prayed. *Mich.* 1719. *Fawkes* ver. *Pratt*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 593.

Prejudice, or to give leave to amend on Payment of Costs of the Day. *Easter* 1718. 1 *Will. Rep.* 428. *Stafford* and *City of London*.

4. If a Feme Sole (Defendant) marries *pendente lite*, that does not abate the Suit. Lord Chan. King's Opinion, 4 *Geo.* 2. in the Case of *Abergavenny* and *Abergavenny*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Baron and Feme*, (1. a.) *pl.* 20. — Otherwise of a Feme Plaintiff. *Vide Vol.* 1. *Eq. Ca. Abr.* *p.* 1. *pl.* 1.

5. Plaintiff gave a Feme Covert a promissory Note, and the Husband dying before Answer to a Bill for Discovery of the Consideration, the Wife administered to him; and Lord Chan. held, that as a Wife can have no separate Property, but whatever she gets during the Coverture vests in the Husband, the Property of this Note was wholly his, and that she had no Interest in it, but as representing her Husband; and therefore that by his Death the Suit was abated. *Easter* 12 *Geo.* 2. *Lighbourn* and *Holyday*, *MS. Rep.*

(a) In an Injunction Cause where it abates by the Death of either Plaintiff or Defendant, the Rule is, that a Motion shall be made to revive within a stated Time, or else the Injunction be dissolved. *Anon.* 11 Geo. 1. *Sel. Cases in Chan.* 24.

(B) Reviving a (a) Suit, and the Parties thereto; and who may and may not maintain a Bill of Revivor, and why.

1. **W**HERE Baron and Feme in Right of the Feme exhibit a Bill, and the Baron dies, the Feme may proceed by Bill of Revivor. *Per Amburst*, who said it had been so adjudged in the Time of the late Commissioners. 2 *Freem. Rep.* 133.

2. Plaintiff a Purchaser exhibited his Bill of Revivor, and revived the Suit by Order, (b) and the Defendant joined in examining Witnesses; but at the Hearing Lord *Bridgeman* dismissed the Bill, for that a Purchaser could not maintain a Bill of Revivor. (c) *Hil.* 22 Car. 2. 2 *Freem. Rep.* 132.

(b) As Bills of Revivor are to revive Suits, and all Proceedings thereon abated, the Orders for the Revival must be served on the adverse Clerk in Court, to the End that he may take Notice that the Suit is revived, and that such Revivor is right. (c) *Note*; After this Bill was dismissed, it was moved, that in an original Bill exhibited by Plaintiff, he might use the Depositions taken; but denied, because there was never any Bill depending in it, for the Bill of Revivor brought by a Purchaser was void, and the Depositions therefore taken on no Issue, and no Bill and Answer depending, and consequently no Indictment could lie against the Witnesses if perjured. *Ibid.*

(d) In an Account both Parties are Actors, and either may revive. See 1 *Will. Rep.* 743. *Mich.* 1721. *Hollingshead's Case*.—See *Select Ca. in Chan.* 54. *Thorn and Pitt*, *Hil.* 1725. whereby it appears that Lord Chancellor said, that this was the Rule.—1 *Will. Rep.* 263. *Trin.* 1714. *S. P.* by *Harcourt C.* in *Done's Case*.

3. Held by Lord Keeper on Debate, that where a Decree is for an Account, and after the Cause abates by Defendant's Death, his Representative may revive as well as the Plaintiff, both being in Nature of Plaintiffs. (d) *Easter* 1702. *Kent v. Kent*, *Preced. in Chan.* 197.

4. Upon a Bill of Revivor one Defendant by Answer insisted, that Plaintiff was not intitled to revive; but this being insisted on by Answer only, and not by way of Plea or Demurrer, upon Motion Sir *Jos. Jekyll* M. R. ordered the Proceedings to stand revived, having first consulted the Register touching the Practice. (e) However, he said, the Plaintiff ought to shew a good Title to revive, otherwise at the Hearing he might happen to take nothing by the Suit. *Hil.* 1734. *Harris and Pollard & al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 348.

(e) The Reporter says, He apprehended that the Practice of reviving Proceedings was only upon the Defendant's Time for answering being out, or upon his answering and not opposing the Revivor. *Ibid.*

But this Bill must pursue the first, and in Case of any material Difference between them, (except what relates to the Title to revive) the Defendant may, as I apprehend, demur, and the Bill be dismissed.

5. In a Bill of Revivor it may be necessary to insert so much new Matter as is needful to shew how the Party becomes intitled to revive. 11 Geo. 2. *in Scacc'*, *Comyns's Rep.* 590.

6. The Assignees of a Commission of Bankrupts cannot bring a Bill of Revivor, but must sue by an original Bill, which is daily Experience. *Per Council arg'*, and agreed to by the Court. *Ibid.*

7. Bill of Partition was brought by several Persons; one dies, who devises his Part to Co-Plaintiff, and makes him Executor; he brings a Bill of Revivor, to which it was demurred: Said, that *Bills of Revivor*

vivor and Bills in Nature of Bills of Revivor are very different: A Bill of Revivor can only be by the Heir, (a) as to the Realty, and by an Executor or Administrator, as to the Personalty. On Bills of Revivor the Estate continues the same as before Abatement, but here in Case of a Devisee who is a Purchaser, the Estate is alter'd, and a Purchaser can never revive. (b) Demurrer allowed, but Leave given to amend the Bill, and revive as Executor; and an original Bill in Nature of a Bill of Revivor as Devisee was thought the most proper Method. Mich. 1725. Huet ver. Lord Say and Seal, *Select Cases in Chan.* 53.

(a) One who claimed only as Heir at Law by Provision or by Formedon cannot revive, but must bring his original Bill. May 1721. Osbourne and Usher. — March 13, (b) Vide pl. 2.

1722. Wingfield and Whaley, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Chan.* (H. a.) pl. 17. and Margin.

8. B. had exhibited his Bill to be relieved against Securities entred into by him to Defendants, who answered; B. was discharged by the Insolvent Act, and all his Effects transferred to the Clerk of the Peace, who assigned them to the Plaintiff, who thereupon brought a Bill of Revivor to revive the Proceedings in the original Suit brought by B. The Defendants, as to so much of the Bill as desired to revive, demurred, which the Court allowed for Plaintiff; the Assignee of the Clerk of the Peace could not revive, there being no Privity between B. and him; and it is the constant Course that the Assignee or Devisee cannot revive, but must proceed by original Bill, which indeed is in Nature of a Bill of Revivor. Mich. 11 Geo. 2. *Harrison and Ridley & al' in Scacc'*, *Comyns's Rep.* 589.

9. *Subpœna* in Nature of a *Sci. Fa.* to revive a Decree; the Defendant doth not answer, but is examined upon Interrogatories to clear his Contempt. Trin. 1667. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 128. pl. 153.

10. Where there is only a Bill and Answer, and the Suit abates, the Executor must bring his Bill of Revivor within six Years, or else the Suit will be barred. Lord Macclesfield's opinion, Trin. 1721. 1 *Will. Rep.* 744.

11. But a Bill of Revivor after a Decree to account (c) being in the Nature of a *Sci. Fa.* is not within or barrable by the Statute of Limitations, even though the Demand seemed to be a very stale one, and not to be countenanced. Per King C. Mich. 1727. 1 *Will. Rep.* 744, 745.

(c) A Decree to account is in Nature of a Judgment *Quod computet.* Per Lord Macclesfield. *Ibid.*

12. A Bill was dismissed with Costs, and the Person who was intitled to them died before they were taxed; there is no Relief to be had. *Select Cases in Chan.* 21.

13. Bill was dismissed with Costs, which were taxed; Bill of Revivor was brought singly for Costs, to which it was demurred, and Demurrer allowed. *Thorn and Pitt, Select Cases in Chan.* 54.

14. An original Bill had been brought by an Administrator of a Judgment-Creditor; the Administrator died, and a Bill of Revivor was brought by the Administrator's Executor. This Bill was thought to be wrong, thereupon another Bill of Revivor was brought by same Plaintiff, (having taken out Administration *de bonis non* to the Judgment-Creditor himself) wherein he described himself as Executor to the Administrator, and also as Administrator *de bonis non* of the original Judgment-Creditor. To this second Bill the Pendency of the former Suit was pleaded; referred to the Master to examine whether these two Bills were for one and the same Matter; who certified that the latter Bill related to the same Matter, and that both were brought by the same Person; but in the different Rights before mentioned. Moved that the first Bill of Revivor might be dismissed with 20 s. Costs,

Costs, the Plea set aside, and the Suit stand revived on the second Bill. Lord Chancellor dismissed the first Bill of Revivor with Costs generally. And as to the Plea, taking Notice that where the same Person sues in different Rights, it is the same as if there were different Persons. He set it aside, but without Costs; 1st, Because the Plaintiff gave some Colour for the Plea by bringing the first Bill of Revivor wrong: And 2dly, Because in the second Bill he described himself Executor to the Administrator, as well as Administrator *de bonis non* to the Judgment-Creditor. And observing that this was a plain Bill of Revivor, the Plaintiff need not take out a *Subpœna* to revive, but the Defendant must have an Opportunity to shew Cause, &c. which he has by way of Plea, (a) but not sufficient; so directed the Suit to stand revived on the second Bill. *Easter 1740. Huggins and The York-Buildings Company, MS. Rep.*

(a) May also shew Cause by way of Answer.

C A P. II.

Account and Discount.

- (A) What Matters are proper for an Account; who may and may not bring a Bill for that Purpose, and against whom such Bill lies.
- (B) How an Accountant may discharge himself; what shall be a good Bar to a Demand of an Account; where a stated Account shall be conclusive, and in what Cases it may be opened, and where Liberty shall be given to falsify: And here of Stoppage or setting off mutual Debts one against the other.

(A) What Matters are proper for an Account; who may and may not bring a Bill for that Purpose, and against whom such Bill lies.

1. **A** Bill being to come to an Account for several Sums due to Defendant from Plaintiff upon several Securities, amongst which were two Judgments, one in Battery and another for Words, suggesting that most of the Debts were paid. Lord Chancellor ordered that they should go to an Account, but that no Interest should be allowed on the Judgments though they had been long due. *Easter 1678. 2 Freem. Rep. 37.*

2. Where an Executor has an exprefs Legacy, Equity looks upon him as a Trustee, and will make him account for the Surplus though the Spiritual Court has no fuch Power. *Mich. 1695. Petit and Smith in B. R. 1 Will. Rep. 7.*

Vide Tit. Executors and Administrators.

3. In an Account both Parties are Actors; and therefore a *Ne exeat Regnum* lies for a Defendant in an Account againft a Co-Defendant. *Per Harcourt Lord Chan. 1 Will. Rep. 263.*

Vide Tit. Abatement and Revivor, (B) pl. 3.

4. *A.* pretending he had a Term of fixteen Years to come in an Houfe, *B.* agrees with him for the Sale thereof, and pays 100*l.* Part of the Confideration Money down, and the Reft was to be paid at another Day. *B.* enters, but finding that *A.* had only a Term of fix Years in the Houfe, brings his Bill to have an Account, his Money refunded, and his Bargain fet afide. *B.* decreed to account for the Profits, and the Confideration Money to be refunded, and *B.* upon his Account to have Tenant Allowances made him. *Trin. 7 Ann. Long and Fletcher, MS. Rep.*

5. A Master of a Ship goes a Trading Voyage, and dies, Succellor poffeffes his Effects, and then fends a Letter with a Bond inclofed to the Widow to be answerable for 300*l.* if the Ship arrives fafe; the Sum the Deceased left being 200*l.* which was the Rate of *Responsdientia* Bonds. This Master trades and makes 300*l.* *per Cent.* of the Money. Decreed *per Harcourt L. K.* That the Succellor was a Trustee, and should account with Plaintiff, the Widow of the first Captain, for the Profit made by the Trade, deducting reasonable Allowance for Labour and Skill. Costs reserved. *Brown and Litton, East. 10 Ann. Lucas's Rep. 20.*

1 Will. Rep. 140. S. C. Defendant decreed to account, but that to recompence him for his Care in trading with this Money, the Master should settle a proper Salary for the

Pains and Trouble he had been at in the Management thereof. Costs reserved. And *per L. K.* The primary Intent of the Testator in carrying abroad the Money was to invest it in Trade, and not to return with it home again; and therefore Defendant having observed Testator's Intent, and having taken fuch a prudent Care in the Management of it as (it might be prefumed) he would have taken of his own Money; his Lordship apprehended he would not have been liable to answer for any Loss that might have happened; and compared it to the Cafe of two joint Traders, where if one dies, and the Survivor carries on the Trade after the Death of the Partner, the Survivor shall answer for the Gain made by this Trade. *Ibid. 141.*

6. Where an Executor puts out Money, though without the Indemnity of a Decree, upon a real Security, which there was no Reason then to fufpect, but afterwards fuch Security proves bad, he is not accountable for the Loss, any more than he would have been intitled to the Profits, had it continued good. Lord Keeper *Harcourt's* Opinion in the above Cafe, *1 Will. Rep. 141.*

7. If a Trustee impower'd to put Money to Interest let it lie by him, he shall be accountable for Interest. Said by Lord Keeper *Harcourt, East. 1711. Lucas's Rep. 21.*

8. And the same Reporter, fays Lord Keeper, feemed of Opinion, that if a Trustee trade with Money, he should be accountable not for Interest only, but the Profit of the Trade, and that at his Peril, because he acted without the Directions of the Court. *Ibid.*

9. *T.* having lent *D.* several Sums of Money, amounting to 600*l.* *D.* by Indenture bargains and fells a sixteenth Part in a Ship, and by a Defeazance it was declared, that this Assignment was made to the Intent that Plaintiff out of the Earnings of the Ship should pay himself 600*l.* and after fuch Payment should account to *D.* of the Earnings; but there was no Covenant in the Defeazance to pay the Money. Afterwards the Ship was loft, and the Plaintiff brings a Bill againft *D.*'s Executrix to have Satisfaction of this Debt. Defendant by her Answer denies Affets *præter* to fatisfy Judgments and Debts by Specialty. Decreed that Defendant account for the Estate of the Testator, and Plaintiff to account for the said Earnings, and to be allowed what

Sums be expended in fitting out the Ship, though she happened to be cast away in the second Voyage. *Tyrrell and Lady Thomas, Mich. 12 Ann. Viner's Abr. Tit. Account (C. a.) pl. 5.*

10. Bill by the Heirs and Residuary Legatees of *A.* against his Widow and Executrix, to have an Account of his Estate. It being proved, that *A.* being very old and infirm for seven Years before his Death, did not receive Money himself, though he signed Receipts and executed Leafes, &c. but the Money was usually paid to Defendant. *Cowper C.* decreed Defendant to account for what Money she received seven Years before her Husband's Death, but that the Master should be easy in taking the Account, and allow for House-keeping, &c. without Vouchers. *Mich. 2 Geo. * Buckle and Milman, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme (E. a. 6.) pl. 8.*

* I believe it should be Geo. 1.

11. The Obligor on Payment of 20*l.* to the Obligee, a weak Person, procured a Bond for 200*l.* and two promissory Notes for 50*l.* each to be delivered up, and the Obligee to execute a Release of all Demands, upon Pretence of nearness of Relation, and of being poor; but neither of these Considerations were proved. *Per Cur'*: The Payment of the 20*l.* seems to induce a Suspicion, (there being no Notice taken at that Time of what Sums were due either on the Bond or Notes) that that Payment was the only Consideration of delivering up the Bond and Notes, and executing this Release; and that the Obligee did not know what was due to him, being incapable of transacting his Affairs. Obligor decreed to account for the Bond and Notes. *Lucas, Executor of R. A. and Adams, Mich. 11 Geo. 1. 2 Mod. Ca. in L. and Eq. 118.*

12. In the Case of *Le Croy and Eastman, Trin. 8 Geo. 1.* The Question was, Whether a Trustee of *South-Sea* Stock should answer to the Value of the Stock when sold by him, or only be accountable for the Stock and Dividends? Resolved *per Parker C.* that the Trustee must only account for the Stock and Produce. *Lucas's Rep. 498.*

13. A Creditor cannot bring a Bill in Equity for an Account against one Co-Executor without the other, nor as Residuary Legatee. *Hil. 10 Geo. 1. Scurry & Ux' versus Morfe, 2 Mod. Ca. in L. and Eq. 89.*

14. Where one claims an absolute Gift of a personal Estate, and at the Hearing it plainly appears to be a Trust, the Court will order him to account. *Ibid. 113. Mitford & al' versus Lord Herbert & al' Mich. 11 Geo. 1.*

15. On a Bill brought for an Account of the Produce of 20000*l.* *South-Sea* Stock, mortgaged by Plaintiff to Defendant, (and after Principal and Interest paid) to be paid the Ballance. At the Hearing an Issue at Law was directed; but upon (a) Appeal to the Lords, the Order was repealed, and an Account directed for all Monies received on the Sale of the pledged Stock, notwithstanding the Day of Redemption was past, it not appearing that the Defendant had sufficient Stock to answer the Plaintiff, and after Principal and Interest satisfied, the Residue to be paid, and the Stock not sold to be transferred to Plaintiff. (b) *Harrison and Hart, Mich. 13 Geo. 1. Comyns 393.*

(a) By a standing Order of the House of Lords, made 24 March 1725. Appeals are to be brought within five Years

after the Decree or Order in the Courts below is signed and enrolled. *Fortescue 10.* (b) In this Case the following Cases were cited *arg. for the Plaintiff.* *Mercer* borrowed 1100*l.* of *Tutt*, and gave his Bond for Payment, and also pledged a second Subscription, N^o 195. and agreed that if *Mercer* paid the Money *Tutt* should restore the Subscription; and if he did not, that *Tutt* might sell. Afterwards *Tutt* sold the Subscription, whereupon *Mercer* exhibited his bill in *Scacc'* for an Account of the Money raised by the Sale. The Defendant insisted that he had preserved another second Subscription, N^o 194. in lieu of that; and upon Debate concerning the Subscription pledged, Trial was directed, and Verdict for the Plaintiff; whereupon an Account was decreed between *Mercer* and *Tutt*, and afterwards affirm'd by Parliament, upon an Appeal 2 March 1725. So in the Case of *Merrick and Spark, Mich. 1723.* Stock was mortgaged by *Merrick* for 1000*l.* the Mortgagee after this mortgaged it for 1200*l.* whereupon *Merrick* exhibited his bill for an Account of the Overplus, and an Account was decreed. *Comyns's Rep. 401.*

16. If several Executors are sued in Equity, and one admits Assets, yet an Account decreed against the Rest, for that Executor might admit Assets, and yet have none, nor any Estate of his own. And it would not be reasonable that this should prevent the Creditor-Plaintiff from prosecuting the others, who may have possessed themselves of Part of the Estate, and ought to be responsible. Said *per* Master of the Rolls in the Case of *Norton and Turvill*, *Trin.* 1723. 2 *Will. Rep.* 144.

17. Plaintiff who claimed under his Father's Will brought his Bill (*inter al'*) for an Account of the mesne Profits of Leasehold Premises, and had a Decree. Then the Question was, from what Time the Account should be taken, whether from the Time the Title accrued, or only from filing the Bill? *Per* Lord Chan. King: From the Time the Right accrued; and the rather, because the Defendant has concealed the Title Deeds and Writings. *Bennett and Whitehead*, *Mich.* 1731. 2 *Will. Rep.* 644.

18. Defendant was Master of a Ship called the *Carteret* in the *South-Sea* Company's Service, and Owner of a fourth Part in her, and in 1733. by Deed Poll, reciting a Wreck of the Ships therein mentioned, and the Freightage of the *Carteret*, and that the King of *Spain* had by Letters Patent granted the Company Liberty to fish for such Wrecks. In Consideration of 700 *l.* paid by Plaintiff to the Defendant, he assigned over to Plaintiff 700 *l.* to be issuing out of the fourth Part of the *Carteret*, together with all Profits and Advantages of his said fourth Part arising from the Freight of the Wreck of a Ship called the ——— and also of a Wreck of a Ship lost on the Coast of *Brasil*, and of a Ship lost on the Island of ——— called the ——— an *East-India* Man, after all just Deductions and Allowances made; the Defendant covenanted to warrant to Plaintiff his Share, and it was agreed that the said 700 *l.* should be liable to all Losses and Gains on Account of the said intended Voyage. The Defendant carried several contraband Goods in his Ship, and the Plaintiff brought his Bill to have an Account of the Freightage of all the Goods he had carried in that Voyage. His Honour decreed a general Account, as well of those which were contraband as the others. From this Decree the Defendant appealed, and it was insisted for him, that if the Ship had been forfeited for such false Trade, yet the Plaintiff would not have been contributory to the Loss, and therefore ought not to be a Gainer by such clandestine Freightage. But *per* King C. it ought not to be in the Defendant's Power to expose the Ship to a Forfeiture, much less ought he to have the Advantage of such unfair Dealing; and so affirmed the Decree. *East.* 6 *Geo.* 2. *Dr. Dover and Opey*, *MS. Rep.*

19. Equity will decree Money overpaid in Pursuance of an usurious (a) Contract, to be accounted for notwithstanding the Agreement of (a) Max. U-
the oppressed Party to allow such Payments, and the Securities to be ^{sury odious in}
delivered up. *Bosanquett* versus *Dasbwood* at the Rolls; and after-
wards affirmed by Talbot Lord Chan. *Mich.* 8 *Geo.* 2. *Cases Temp.*
Talbot 38.

20. The Executor wastes the Fund for younger Children; this is a *Devastavit* in him, for which he shall be (b) accountable; but the (b) Max. E-
younger Children have no Remedy over out of the real Estate, as ^{quity favours}
there was a sufficient Personalty, or would have been, had it not been ^{younger}
for the Executor's wilful Neglect. *Morgan and Morgan*, before the ^{Children.}
House of Lords, 21 April 1736. It would be hard to make the
Corruption

Vide Salk. Corruption or Negligence of the Executor work to the Hurt of the
 155.—*1 Vern.* Heir, who is an innocent Party. *Grounds and Rudiments of L. and*
 336.—*Prec.* Eq. 68.
in Chan. 397.
 439, 585.

21. Where an Attorney's Bill has been taxed at Law, Equity will not decree an Account, which would tend to overhale the Taxation; for in Case the Prothonotary does not make all just Allowances, the Court will refer it back to be reconsidered. *Osbaldiston and Crofs & al'*, *Hil.* 11 *Geo.* 2. *in Scacc'*, *Comyns's Rep.* 612.

22. Where the Child of a Freeman of *London* is to make his Election whether he will abide by the Will or by the Custom, he is not obliged to elect till after the Account taken. 3 *Will. Rep.* 124. *in a Note.* ●

23. Goods are assigned to Plaintiff for securing a Debt, the Assignor afterwards becomes a Bankrupt, and his Assignees possess themselves of the Goods. The Bill was brought against them for an Account: Defendants demur, for that this Matter was relievable at Law; *sed non allocatur*; for though Plaintiff might bring an Action of Trover, yet as the Goods were assigned by way of Security, there is Matter of Account, and therefore Plaintiff proper in taking his Remedy in Equity. *Ryal and Roberts, East.* 1740. *Barnard. Eq. Rep.* 38.

24. In a Bill for an Account all Persons who have possessed themselves of the Testator's Estate ought to be made Defendants. *Hil.* 1740. *Barnard. Eq. Rep.* 332.

(B) How an Accomptant may discharge himself; What shall be a good Bar to a Demand of an Account; Where a stated (a) Account shall be conclusive, and in what Cases it may be set aside; and Where Liberty shall be given to falsify: And here of Stoppage or setting off mutual Debts one against the other.

(a) Note: If an Account is stated by the Parties, it will carry Interest from the Time of stating.— But if an Account is decreed, it will carry no Interest until the Master's Report is confirmed. Said to be the Practice of the Court, by Sir

1. IN an Account before the Master, the * Party may discharge himself upon his own Oath for any Sum not exceeding 40 s. (b) By Lord *Bridgeman*, and Master of the Rolls, 27 October 1672. *Freem. Rep.* 136. pl. 168. *Anon.*

John Trevor Master of the Rolls, *Trin.* 7 *Ann.* *Anon.* MS. Rep.—And where two Persons act in their own Right, and one states an Account, or releases his Debtor; this *without Fraud* is a good Bar. MS. Rep.

* i. e. the Defendant. (b) But the Plaintiff shall not be allowed any Thing on his Oath. MS. Notes.

2. Held unanimously, that where there was an Account *current* for 20 Years as Receiver of Rents, and much more in paying and receiving mutually, yet this was not barred by the Statute of Limitation; but if the Account were stated or ended, and then the Party forbears to prosecute for six Years, he is barred. And here *A.* (who was the Executor of *Mrs. Mosse*, who was Executrix of her Husband *Mr. Mosse*) was decreed to account for the Profits of Lands received by *Mr. Mosse* before his Death, in Trust for the Plaintiff. *East.* 1680. *in Canc'*, *Astrey's Case*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 55.

3. To a Bill preferred generally for an Account, an Account stated is a good Plea; but if the Bill sets forth that there was an Account, and a Mistake, and sets forth the particular Mistake, there an Account

count stated is no good Plea. By *Hutchins & al'*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 62. *Mich.* 1680. *Anon.*

4. Account stated is a good Plea, but if there be any Agreement to rectify Mistakes, it shall not conclude, though under Hand and Seal. *Master of the Rolls. Ibid.* 183. *pl.* 253.

5. The Party gives in an Account of Debtor and Creditor, and sets down so much received, and so much paid, which being taken as true, a Release is given. *North L.K.* thought it reasonable to relieve against such a Release, and let them in to disprove the Articles of the Account. *Mich.* 35 *Car.* 2. in *Canc'*, *Anon. Skin.* 148.

In this Case L. K. said, that a Release obtained as soon as ever the Heir came of Age by the Guardian,

should never by him be thought a Trick, but that it was the proper Time; but *Finch* said, it had been otherwise held:

6. On a Bill to have an Account of the Rents and Profits of Lands, &c. *Harcourt C.* said, That when a Person has been ejected at Law, and the other Party has been in Possession above twenty Years, and no Account demanded or Bill filed in that Time, the Statute of Limitation (a) will bar an Account in this Court, as well as an Action of (a) 21 *Jac.* 17 Trespafs for the mesne Profits at Law; for *Jus possessionis*, is gone by the Statute, and consequently the mesne Profits; and if once the Statute begins to attach, Incapacity, as Coverture, &c. will not aid it. This Statute does not extend to a Trust (b), but in this Case the Defendant coming in by a Recovery at Law, and the twenty Years elapsed before the Bill filed, the Bill must be dismissed quoad the Account of Rents and Profits. 13 *Ann. Nevarre and Rutton, Viner's Abr. Tit. Account* (D. a.) *pl.* 7.

(b) See *Norton and Turwill and Blakeway and Earl of Stafford.*

7. A Receiver to the Guardian of an Infant, who has his Account allowed him by the Guardian, shall not be obliged to account over again to the Infant when of Age, for the Guardians were only and immediately responsible to him, and answerable for the Receiver their Servant. The Receiver pleaded the Accounts themselves, and his Plea clearly held good. *Calvering's Case, Trin.* 1720. *Preced. in Chan.* 535.

8. A. a Clothier and B. a Dyer had mutual Dealings in their way of Trade, which were carried on for several Years without Payment of Money on either Side, but the Debts on one Side were paid * off * So in the Original. against the Debts on the other. B. was otherwise indebted to A. and on stating Accounts in 300 *l.* for which he made a Mortgage, and afterwards owed A. 200 *l.* for which he gave Bond and Judgment: B. dies intestate, and indebted to others by Specialties, who as principal Creditors take out Administration, and finding several Sums due from A. sue him at Law. On a Bill by A. *Macclesfield C.* decreed an Account, and that A. should be allowed on Discount what was due to him from B. and his Costs. (c) *Downam & al' versus Matthews & al', Hil.* 1721. *Preced. in Chan.* 580.

(c) His Lordship said, that though generally Stoppage was no Payment, as in

the Cases under mentioned (d), yet in Cases of this Nature, where it appeared that the mutual Dealings between the Intestate and Plaintiffs were carried on for several Years in this Manner without Payment of Money on either Side, it was a strong Presumption of an Agreement to that Purpose, and that otherwise they would not so long have continued their Dealings; that it was the constant Use between Merchants and Traders. That the Statute of Bankrupts directs Accounts to be taken in such Manner, that if there be but the least handle for directing an Account, so as to set off the other's Debts, it ought to be done; as if even in Case of a Bond the Interest had not been paid, but cast up and allowed in Goods, this would intitle them to retain the Whole against each, as the Account should come out. *Ibid.* 582. (d) For a Man cannot stop his Rent for Money owing to him, or a Bond towards Satisfaction of a simple Contract Debt. Per Lord *Macclesfield. Ibid.*

In this Case his Honour said, that it was true that Stoppage was no Payment at Law, nor in Equity itself, but then a very slender Agreement for discounting the one Debt out of the other will make it a Payment, because it prevents Circuity of Actions and Multiplicity of Suits, which is not favoured in Law, much less in Equity.

9. *A.* took a Nephew upon his Father's Death into his House, and provided him with Clothes and Schooling, and afterwards took him as an Apprentice, and in his Books kept an Account of Expences of that and Board, but from the Time of the Apprenticeship omitted the Board, and afterwards left him 500*l.* by Will, and made *B.* Executor. After *A.*'s Death *B.* supplied the Nephew with Wines, who likewise received Monies due to *B.* and so became indebted to *B.* considerably. The Nephew sued *B.* in the Spiritual Court for the 500*l.* Upon a Bill brought by *B.* first against the Nephew, and afterwards against the Assignees of a Commission of Bankruptcy against the Nephew, and Cross Bill by them against *B.* his Honour decreed an Account, and Plaintiff *B.* to pay only the Surplus, after having deducted what is due to the Nephew, as well to himself as to the Testator, but no Costs on either Side. *Easter 1723. Jeffs and Wood, 2 Will. Rep. 128.*

In mutual Dealings between Tradesmen, it is reasonable to suppose they intend one Debt should be set against the other, and the Balance only to be paid, as it is *per Statute of Bankrupts*; and therefore the least Evidence of such an Intent is sufficient. Here is sufficient Proof of such Intent between the Parties, and tho' Equity will be tender of relieving after a

10. Plaintiffs and *Fry* the Intestate were Tradesmen, and had mutual Dealings together. Plaintiffs were indebted to the Intestate 30*l.* for Paper, and the Intestate was indebted to them 100*l.* for Sugars. Intestate died Insolvent, not leaving Assets to pay his Debts. Defendant takes out Administration as principal Creditor, and brings an Action against *Lane*, one of the Plaintiffs and Partners, for Goods sold to him by the Intestate, and gets a Verdict and Judgment thereupon. Plaintiffs bring their Bill, "Suggesting that the Intestate was indebted to them as Partners in a far greater Sum for Goods sold and delivered than they were indebted to him, and pray an Account; and that deducting the Debt due by them to the Intestate, they may have Satisfaction for the Balance of the Account out of Assets." *Macclesfield C.* decreed that the Defendant acknowledge Satisfaction upon the Judgment, and that an Account be taken between the Parties, and the Balance due to Plaintiffs to be paid in a Course of Administration, but without Costs, because Defendant is an Administrator. *Mich. 10 * in Canc', Harwkins & al' and Freeman, Viner's Abr. Tit. Discount, (A) pl. 26.* — Mr. *Viner* in a Note at the Bottom of this Case says, "This was an Appeal from the Rolls, where the Bill was dismissed, that Decree now reversed, and decreed *ut supra*."

Verdict at Law, yet in the present Case the Verdict is not material; for it appears in the Cause that the Sugars were Part of the joint Stock, and *per contra* the Paper was delivered to the Use of the joint Trade, and not bought by *Lane* for his separate Use; and though *Lane* was the acting Partner, and agreed for the Paper, yet it was bought and employed in the joint Trade, and tho' the Verdict was given against him singly, yet he is but in Nature of a Trustee for the other Partners; and the Case is the same in Equity as if all the Partners had actually bought the Paper, since it was bought for their Use and on their Account. *Per Macclesfield C. Ibid.* — The Case of *Downham and Matthews in Canc', Hil. 8 Geo. 1.* was cited for the Plaintiffs as a Case in Point.

* The Original does not say in what King's Reign, but I take it that it should be *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. sed 2.*

11. Stated Accounts by Men of perfect Ages and Understandings, after great Length of Time not to be set aside against an Executor; for King Lord Chancellor said, to have a Bill now brought against the Executor would be very hard; that the Court had gone great Lengths in relieving against the Statute of Limitations, and run into all the Inconveniences designed to be avoided; and said, it is much better for the Publick that one should suffer than all the World be in Uncertainty; People should come in a reasonable Time. He did not say Accounts were conclusive, but it would be very hard to put a Man's Executor, who knew nothing of the Matter, to answer. *Western Executor of Western versus Cartwright Executor of Cartwright, Trin. 1725. Select Ca. in Chan. 34.*

12. After laying out 200000 *l.* of the publick Money for building *Blenheim* House for the Duke of *Marlborough*, he fell into Disgrace, and the same was afterwards carried on at his own Expence; at that Time 45000 *l.* was due to the Overseers and Workmen, and Messieurs *A. B.* and *C.* who were employed by the Crown, settled their Accounts, and paid them 16000 *l.* the Sum remaining in their Hands of the publick Money; so 29000 *l.* remained due to the Workmen, for which they had a Decree against the Duke *in Scacc'*, which was affirmed in the House of Lords. Afterwards the Duke apprehending that the *Account settled with the Crown ought not to conclude him*, moves to bring his Bill for an Account of what Money the Defendants had received for their Work, and to know what was due to them in order to be paid; which was granted. The Overseer by Answer insisted he was to account only with the Crown, and having so done, he ought not to account again; and all the Defendants said, they took the Duke Pay-Master, &c. It appeared that in the Warrant to the Overseers to proceed in the Work, that they should be accountable to none but the Duke. Though it was argued for the Workmen, that it would be hard for them to come to a new Account, and to produce Vouchers after such a Length of Time, and that several of the present Defendants were Widows, Children, and other Representatives of Workmen deceased, and therefore almost impossible for them to produce Vouchers for Work done by those whom they represent after so long Acquiescence under a stated Account, by relying whereupon they might be negligent of such Vouchers, and might probably have lost great Part of them. Yet decreed that the Officers and Workmen should account, and that the stated Account should not stand in the way. *Marlborough Ducheys* and *Sir John Vanbrugh or Vanbrook & al'*, *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. 2 Mod. Ca. L. and Eq. 23.*

13. Account directed after thirty-three Years Acquiescence. *Feb. 17, 1724. Lord Kingsland* and *Lady Tyrconnel*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Account, (D.a.) pl. 10.* But in Regard to the Reasons the Court went upon the Book is silent.

14. A Bill was for an Account by *A.* a Merchant against *B.* a Merchant who was his Partner. Defendant pleads, that the Dealings concerning which Plaintiff prays an Account were transacted above twenty Years before the Bill brought; and pleads such Acquiescence without Suit, and also the Statute of Limitations in Bar of the Account. *Per Cur'*: Forbearance of Suit for twenty Years will in Equity be a good Bar though between Merchant and Merchant. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. in Scacc', Bridges and Mitchell, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 224.*

15. Not necessary for the Defendant in such a Bill to aver in his Answer, that he did not promise within six Years to account, &c. unless particularly charged in the Bill; as was resolved in *Bodvil* and the *Bishop of Meath in Scacc'*, said *per Cur'* in the above Case. *Ibid. 225.*

Accounts open between Merchant and Merchant, yet that is to be understood with this Distinction, that if open Accounts be by subsequent Acts continued, they are not barred by the Intervention of such Length of Time from the original Transaction; but if such an Account is by the Plaintiff deserted, then in such Case it is barred. *Per Cur'*, *ibid.*

16. In a Decree of Foreclosure against an Infant, though he hath six Years after he comes to Age to shew Cause against the Decree, yet he cannot ravel into the Account. This Point clearly laid down by *Talbot C.* as agreeable to the constant Practice. *Mallack v. Galton*, *Hil. 1734. 3 Will. Rep. 352.*

N.B. Though the Statute of Limitations has been always construed to except

In the Case of *Lyne and Willis*, heard at the Rolls 13 May 1730.

this Point was admitted by

the Counsel on both Sides, and by the Court, to be the settled Practice.

17. Just and fair Accounts, which appear so in themselves, settled with an Infant after he comes of Age, and after Length of Time and the Death of both Parties, shall not be opened. *Hil. 1740. Vernon and Vandrey, Barnard. Eq. Rep. 283, 305.*

18. But where an Account is settled, which in the very Nature thereof is fit to be opened, as where Interest is carried into Principal, and other Impositions appear by the *Items*, in such Case notwithstanding Length of Time and the Party's Death, Equity will intirely set aside the Account; but with an Exception as to those *Items* that contain gross Sums advanced upon Securities, and Goods bought, but even as to them Liberty will be given to falsify. *Ibid. 305, 306.*

19. *A.* by Bill prays *Relief* and a *Discovery* against *B.* and proceeds at Law upon the same Account. *B.* prays that *A.* may make his Election which Court to proceed in. *A.* elects to proceed at Law, but has Leave to proceed here also with Regard to so much of his Bill as sought a *Discovery*. *A.* amended his Bill on Payment of Costs, by striking out that Part which tended to pray *Relief*: Thereupon the Bill was dismissed of Course, because that it prayed only a *Discovery*, and *B.*'s Costs taxed to 38 *l.* *A.* gets Judgment at Law for 440 *l.* for which *B.* was taken in Execution, but at the same Time *B.* takes out an Attachment against *A.* for said 38 *l.* Costs. *A.* petitions that he might deduct the 38 *l.* out of the 440 *l.* Lord Chan. said, the Petition seemed to him to be very reasonable, and that he would grant it if the Precedents would justify it, which he doubted, because the Bill of *Discovery* was dismissed; therefore he made no Order, but directed it to stand over that Plaintiff might search for Precedents. *Hil. 1740. Geerish and Donaccon, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 428.*

20. Where there are only Mistakes in an Account, Equity (whilst both Parties are living) will only give Liberty to surcharge and falsify; but where there are Impositions, will set aside the Account intirely.

—And though a Charity is not barred in Equity by the Statute of Limitations, yet that seems to be a good Rule how far back to carry the Account. *MS. Notes.*

C A P. III.

Affidavits.

(A) Where an Affidavit is necessary, & econt'.

(B) Of an evasive Affidavit; ——— where Affidavits are allowed to be read on a Motion to dissolve an Injunction; — and concerning Affidavits ordered to be sworn on both Sides by a limited Time.

(A) Where an Affidavit is necessary, & econt'.

1. **T**HE following Rule was laid down *per* Lord Chan. in *Trinity Term 1681.* in an *Anon. Case.* That if a Man prefer a Bill for a Thing of which the Court hath Jurisdiction, there the Plaintiff need not make an Affidavit that he hath not the Writings; but if it be to intitle the Court to a Jurisdiction, there he must. As if a Man bring a Bill to be satisfied a Debt upon a Bond, and pretends the Bond is lost, he must make Affidavit of it; for if the Bond be not lost, the Court hath no Jurisdiction; but in the Case before the Court the Bill was for a *Discovery of Writings* (a), and that his Lordship said the Court had a Jurisdiction of, and there needed no Affidavit that Plaintiff had them not. 2 *Freem. Rep.* 71. *pl.* 83.

covery of Writings, and the Defendant demurred, because the Plaintiff had not annexed the usual Affidavit that he had none of them in his Custody; but the Demurrer was over-ruled; and Lord Chan. said, that if on such a Bill as this was it should be allowed, it would overthrow half the Bills in this Court. — 2 *Will. Rep.* 541. *Trin.* 1729. the S. P. was ruled on Demurrer after Debate, and on looking into the Cases; for *per King C.* if a Bill be brought only for Discovery and delivering up of a Deed, and which Bill prays no other Relief, there it is not necessary to annex such an Affidavit, for it cannot be intended that a Man will bring a Bill only for discovering or delivering up of that Deed which he himself is possessed of. *Ibid.* — But where the Bill is for a Discovery of a particular Bond suggested to be lost, or for Discovery of a particular Deed, for want of which the Plaintiff could not recover his Debt at Law, or the Possession in Ejectment; in these Cases it is fit he should make Oath that he himself has not the Bond or Deed, because if he had, his Remedy is proper and open at Law; and then he is not to put another to the unnecessary Expence of an Answer to deny his having of it; *per Lord Chan.* in an *Anon. Case, Trin.* 1720. *Prec. in Chan.* 536. — So if a Bill be for Relief generally upon any Deed or Bond, as to recover the Money upon the Bond, or the Profits of the Land under the Deed; in this or the like Case there must be an Affidavit annexed to the Bill, that the Deed is not in the Plaintiff's Custody, because such a Bill does by Consequence seek to transfer the Jurisdiction from the Common Law to the Court of Equity. *Per King C. Trin.* 1729. 2 *Will. Rep.* 541. — And the Reporter says, that the very next Day in the Case of *Saunders and Stephens*, on Demurrer to a Bill for want of an Affidavit annexed, that the Deed was not in the Plaintiff's Custody, his Lordship gave the same Rule. *Ibid.* 542.

2. A Peere's ordered to produce Deeds confessed in her Answer on And so it was Honour only, and not on Oath. *Easter 1699. Duke Hamilton & Ux'* ordered in the Case of *Powell, late Master of the Rolls, and the Countess of Dorset. Ibid.* and *Lady Gerrard, Prec. in Chan.* 92.

3. Ruled on Demurrer by the Master of the Rolls, and afterwards by *Cowper C.* on a Rehearing, that a Bill to perpetuate Testimony lies before Trial, on Affidavit that the Plaintiff's Witnesses are infirm, &c. but not without such Affidavit. *Hil.* 1709. *Philips and Carew, 1 Will. Rep.* 117.

4. Though a Peer of the Realm is allowed to put in his Answer upon Honour, yet as to all Affidavits, or where he is examined as a Witness, he must be upon his Oath. Ruled *per Harcourt* Lord Keep. Trin. 1711. *Sir Thomas Meers and Lord Stourton & econt'*, 1 Will. Rep. 146.

5. Where a Master reports any Thing as admitted by either of the Parties, which Report is afterwards excepted to, the Report must *prima facie* be taken to be true, and requires an Affidavit to falsify it. *Per Lord Parker*, the Seal before *Easter Term* 1720. *Allen and Pendlebury*, 3 Will. Rep. 142. (*in a Note*).

(B) Of an evasive Affidavit;—Where Affidavits are allowed to be read on a Motion to dissolve an Injunction;—and concerning Affidavits ordered to be sworn on both Sides by a limited Time.

1. **D**efendants made Affidavits that they had no Books, Evidences, &c. to their Knowledge concerning the Matters in Question, but what were produced before the Master, and annexed to a Schedule. This Affidavit is evasive, and they were put to swear that they had no Books or Evidences concerning the Matters in Question but what they had already produced. June 10, 1713. *Mayor, &c. of Hartford and the Poor of Hartford*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery*, (S. a.) pl. 10.

2. Affidavits were allowed to be read for the Patentee of a new Invention, on a Motion to dissolve an Injunction on coming in of the Defendant's Answer, on account of the great Prejudice that would arise to the Patentee were the Injunction to be dissolved. *Easter* 1734. *Gibbs and Cole*, *Talbot Lord Chan.* 3 Will. Rep. 255.

3. Where the Court orders that the Affidavits on both Sides shall be sworn within a limited Time, and some of the Affidavits on one Side are not sworn within the Time mentioned in the Order, the Court will not enlarge the Order, for the neglecting Party is precluded, according to the established Rule of the Court. *Per Lord Chan.* Hil. 1740. *Burton and Maloon*, *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 401, 402.

C A P. IV.

Agreements, Articles and Covenants,

- (A) Articles and Covenants which ought to be performed in Specie, & econt'.
- (B) What Acts shall be taken to be done in Pursuance of, and shall go either in Satisfaction of the Whole or Part of an Agreement.
- (C) Where a Covenant is a specifick Lien on the Lands, and where on the Personal Estate, & econt'.
- (D) Where Equity will decree Lands to be settled in strict Settlement, and why.
- (E) Of Variance between Articles and Settlement.
- (F) Where Money agreed to be laid out in Land shall be paid to the Heir.
- (G) Parol Agreements, or such as are within the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries, & econt'.
- (H) Voluntary Agreements, concerning them.
- (I) Agreements by whom to be performed; and where the Person or Estate will be made liable to a Covenant or Agreement.
- (K) Concerning unreasonable Agreements; and in what Cases Equity will give Relief on Covenants and Agreements, & econt'.

(A) Agreements and Covenants which ought to be performed in (a) Specie, & econt'.

in Specie, it must be such an Agreement as is fairly made without any Fraud or Circumvention. 2 Freem. Rep. 217. For the Rule is that *Agreements and Contracts must be on good Considerations or mutual Recompence. Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Equity, p. 18.*

1. **W**HERE no Action at Law will lie to recover Damages, Where Damages are to be recovered at Law for the Breach of a Covenant, there Equity will not execute the Agreement in *Specie*, for Equity will never make that a good Agreement which is not so by Law (b). *Mich. 1697. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 217.*

Equity will compel a specifick Execution of such Act, for the not doing of which the Law gives Damages; and that for this Reason, as an adequate Compensation is to be made on the Covenant, the *Quantum* of the Damages may be very uncertain; and therefore to prevent that Uncertainty, Equity will enforce a specifick Execution of the Thing, for it is a certain *clear Rule of Equity*, that a *specifick Performance shall never be compelled, for the not doing of which the Law would not give Damages.* Per Lord Raymond, Nov. 16, 1726. in the Case of *Dr. Bettsworth and Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's*, *Sel. Ca. in Chan. 68.* And per Lord Chan. the Reason why specifick Performances are in Equity, is, because the Lien is subsisting at Law, and the Law can only give Damages, which may not be adequate. *Ibid.* (b) *Sed vide the Case of Cannel and Buckle, P. Ca. and the Notes there.*

2. If

2. If a Marriage Agreement be so ill worded that an Action will not lie at Law for the Breach of it, yet Equity will decree a Performance according to the Intent. *Hil. 1700. 2 Freem. Rep. 246.* But where one Party has trifled, or shewn a backwardness in performing his Part of the Agreement, Equity will not decree a specifick Performance in his Favour, especially if Circumstances are altered.

Jan. 26, 1702. (a) Hayes and Caryll, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (M) Ca. 18.
 (a) Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Equity, P. 18. Ca. 6. S. C. in totidem verbis says this Determination was made in Dom' Proc'.

3. If a Man (being in Company) makes Offers of a Bargain, and then writes them down, and signs them, and the other Party takes them up, and prefers his Bill; this shall be a good Bargain, and the Party shall be compelled to a specifick Performance of it. Said by Lord K. in the Case of *Coleman and Upcot, Hil. 5 Ann. Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (I) Ca. 17.*

4. *A.* seised of Lands in Fee demised them to *B.* upon a building Lease, *B.* paying 5 *l.* per Ann. and also 12 *s.* yearly for every Foot square that he should build above the Height of ten Feet, which *B.* covenanted to pay. The Reversion of those Lands came to *C.* This Lease being mortgaged, was afterwards assigned by *B.* to *D.* who builded above the Height; and upon a Demand refused to pay the increased Rent. The Reversioner brought an Action of Covenant, and recovered; then *D.* brings his Bill to have a Mitigation of the increased Rent, alledging that he had done little or no Damage to *C.* and that he was ignorant of any such Covenant. The first Allegation appeared to be true, but the other false. Lord Chan: decreed *D.* to pay the increased Rent from the Time he exceeded Height, until the Abatement of so much as he hath transgressed; but no broken Quarters to be paid for: And if he had paid Rent to *C.* without deducting the Taxes, they to be allowed him before the Master. *East. 7 Ann. Turner v. Metcalfe, MS. Rep.*

Gillb. Eq. Rep. 6. Trin. 7 Ann. Vane and his Father Lord Barnard, S. C. and P. says, Lord Chan. observed that the Covenant in the Deed of Settlement was not to be that the Estate is free from Incumbrances, but that the Trustees should enjoy free from Incumbrances; which so long as they do the Covenant is not broke. The Reporter p. 8. says, it appeared that in the Articles

5. *A.* for the Advancement of Plaintiff a younger Son in Marriage, enters into Articles with *B.* the Lady's Father: *B.* covenants to settle Lands free from Incumbrances, according to the usual Limitations in Marriage Settlements; and in Consideration thereof *A.* covenants to settle Lands by Name of the Value of 2500 *l.* per Ann. (but with a Life or two upon them) upon Trustees to like Uses, but with these Words: That in such Settlement there should be Covenants that he is seised in Fee, has good Right to convey, and that the Trustees shall enjoy free from Incumbrances. These Lands were charged by *A.*'s own Marriage Settlement with 6500 *l.* to be paid to such Daughter or Daughters as should be living at *A.*'s Decease, and not provided for. On a Bill to have a specifick Performance of these Articles, by *A.*'s paying off or giving collateral Security against this contingent Portion of 6500 *l.* He having then one Daughter about sixteen Years old, Lord Chan. held, that here was not any Covenant that the Lands were free from Incumbrances, but only a Covenant that *A.* would in the Settlement (which was after to be executed) covenant for that Purpose, so that the Parties seemed to be satisfied with a bare Covenant only, and the Articles were only a Covenant to covenant. That inserting that Covenant in the Deed of Settlement

ment taken of *A.*'s Lady's Jointure in these very Lands, which necessarily leads to the Deed whereby that Jointure is made, and in that Deed there was this Portion charged upon the Lands, and whatever is contained in a Deed to which any other necessarily leads you, you are presumed to know; which was allowed. *Per Lord Chan.* without a Word more, *quod mirum.*

ment was a specifick Performance of those Articles, and was all that *A.* agreed to do, or that the Plaintiff by his Bill desired to have done. His Lordship said, that Notice or no Notice of this Incumbrance was very material; for first, if between the Executing the Articles and the Sealing the Deed of Settlement the Party had no Notice of this Incumbrance, then this Incumbrance shall be discharged even before executing the Deed of Settlement, not only upon Account of the Fraud in concealing such Incumbrance, but also because it would be needless to enter into a Covenant already known to be broke; but secondly, against all other Incumbrances discovered after the Execution of the Deed of Settlement there is the Party's Covenant only. But where Notice is given of an Incumbrance before executing the Articles; it is a stronger Case than the last, for you consent to accept the Party's Covenant against an Incumbrance you were aware of, and when you have chosen your Method of Security yourself, Equity will give no other, nor make the Party do a further Act than by the Articles he has agreed to do; and the rather in this Case, for that the Portion is not a certain Incumbrance but a contingent one; and therefore it is reasonable to suppose that *A.* would not be compelled to charge his remaining Estate at all Hazards to secure against an Incumbrance that was but contingent; to the Prejudice of his eldest Son, especially when he had provided for the younger Son so plentifully.

Decreed that *A.* should execute a Deed of Settlement with Covenants according to the Articles, but because the Estate was subject to a present Charge, *viz.* to the Payment of a yearly Sum for the Daughter's Maintenance from her Birth, therefore that *A.* should pay and discharge all Arrears of that and the growing Annuity as it shall arise, taking Acquittances from his Daughter, and leaving them with the Plaintiff for his Security. *Trin. 7 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

It seems the Portion being contingent and not certain, was the Reason of the first Part of the Decree, because it is plain by the

latter Part of the Decree, where the Incumbrance was certain, (*viz.* the Payment of a yearly Sum) *A.* was decreed immediately to discharge it, though by the Articles he did but covenant to covenant; and there is no other Difference between these two Matters. *Gilb. Eq. Rep. 7.*

6. *A.* being Curate of *Newcastle*, covenanted with *B.* to build an House upon the Glebe Land; *B.* brings his Bill for a specifick Performance of this Agreement; and it was insisted for Defendant, that this Covenant is so loose and incertain, that *B.* cannot have a specifick Performance of it: Incertain both in Respect to Time and Value; for it is neither mentioned when the House is to be built, nor what sort of a House it shall be; and so sounds only in Damages. But *per* Lord Chan. who can the Damages go to? Surely to Plaintiff, to whom the Covenant was made: His Lordship said, the Covenant was designed for the Benefit of the Church; and therefore if possibly it can be specifically performed, it ought. *Ergo* decreed a convenient House to be built; and for that Purpose each Side to choose two Commissioners, neighbouring Gentlemen; and if they cannot agree, then to resort to the Ordinary of the Diocese to settle the Matter between them. *Trin. 7 Ann. Allen v. Harding, MS. Rep.*

7. Bill to compel the Defendant and his Wife to join in a Fine to the Plaintiff, pursuant to his Covenant in a Conveyance. The Defendant and his Wife, and *H.* their Son and Heir, set forth in their Answer, that Defendant *H.* is Tenant for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to the Heirs of the Husband begotten on

Mr. Viner in a Note says, that the Husband and Wife were Parties to the Deed, but the Husband only sealed it, tho'

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the Covenant was, that the Husband and Wife should levy a Fine, and a Fine *Sur Conusans de Droit*, &c. was levied by the Husband alone. *Ibid.*

Vide P. Ca. and the Notes there.

the Body of the Wife, Remainder to the Husband's Heirs; and insist that nothing passed by the Conveyance but an Estate for Life of the Husband, and that the Wife did not seal the Deed. Decreed that the Husband the Defendant should procure his Wife to join with him in a Fine to the Plaintiff according to his Covenant, since he has taken upon him to do it, and the Plaintiff hath paid the full Value of the Estate. By *Cowper C. Mich. 1 Geo. 1. Barrington and Horn & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (O) Ca. 35.*

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8. The Defendant, in Consideration of two Guineas paid by Note under Hand agrees to transfer 1000 l. South-Sea Stock at a fixt Price at the End of three Weeks. Plaintiff on the Day demanded the Stock, and offered to pay the Price, but the Defendant insisted he would only pay the Difference. On a Bill for a specifick Performance of this Agreement, the Master of the Rolls decreed, that the Defendant transfer the Stock, account for the Dividends, and pay Costs; and the Plaintiff to pay the Defendant Interest for the Money from the Time that it ought to have been paid according to the Contract. But *Parker C.* reversed this Decree, delivering his Opinion with great Clearness, that a Court of Equity ought not to execute any of these Agreements (a), but to leave them to Law, where the Party is to recover Damages, and with the Money (recovered in Damages) may buy the Quantity of Stock agreed to be transferred to him, for there can be no Difference between one Man's Stock and another's. *Mich. 1719. Cud and Rutter, 1 Will. Rep. 570.*

(a) *Vide Parol Agreements, p. c.*

Though it is a common Equity to decree specifick Performances of Agreements, yet where they are extremely unreasonable and iniquitous, the Court will not decree them, as in a Case

9. A Court of Equity is not bound to decree a specifick Execution of Articles, where they appear to be unreasonable, or founded on a (a) Fraud, or where it would be unjust or unconscionable to assist them, but will leave the Party to his legal Remedy for Recovery of what Damages he can for Non-performance of such Contracts. *Per Lord Chan.* who in the principal Case dismissed the Bill brought for a specifick Performance of Articles, they appearing to him to be unreasonable and shameful, although there was no direct Fraud proved. *Mich. 1720. Young and Clerk, Prec. in Chan. 538, 540.*

since the Year 1720. where a Bill was brought in the Exchequer for a specifick Performance of Articles for a Purchase made in that Year, whereby it was agreed that forty Years Purchase should be paid for the Lands. There was a Decree in the Exchequer for a specifick Performance, but it was reversed in the House of Peers; and though the Doubtfulness of Equity may be here objected, since no Rule is settled how many Years Purchase is a reasonable Price for Lands, yet it may be answered, that no certain Rule can be drawn from the Price of Lands, whether the Articles for a Purchase shall be performed or not, because the Iniquity of the Bargain does not depend always upon the Price; for what may be a reasonable Price in one Case may not be so in another. But it is a certain Rule, that where the Bargain is plainly iniquitous, and it is against Conscience to insist upon it, (as in the Case of forty Years Purchase) Equity cannot support it; for that would be to decree Iniquity. *Fran. Max. in Eq. p. 6. in a Note.* (a) For *æquum & bonum est lex legum*; and the Office of Equity is to suppress Fraud.

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10. So if *A.* articles to grant and convey to *B.* an Estate of 180 l. per ann. for which *B.* was to give thirty-five Years Purchase, and *B.* pays 50 l. in Part, but discovering that 30 l. per ann. of the Lands were

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said, that the Vendor offered to procure an Infranchisement of the Copyhold, or make any Compensation in the Price, and yet the Court dismissed the Bill, the Price being unreasonable. *Ibid.*—Cases of this Nature are proper for a Jury at Law to consider of, where they may mitigate or moderate the Damages according to what the Circumstances shall appear to be; but a Court of Equity can take no Advantage of such Circumstances, but must either decree an Execution of the Agreement, or dismiss the Bill; and therefore the Party ought to be left to make the most he can of such harsh and unequitable Contracts at Law. Said *per Lord Chan.* in the same Case, *Prec. in Chan. 575, 576.* and his Lordship cited the Case of *Young and Clerk*, (above) wherein the Overvalue of the Land was the Reason the Court would not decree an Execution of the Leases, and for the same Reason ought not for the Overvalue of the Money in the principal Case. *Ibid. 576.*

were Copyhold, he refused to go on. On a bill brought by *A. Lord Macclesfield* would not decree a specifick Execution of these Articles, it being *unequitable*, but ordered the 50*l.* to be paid back, but without Costs. *Trin. 1721. Sir Harry Hick and Phillips, Prec. in Chan. 575.*

11. *A.* agrees with Builders, before the Act made for building *Blenheim House* at the Expence of the Crown; and recites, that he made such Agreements at the Instance and Desire of the Duke of *Marlbrough*. The Duke is bound by such Agreement, and as well liable to pay for the Work done after the Statute as before. *May 8, 1721. Dukes of Marlborough and Strong, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (L) Ca. 36.*

12. Where a Contract has lain dormant for many Years, there shall be no specifick Performance. Decreed *March 3, 1722. Wingfield and Whaley, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (L) Ca. 38.*

13. Upon mutual Articles there ought to be mutual Remedies, and therefore the *Vendor may come into Equity for a specifick Performance as well as the Vendee.* *Trin. 8 Geo. 1. Lucas's Rep. 506.*

14. On an Appeal to the House of Lords the Case was, That the Respondent being seised in Fee of certain Lands, did by Articles dated 20 July 1720. sell the same to Defendant, and did thereby agree that he would, on or before the 29th of September following, at the Costs of the Appellant, make to him a good Estate in Fee-simple of and in the same Lands, to the Satisfaction of the Appellant and his Counsel; and the Appellant did thereby agree that on the Execution of such Conveyance he would pay the Respondent 800*l.* being *forty Years Purchase*. A Bill was brought in the Exchequer by the Respondent for a specifick Performance of this Agreement, which was decreed accordingly, it being proved in the Cause, that the Respondent had left his Deeds with the Appellant, and that there was no just Objection to his Title: This was admitted in the Exchequer, and therefore Proofs were not read there, nor even marked as read. Two Points were argued before the House of Lords: First, Whether an exorbitant Bargain for forty Years Purchase should be carried into Execution, or whether they should be left to recover their Damages at Law; and this was a very doubtful Point among the Lords; and on hearing both Sides was left doubtful. But the Lords all agreed in the second Point, *viz.* That since the Title was not made out by 29 September, as the Respondent undertook by his Covenant, there was no Occasion to determine the other great Point; for the Respondent not having proved that he had made out the Title by the Time covenanted, could not be intitled himself to the Purchase Money; and the Proofs for this could not be read, because they were not read in the Exchequer, and the Appellant's Admittance of the Matter was not entred. *Mich. 8 Geo. 1. Keen and Stuckley in Dom' Proc', MS. Rep.*

Gilb. Eq. Rep: 155. S. C. and Decree.

This was one Point in the Case of *Lewis and Lord Lechmere, P. Ca.* but was not determined in that Case.

15. The Father agreed to give his Daughter 3000*l.* as a Marriage Portion with the Plaintiff, who in Consideration thereof was to settle Lands in Jointure, &c. and the Father having devised 2000*l.* to her, died before the Marriage. On a Bill exhibited against his Executors to have the other 1000*l.* paid according to the Agreement, it was decreed

The Court was of Opinion that Plaintiff might have some colourable Pretence to this 1000*l.* if before his

Marriage with the Daughter he had not known that her Father had devised 2000*l.* to her, and no more; but having married the Daughter, and accepted that Legacy, he shall recover no more. Besides, if this 1000*l.* had been recoverable, it must be in Right of the Husband alone, for his Wife hath no Manner of Right thereto, therefore if he die before it is recovered, his Executors or Administrators, and not the Wife, will be intitled to it; so that he ought rather to have exhibited his Bill for the Whole 3000*l.* than for 1000*l.* Residue thereof, because the 2000*l.* he received by Virtue of the Will can be no Part of the 3000*l.* upon the Marriage Agreement.

ment. *Ibid.* 3. 4. — 2000 l. was devised to her, and having accepted that Legacy in Marriage, he shall have no more. Bill dismissed with Costs. *East. 8 Geo. 1. 65. Ayliffe and Tracy Ailoffe and Tracy, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 3.*

S. C. states it thus: *A.* courted *B.*'s Daughter, *B.* consents to the Marriage, and writes to his Daughter, intimating that he had met *A.* and had agreed to give him as a Portion 3000 l. which *A.* (he said) seemed fully to assent to, and subscribed his Name to the Letter. *B.* dies before the Wedding-Day, having made his Will long before this Treaty of Marriage, and given his Daughter only 2000 l. The Daughter did not shew this Letter to *A.* whom she afterwards married, and the 2000 l. Legacy was paid to *A.* but he did not, neither was he required to make any Settlement on his Wife, but was a Merchant and Freeman of London. Lord Chan. said, This being no more than a Communication, has no Ingredient of Equity; the Husband made no Settlement; he did not know of this Letter, and therefore cannot be supposed to have married in Confidence of the Letter. Then he accepted of the 2000 l. Legacy as the Portion, and at that Time demanded no more, and the other Daughters had but 1500 l. Portion. Bill dismissed.

S. C. cited in *Lucas's Rep.* 503. in the Case of *Lewis and Lord Lechmere, East. 8 Geo. 1.* and says, that it being acknowledged that this Manor was of little or no Value, it is evident that the other Circumstance in the Case, viz. the unreasonable Price, was that which really inclined the Court to lay hold upon a Point too inconsiderable otherwise to have been taken Notice of.

16. Bill for a specifick Performance of Articles for the Purchase of Lands. The Case was, The Plaintiff agreed to sell the Manor and Lands in *H.* in *Kent* to the Defendant by a Particular, wherein the Manor and Royalties are mentioned, but no Value set upon them therein. It happened that the Plaintiff had no Title to the Manor, but had been in Possession of the Royalties for several Years. The Defendant objected against going on with the Purchase, that this was a Contract at a *South-Sea* Price, viz. forty-six Years Purchase: And secondly, That though no Value was set upon the Manor and Royalties by the Particular, yet they are valuable in themselves, and was a great Inducement to him to purchase the Estate; and therefore since the Plaintiff cannot strictly perform his Part of the Agreement by conveying the Manor, he ought not to have the Aid of a Court of Equity to compel the Defendant to pay the Money, since he cannot have the full Benefit of the Agreement; and for this last Reason the Bill was dismissed, but without Costs, if the Plaintiff would deliver up the Articles. *Per Macclesfield C. Hil. 8 Geo. 1. Sir Geo. Hanger and Eyles, Viner's Abr. Tit. Vendor and Vendee, (A) Ca. 1.*

Ibid. The Reporter says, though this was that upon which his Lordship was pleased to found his Decree, yet there were several other Things in the Cause.

17. This was a Bill brought by the Plaintiff for a specifick Performance of Articles dated 30 August 1720. whereby the Defendant had covenanted to purchase such an Estate at forty Years Purchase; provided the Plaintiff did by 10th of November following lay such a Title before Defendant's Counsel as they should approve of (a). The Bill was dismissed with Costs, because the Plaintiff had not laid his Title before the Vendee's Counsel within the Time limited by the Articles, which Time his Lordship said was very material, the Price of *South-Sea* Stock, from whence the Money for the Purchase was to be raised, being upon the said 10th of November 260 l. per Cent. and at the Time of the Hearing the Cause but 92 l. per Cent. *Parker C. Trin. 8 Geo. 1. Lewis and Lord Lechmere, Lucas's Rep. 503.*

(a) Covenant to make such a Title as Vendee's Counsel shall approve of, means no more than that the Plaintiff should make out a good Title, and fit to be approved of; for if the Counsel disapprove of a good and clear Title, (such a Title as a Court of Law or Equity would take to be a good Title) yet the Vendee will be bound by his Bargain. *Lucas's Rep. 505.*

18. Mr. *Trevor* encouraged the Plaintiff (then under Age and an Apprentice) to court his Daughter without the Privity of Lady *Hobson* the Plaintiff's Mother; and *Trevor* before the Marriage gave a Bond to the Plaintiff, dated 8 November 1716. in the Penalty of 5000 *l.* and in the Condition the intended Marriage betwixt Plaintiff and *Trevor's* Daughter was recited, and that Defendant *Trevor* had agreed in Consideration thereof to settle and assure one third Part of all such real Estate as should descend to him upon the Death of his Father, to the Use of the Plaintiff for Life, Remainder to the Daughter for her Life, Remainder to the Heirs of her Body by the Plaintiff, Remainder to his own right Heirs. The Condition of the Obligation was, that if the Marriage should take Effect, and *Trevor* should within three Months after his Father's Death make such a Settlement, then the Bond to be void. The Marriage took Effect, and soon after the Father dies intestate, whereby a great real Estate came to Defendant. On a Bill brought by Plaintiff and his Wife for a specifick Performance of this Agreement, *Macclesfield C.* decreed the Agreement to be executed in Specie, saving that a third Part of the real Estate, which came to the Defendant from his Father, must be settled upon Plaintiff and his Wife for their Lives, Remainder to their first, &c. Sons in Tail Male, Remainder to their Daughters in Tail General, Remainder to Defendant *Trevor* in Fee; Defendant to account for the mesne Profits from the end of three Months after his Father's Death, and to be examined upon Interrogatories touching his Father's real Estate, and to produce all Books, &c. upon Oath, and pay Costs. *Mich. 1723. Hobson and Trevor, 2 Will. Rep. 191.*

Ibid. 192. This is an Agreement upon a valuable Consideration, that of the Marriage of a Child, and therefore fit to be executed in Equity. It seems the more reasonable, in regard it extends to no more than a third Part of the real Estate that was to come to the Defendant from his Father; and this was very hazardous, for if the Defendant had died in the Lifetime of his Father, or if there had been a Will, the Defendant, who was so well known to be under the Displeasure of his

Father, had but an indifferent Prospect, so that it might be reasonably thought that the Plaintiff at that Time had the worst of the Bargain. The Plaintiff being an Infant could make no Settlement, and might depend upon his Success in Trade, as he was left a Portion of upwards of 1000 *l.* It is no Argument to say that Defendant ought only to pay the Penalty of 5000 *l.* because the Agreement is recited in the Bond; and such an Agreement is the stronger for the Penalty, for had the Penalty been beyond the Value of a third Part of the real Estate, Defendant would not have been bound to pay it; so now the Penalty being beneath the Value of a third Part of the real Estate, Plaintiff is not bound to accept it; besides, it is to be a Settlement for the Benefit of the Issue of the Marriage, and the Payment of the 5000 *l.* to the Husband would not provide for such Issue, *Per Lord Chan.—Lucas's Rep. 507.* S. C. says, Lord Chan. decreed the Land to be settled pursuant to the Condition of the Bond. Says his Lordship declared, that if the Agreement had been to have made the Settlement, or forfeited the Penalty, it would have been a Debt due to the Husband, and not in the Power of the Court to have taken Care of the Wife and Children, by ordering the 5000 *l.* to be settled. *Ibid. 511.* The Reporter says *Q.* of this, in coming in Lieu of the Settlement.

19. *A.* and *B.* by Articles agree that all Legacies and Sums of Money which should be given to either of them by the Will of *T.* whose Cousins and presumptive Heirs they had married, should be equally divided betwixt them, and that all Benefit or Advantage accruing to either of them by the said Will should be also divided, and (a) that the same should be divided between them, their respective Executors and Administrators. Afterwards *T.* leaves *B.* a great real and personal Estate, and *A.* but a small real Estate; *A.* brings a Bill against *B.'s* Executors for an Account of the real and personal Estate which came to *B.* by *T.'s* Will. But upon Consideration of the Articles, and forasmuch as *A.* did not offer by his Bill to divide that small real Estate given to him and his Heirs by the Will of *T.* *Macclesfield* Lord Chan. took it, that these Articles did not extend to any Part of the real Estate devised by the Testator; and therefore decreed only the personal Estate given by *T.'s* Will to either of them the said *A.* and *B.* to be equally divided. Hereupon it being said that *B.* had died insolvent, and though it should be admitted that these Articles would let in the Plaintiff as a Creditor by Specialty, yet there would not be enough to pay him; his Lordship ordered, that if (as it was suggested)

(a) This was one Reason for the Decree; the other was that *A.* did not offer to divide, &c. *Ibid.*

gested) any of the Mortgages of *T.* were yet standing out, and the Property thereof unaltered, and in Case it should appear that *B.* had received more than his Moiety of *T.*'s personal Estate, then the Plaintiff should be let in to receive out of *T.*'s personal Estate, or the subsisting Mortgages, so much as to make up his Receipts equal with those of *B.* before *B.*'s Representatives should be admitted to receive any Thing further. *Trin. 1723. Beckley and Newland, 2 Will. Rep. 182, 187.*

Ibid. 517. 20. *A.* being seised of a Copyhold Estate, and intending that not his Sister, (who was his Heir at Law) but *B.* her Son, should have the Land, attempts to surrender it to the Use of his Will, with a Resolution to devise it to *B.* but a Surrender not being practicable by Reason of some Accidents, (*set forth in the Evidence*) he prevails with his Sister to give a Bond to him, that she would at any Time upon the Payment of 200*l.* and upon the Request of *B.* her Son, surrender the Estate to him. Then *A.* dies, *B.* enters and receives the Rents and Profits of the Estate, but no Surrender was ever made pursuant to the Condition of the Bond, nor was the Mother requested so to do. *B.* dies intestate, leaving only two Sisters. The Mother administers, and having procured herself to be admitted Tenant of the Copyhold, enters and devises the same to one of her Daughters, and dies. The other Daughter and Sister of *B.* brings her Bill against the Devisee her Sister, praying to have a Decree for a Surrender and proper Conveyance of a Moiety of the Land which she would have been intitled to had her Mother surrendered to *B.* as she ought to have done, pursuant to the Condition of the Bond. *Parker C.* decreed that the Mother should be considered as a Trustee for *B.* her Son, and that a Surrender and Conveyance should be made accordingly upon Payment of the 200*l.* by Plaintiff, with Interest, from the Death of *A.* the Uncle; *B.* the Brother having during his Life, by the Mother's Consent, received and enjoyed the Profits of the Lands. *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. Parks and Wilson, Lucas's Rep. 515.*

him; so that this Bond is not to be considered as something given in Lieu of the Land, but as another Medium of securing the Land to him; and on the Part of the Mother it amounts plainly to an Agreement that the Son should have the Land; the Consequence of which will very plainly be, that the Mother must be considered as a Trustee for her Son; and then his Lordship said, he would have no Regard at all to the Niceties of Law, of the Bonds being extinguished and gone, either by the Obligor's being Administratrix to the Obligee, or for want of a Request. That the Authorities are many in this Court, That Bonds have been considered as Evidences of Agreements, and Obligors held to a specifick Performance, and not allowed to forfeit the Penalty. *Ibid. 517, 518.—* Vide the following Case S. P.

21. So where *A.* the Plaintiff's Uncle was seised of a Copyhold Estate, and having no Issue intended to leave it to his Nephew *T. A.* the Plaintiff's Brother; but being taken ill had no Time to surrender it to the Use of his Will, and for want thereof the Estate would descend to his Sister, who was his Heir at Law and Mother of the Plaintiff; and to prevent which *A.* procured his Sister to enter into a Bond of 2000*l.* to *T. A.* her Son, conditioned that at any Time upon his Request she would convey the Lands to him and his Heirs. *T. A.* accordingly entered after his Uncle's Death, (but without any Conveyance from his Mother) and died without Issue; but leaving two Sisters, one of them entered, and surrendered to the Use of her Will, and devised this Estate to her Granddaughter, and died. On a Bill exhibited by the surviving Sister against her Niece to have a Moiety of the Estate in Coparcenary with her, as Heir to her Brother *T. A.* Lord Chan. decreed that the Mother was Trustee for the Son, and that Defendant should surrender to the Use of the Plaintiff, and both of them to be admitted as Coparceners. *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. Alison's Case, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 62.*

22. The Plaintiff's House being so near the Church that the five o'Clock Bell rung in the Morning disturbed him, he came to an Agreement in Writing with the Churchwardens and Inhabitants at a Vestry, that he (the Plaintiff) would erect a Cupola and Clock at the Church, and in Consideration thereof the five o'Clock Bell should not be rung in the Morning during the Life of the Plaintiff. Two Years after a new Order of Vestry was obtained for the Ringing again of this Bell, upon which Plaintiff brought his Bill to injoin the Ringing of it at five o'Clock. This is a good Agreement, and binding in Equity, and an Injunction to stay the Ringing of this Bell at five o'Clock during the Plaintiff's Life, was decreed by Lords Commissioners *Gilbert and Raymond. Hil. 1724. Dr. Martin & Ux' and Nutkin & al', 2 Will. Rep. 266.*

Here was a meritorious Consideration executed on the Plaintiff's Side, and the Churchwardens are a Corporation, and may sell the Bells or silence them, and make a reasonable Agreement, beneficial to the Parish, and thereby bind the Parishion-

ners and their Successors, as also the succeeding Wardens. The Ringing of the five o'Clock Bell does not seem to be of any Service to the Parish, though of very ill Consequence to the Plaintiff; and ample Recompence hath been made to the Parish by Plaintiff. Said *per* Lords Commissioners. *Ibid. 268.*—It appeared that the Majority of the better Part of the Parish continued willing to abide by this Agreement, and protested against the new Order of Vestry. *Ibid.*

23. Plaintiff sold Defendant a Copyhold Estate of the yearly Value of 16 *l.* (on which was Timber of 150 *l.* Value) for 630 *l.* and covenanted to surrender on or before *Michaelmas* then next. Defendant paid 10*s.* Earnest, entred on the Premises, cut down Timber, stocked the Land, and acted as Owner. On a Bill for a specifick Performance of Covenants, Plaintiff proved he gave Notice in Writing that he would surrender next Court-Day, and attended accordingly. On Defendant's Part there were several Proofs that he was disordered in his Senses; and though there be Proof of the Timber's Value, yet as no Custom is alledged of the Tenant's having Power to cut it down, it must be according to the Common Law, by which the Tenant has no Power over it, and therefore a plain Imposition. *King Chan.* was of Opinion, that it was a great Overvalue, and that his cutting down of Timber was a convincing Proof of his Folly, being a direct Forfeiture; but said, as it is, it is a Matter merely at Law; the Covenant is to surrender at or before *Michaelmas*, and Plaintiff was ready at the next Court, which does not appear to have been before *Michaelmas*; if Surrender had been, Action would have lain at Law. Bill dismissed. *December 6, 1724. Edwards and Heather, Select Cases in Chan. 3.*

24. Feme Covert gives a Bond to her intended Husband, (in which the intended Marriage was recited) that in Case of their Marriage she would convey all her Lands (about 10 *l.* *per* Year) to him in Fee; they marry, and the Wife made her Will, reciting the said Bond, and devised all her Lands to her Husband in Fee, and died. The Issue of the Marriage died without Issue, and the Husband enjoys the

The Impropriety of the Security, *viz.* a Bond from a Woman to a Man whom she intends to marry, or the inaccurate Land Manner of

Wording such Bond, is not material, for it is sufficient that the Bond is a written Evidence of the Agreement of the Parties, that the Feme in Consideration of Marriage agrees the Man shall have the Land as her Portion; and this Agreement being upon a valuable Consideration, shall be executed in Equity. It is unreasonable that the Intermarriage, upon which alone the Bond is to take Effect, should itself be a Destruction of the Bond. In Equity the Husband may sue the Wife, or the Wife the Husband; and the Husband might sue the Wife upon this Agreement in the principal Case.—Neither is it a true Rule, that where an Action cannot be brought at Law on an Agreement for Damages, there a Suit will not lie in Equity for a specifick Performance, as is plain from this Case: Suppose a Feme Infant seized in Fee, on a Marriage with the Consent of her Guardian, should covenant in Consideration of a Settlement to convey her Inheritance to her Husband; if this was done in Consideration of a competent Settlement, Equity would execute the Agreement, though no Action would lie at Law to recover Damages. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid. 244.*—*Fide 3 Will. Rep. 272.* S. Opinion cited.—Note; By this Opinion of Lord Macclesfield, the Rule that where no Action lies at Law to recover Debt or Damages, there no Suit in Equity lies to compel a specifick Performance, (which is given in Lieu of Damages) is denied to be Law. *Quod nota.*—*Vide P. 15. C. 1. and the Notes there.*

Land during his Life, and dies. The Bond is a good Evidence of the Agreement in Equity, and the Heir of the Husband shall compel a specifick Performance against the Heir of the Wife: But in regard this Bond was a very stale one, (being given in 1678.) and the Husband had for so long a Time omitted to sue upon it in Equity, the Court ordered a Trial at Law to see whether this Bond was executed or not, and all other Matters to be respited till after the Trial. *Macclesfield* Lord Chan. *Mich.* 1724. *Cannel and Buckle*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 243.

2. *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 106. S. C. decreed accord.

25. The Bill was exhibited by the Daughters and Heirs of *Oliver Neeve* by a *former Venter* against the Heir at Law of *Francis Neeve*, to have a specifick Performance of a Covenant to surrender Copyhold Lands entered into by *Francis* on the Marriage of *Oliver* with his second Wife *Mr. Sheffield's* Daughter, and to perform which Covenant *Francis* had bound himself and his Heirs. It appeared that in Consideration of the said Marriage, *Oliver*, *Francis* and *Sheffield* agreed to settle their several Estates to the Uses following, *viz.* *Oliver's* Estate was to be settled to the Use of himself and his intended Wife for Life, Remainder to the first Son; &c. of that Marriage, with several Remainders over, Remainder to the right Heirs of the said *Oliver* for ever: And *Sheffield* agreed to settle his Estate to the Use of himself for Life, and after his Decease to the Use of *Oliver* and his intended Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Sons of that Marriage in Tail Male; and *Francis Neeve* agreed to settle his Estate to the Use of himself and his Wife for Life, with like Remainders to the Sons of *Oliver* in Tail Male. Accordingly the Estate of *Oliver* and *Sheffield* were settled to the Uses aforesaid, but *Francis*, in order to keep his Estate in his Name and Blood, and in Consideration of said Marriage, and of natural Love to *Oliver*, and of 5 s. to him paid by *Oliver*, covenanted for himself and his Heirs to stand seised of the Lands, &c. to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to *Oliver* and his Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the said *Oliver* in Tail Male, Remainder to the right Heirs of *Oliver* for ever; and for the same Considerations he covenanted for himself and his Heirs to surrender his Copyhold Lands to the same Uses; before *Michaelmas* following *Francis* and his Wife are both dead. It was insisted, that though the Settlement made by *Francis* was in Consideration of this Marriage, and to keep the Estate in his Name and Blood; and so far *Francis* would have been obliged to perform this Covenant, and so would his Heir at Law; yet since Plaintiffs are the Daughters of *Oliver* by a *former Venter*, they are not likely to continue the Estate of *Francis* in his Name, neither are they within any of the Considerations of this Settlement; therefore in respect of them this Covenant stands merely on the Foot of a voluntary Conveyance. But the Court was of Opinion, that there were several Considerations in these Settlements sufficient to raise and support the Uses: And first, it is probable that *Oliver* would not have settled his own Estate in that Manner which he had done, but in respect of the Estate now in Question; for by that Settlement there is no Provision made for younger Children, so that if there should happen to be a Son of this Marriage, the rest of the Children would have nothing out of their Father's Estate (a) but what he could provide for them in his Life-

(a) In this Case the Court said, that

sometimes it is very prejudicial to a Family where the Father hath a great Estate, and no Power to charge it with Portions for younger Children; as for Instance, where the Testator devised an Estate of 400 l. *per Ann.* to the Devisee for Life, Remainder over, but without any Power of making a Jointure to a Wife; afterwards the Devisee

Life-time. Decreed that the Defendant, the Heir at Law to *Francis Neeve*, should surrender this Copyhold to the Use of the Plaintiffs and their Heirs, and at their Expence. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Neeve and Keck, MS. Rep.*

married, and with whom he did marry, and then he died without Issue; so that the Estate which he took by the Will went over to him in Remainder, and the paternal Estate was all in Jointure to his Widow, and his next Relations had nothing to support them. But in the principal Case *Oliver Neeve*, who married *Shesfield's* Daughter, was made richer, and that might be a Consideration for settling his Estate as he did, and the Widow of *Francis* enjoyed this Copyhold during her Life, by Virtue of this Covenant by which her Husband had bound his Estate. Therefore decreed as above. *Per Cur'. 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 109.*

26. Father and Son on the Son's Marriage article to settle Lands on Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life, Remainder to the Issue Male of the Marriage, Remainder to the Nephew in Fee on the Death of the Son without such Issue; the Nephew may compel a specifick Performance of the Articles. Determined first by Lord *Macclesfield*, *Mich. 1724.* and affirmed on a Rehearing by Lord *King* in *December 1725. Osgood and Strode & al', 2 Will. Rep. 245, 257. No Costs given. Ibid. 257.*

may well be presumed that he would not have joined unless a Remainder had been limited over to the Son of his second Son, which was the very Reason given by the Lord *Macclesfield* in pronouncing the Decree. *Ibid. 256.* But if the Son had had the sole Interest in the Lands, the Limitation to the Nephew would have been voluntary. *Ibid. 256.* — *Lucas's Rep. 533.* S. C. states it thus: By Marriage Articles it was covenanted, that Land should be settled upon Husband and Wife for their Lives, then to the Issue of that Marriage in Tail, Remainder to the fourth Son of the Husband's Father. This fourth Son died, leaving a Daughter married to Plaintiff, who brings his Bill, the *Estate-tail being spent, and no Settlement made*, to have the Articles performed specifically in Opposition to Defendant, the Husband's Heir at Law, and to whom as such the Estate would descend in Case of no Settlement. And it appearing that the *Husband's Father had a Power of charging the Estate with the Payment of 1300l. which it was not probable he would have departed from but in Case of his Son's (the Husband) giving his Consent to that Part of the Settlement under which Plaintiff claimed (b).* *Macclesfield C.* decreed a Settlement to be made upon the Plaintiff pursuant to the Articles. — But his Lordship said, that if there had been nothing more in the Case than the Consideration of the Marriage and the Marriage Portion, the Plaintiff would have been considered as a Volunteer: But here the Estate was neither all in the Father nor all in the Son, so that neither could, without the Assistance and Help of the other, have made this Settlement; and as it was natural for the Father to provide for all his Children, therefore Plaintiff, the Remainder-man, cannot be considered as a Volunteer. *Ibid. 535.* (b) Mr. *Lucas* says, upon this Reason, without determining the Point that related to Volunteers, his Lordship grounded his Decree. *Ibid.*

27. The Bill was to have an Execution of Articles for the Sale of some Copyhold Lands to the Plaintiff on Payment of 538l. to Defendant *R.* a Guinea being paid in Part, and to compel the Lord of the Manor to admit Plaintiff in Fee according to the Agreement; which was decreed by Lord Chancellor accordingly. But there being no Tender of a Surrender to the Lord, and consequently no Refusal, he was to have his Costs. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Sayle and Reeves and others, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 188.*

that did not belong to the Court; nor would his Lordship give any Opinion as to the Title, but decreed in general a specifick Performance of the Articles, &c.

28. Bill for the Execution of Articles for the Sale of Lands against the Executors and Devisees of Land for Life, and the Infant Heir of the Vendor. Decreed that the Articles be carried into Execution, and the Plaintiff *Sikes*, upon paying the Purchase Money to the Executors, to be let into Possession at *Lady-day* next, and the Executors and Devisees to make a Conveyance in Fee to Plaintiff at his Costs, and Plaintiff to hold the Premises against the Infant Heir, who when of full Age was to convey to Plaintiff and his Heirs, unless within six Months after he comes of Age he shews Cause to the contrary. *King C. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Sikes and Lister & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (M) Ca. 28.*

29. Sir *Cleeve Moore* having married the Daughter of Mr. *Edmonds*, after some Years Cohabitation Lady *Moore* eloped, and lived in a scandalous Manner with several Persons, as appeared by Proof: This Marriage proving so unfortunate, Mr. *Edmonds* by Will in 1696. devised (*inter al'*) 6000 *l.* to three Trustees, in Trust that they, or the Survivor of them, or the Executors, &c. should pay both Principal and the Interest thereof to such Person or Persons as the Lady *Moore* should by Deed in Writing, subscribed by two or more Witnesses, appoint: And said *Cleeve*, or any other after-taken Husband, not to intermeddle therewith, nor the same to be subject to the Debts of Sir *Cleeve*, or such after-taken Husband. After this Lady *Moore* continued to live in the scandalous Manner she had done, and Sir *Cleeve* on the 10th of *August* 1716. met with her in a Coach, and took Possession of her, and the next Day an Agreement was executed by Sir *Cleeve* and his Lady, and attested by four Witnesses; the Substance of which Articles were, that in Consideration Sir *Cleeve* would permit her to live separate from him, she would settle upon him for his Life 200 *l. per Ann.* and also pay him the Sum of 1000 *l.* out of her separate Estate, the first Quarterly Payment to commence three Months after the Date of the said Articles. They met afterwards at the *Middle Temple-Hall* on the 10th of *November* following, the Day the first Payment became due, and on the 24th of the same Month the said Agreement was ratified by Indorsement on the Articles, and subscribed and witnessed as before. The Morning of the Meeting in the *Temple-Hall* Lady *Moore* made her Will, and devised several specific Legacies to Mr. *Ellis*, whom she also made her Executor and Residuary Legatee. There having been a Bill brought before by Lady *Moore* against Sir *Cleeve* to set aside the Articles, or that he should make his Election to take 200 *l.* according to the Articles, and a Cross Bill by Sir *Cleeve* against Lady *Moore* and her Trustees to carry those Articles into Execution; which Causes were heard, and the Court then equally divided, and so it went to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who referred it to the Judges; but before it was heard again Lady *Moore* died, and now upon the Revival of all the Proceedings in both Causes against Mr. *Ellis* as Executor of Lady *Moore*, by the Opinion of the Court, these Articles were deemed a good Execution under the Will of Mr. *Edmonds*, and that Sir *Cleeve* could not be excluded by the negative Words. And secondly, That though the Trustees were not Parties to the said Articles, yet in Equity it is good to bind her, it not being a direct Transferring of an Interest, but an Appointment, pursuant to a Power; but a Point arising whether these Articles were obtained by a Duress; that was sent to be tried by an Issue. Note; Mr. *Ellis* was a Witness to the Force and Duress in the former Causes; but it was now objected, that he being become the Party interested by the Act of Lady *Moore* herself, sworn now to support a present Interest; and besides his Examination in the former Cause after the 10th of *November* 1716. the Day the Lady *Moore* made the Will, whereby he was made Executor and Residuary Legatee; and for these Reasons, though he might have been a good Witness in the former Causes, his Deposition was now rejected. *Hil.* 12 *Geo.* 1. *Sir C. Moore and Freeman & al' in Scacc', MS. Rep.*

30. In the 10th Year of Queen *Elizabeth* the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul's* made a Lease to the Master and Fellows of *Trinity-Hall* in *Cambridge* of the Land on which *Doctors Commons* is now built, for ninety-nine Years. In the Lease there was a Covenant for Renewal for ninety-nine Years, on Surrender of the old Lease and Payment

ment of 20 s. in which future Lease there was to be the like Covenant of Renewal on Surrender *toties quoties*. Afterwards the Stat. of 13 & 14 Eliz. was made, by which Ecclesiastical Bodies are restrained from making Leases in Corporation or Market-Towns for *above forty Years*. The Lease being near expiring, a Bill was brought to compel a Surrender up of the old Lease, and to have a new Lease for *forty Years*, with the same Covenants as in the former Lease. Price Just. was of Opinion, no Lease should be made. The Master of the Rolls, that a Lease for *forty Years* should be made. Raymond C. J. was of Opinion, that Equity could not interpose, for that since the said Statute no *Action at Law would lie for the Breach of the Covenant*, (for by the Statute it is now not a legal Covenant) and for that very Reason cannot recover in Equity; the Covenant to oblige them to make a Lease for ninety-nine Years is gone, and Damages cannot be recovered for Part of a Covenant. Lord Chan. held, no Proposition to be more clear than that if a Man had covenanted to do an Act, which by an Act of Parliament made afterwards he would be disabled from doing, that works a Release; but were there any Doubt, the Proviso makes it very plain; can it be said it would be a Breach of Covenant not to do a Thing which an Act of Parliament says when done shall be void? The Reason why *specifick Performances are in this Court is, because the Lien is subsisting at Law, and the Law can only give Damages, which may not be adequate*, but here the Lien is gone; this cannot be said to be a Purchase, for a Purchase is where it is mutual; this is only to renew if Lessee pleases, and is merely a personal Covenant. Action at Law cannot be for a Lease for forty Years, for the Breach must be assigned according to the Covenant, and to bring it for forty Years would be to make this a new Covenant. His Lordship said, he could not oblige them to make a Lease for forty Years. Bill dismissed. November 16, 1726. Dr. Betesworth and Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, *Sel. Cases in Chan.* 66. But this Decree was reversed by the Lords, 2 May 1728. — *Ibid.* 69.

Sed vide the following Rule in the Margin.

Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq. 254. S. C. in Dom' Proc' states it as a Case upon the Statute of 13 Eliz. c. 10. that Colleges, Deans and Chapters, &c. shall not lease for

more than twenty-one Years, or three Lives; and Stat. 14 Eliz. c. 11. that in Cities, &c. they may lease for forty Years, but no longer, says in this Case the Covenant was to renew for ninety-nine; and the House of Lords decreed the Dean and Chapter to renew for (a) *twenty Years*, and to lease accordingly, with all other Covenants, except that to renew, and that at the covenanted Fine and Rent. For where an equal Agreement cannot by Reason of any subsequent Act of Parliament, or the like, be performed in the Whole; yet the same shall be executed in such Part as is lawful. *Ibid.* 76.

(a) 2. If it should not be forty Years.

31. A Feme seised of a Copyhold Estate on the Marriage of her Daughter to J. S. surrenders it to the Use of J. S. and his intended Wife and the Heirs of their Bodies, Remainder to J. S. in Fee. The Marriage takes Effect; the Husband signs a Writing, whereby he owns that the Limitation of the Remainder in Fee to himself was a Mistake, and that it was intended to be settled as follows: And accordingly he covenanted that he would stand seised of the Premises, in Trust for himself and his Wife for their Lives, Remainder in Trust to the Heirs of their two Bodies, Remainder in Trust for the Wife and her Heirs; and also covenanted to convey the Premises to these Uses. This is not a mere voluntary Agreement, and Equity will compel a Performance of it; and decreed accordingly by King C. on Time taken to consider of it. *Trin.* 1728. *Randal and Randal*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 464.

32. Marriage Articles recite, that Lands covenanted to be settled were 500 l. per Ann. but there was no express Covenant that they were

were so; yet decreed that the Deficiencies should be made up out of other Lands. 14 March 1728. *Gleg and Gleg, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (E) Ca. 21.*

A personal Estate cannot be intailed; *ergo* this Devise over is void. *Vide the Case of Seale and Seale, p. c. also Vol. I. Eq. Ca. Abr. 4th Edit. p. 207. c. 9. and my marginal Note there.*

33. *A.* having devised the Residue of his personal Estate, being about 10000*l.* to *B.* his Brother, and in Case he died without Heirs Male of his Body, then to his two Brothers *G.* and *C.* to be equally divided between them: Then *B.* intermarries with Defendant, and by Articles made before Marriage, it was agreed that the Defendant should convey her Estate of Inheritance in *S.* to the Use of *B.* for Life, Remainder to herself for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to their Daughters in Tail General, Remainder to *B.* in Fee: In Consideration whereof, and of the Marriage, as also of 1500*l.* in Money, *B.* covenanted to purchase and settle Lands of 350*l.* *per Ann.* on himself and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to their first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to the Heirs Male of *B.* Remainder to his Brother *G.* for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder in like Manner to his Brother *C.* Remainder to himself in Fee; to which Articles *B.*'s Father was a Party, but neither gave nor covenanted to settle any Thing upon the Marriage. *B.* omitted to settle Lands to such Uses, and having devised all his real Estate to his Widow and Executrix, chargeable with Portions for his Daughters, died without Issue Male. On a Bill brought by his two Brothers *G.* and *C.* for a specifick Performance of these Articles, Defendant, the Widow and Executrix, (she having admitted Assets) was decreed by Lord Chan. King to purchase and make a Settlement of Lands of 350*l.* pursuant to the Articles. As to Costs, it seems this was so doubtful a Case that they were not so much as asked for the Plaintiffs. *Easter 1731. Vernon and Vernon, 2 Will. Rep. 594.* Decree affirmed in *Dom' Proc'* in March 1731-2. *Ibid. 601.*

His Lordship observed, that to put the Plaintiffs to sue the Covenant in the Name of the Trustees in the Articles

for the Recovery of Damages would not be an adequate Remedy; the Party who would be intitled to the greatest share of the Damages would (in Case any such were living) be the Plaintiff *G.*'s Son, as having the first Estate-tail; but there being as yet no such Son, his Lordship did not see how he would have any Part of the Damages given in the Action of Covenant, were it to be brought; also Plaintiff *C.*'s eldest Son may die without Issue, and then the second Son may be intitled to the first Estate of Inheritance in the Premises to be purchased, who yet cannot come in for any Part of the Damages recovered in the Covenant. But by this Decree each Party intitled, or to be intitled, will have Right and Justice done him, if not before barred by a legal Conveyance, *viz.* by a common Recovery. That *B.* might be induced to come into this Covenant in order to make some Recompence for what was intended the Plaintiffs by the void Devise over to them of his Brother *A.*'s personal Estate, in Case he (*B.*) should die without Issue Male, which has happened; or for the Support of his Name might have entred into this Covenant; and no Creditor can be hurt by a specifick Performance of this Agreement. *Ibid. 599.* ——— Note; It appeared that the Executrix had by Letters after her Husband's Death promised to perform his Marriage Articles in purchasing and settling Lands accordingly. But his Lordship said, that these Letters ought not to bind her, if not bound before by the Articles. *Ibid.* The Case of *Osgood and Strobe* was cited *pro Quer'.*

34. Tenant in Tail entred into Articles concerning his Lands for Payment of Debts, but died without doing any Act to destroy the Estate-tail; this Agreement not to be executed against Heir in Tail. *Herbert and Fream, Mich. 5 Geo. 2. in Scacc', MS. Rep.*

Ibid. 190. It is said by way of Note, that "These Decrees may not have

35. A Bill in Equity lies to compel a specifick Performance of an Award to convey an Estate, where the Party submitting has received the Money, in Consideration whereof he is to convey the Estate sued for; and
"been usual, because Awards are commonly to pay Money; in which Cases a Bill in Equity to compel a Performance is improper; but where the Award is to do any Thing in *Specie*, as to convey an Estate, &c. in such Case, if the Defendant has accepted the Money awarded him in Satisfaction of the Conveyance, it is highly reasonable that he should make the Conveyance; the rather, for that if the Plaintiff had sued the Bond at Law, the Defendant would have been relieved by Bill in Equity against the Penalty of the Bond, upon a *Quantum damnificatus*; so that such a Decree as in the principal Case, prevents a Suit in Equity."

and the Court will give Costs, it being a Defence against Conscience for Defendant to take the Money awarded, and yet refuse to perform his Part of the Award. *Trin. 1733. Hall and Hardy, 3 Will. Rep. 187.*

36. Where the Husband for a valuable Consideration covenants that his Wife shall join with him in a Fine, Equity will enforce a Performance of such Covenant. Said *per Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, in the Case of *Hall and Hardy, Trin. 1733.* who also said, that there were a hundred Precedents in Point. *3 Will. Rep. 189.*

Ibid. The Editor by way of Note says: "Because in all these Cases it is to be presumed that the Husband, where he covenants that his Wife shall levy a Fine, has first gained her Consent for that Purpose. So said *per* the Master of the Rolls in the Case of *Winter and D'evreux, Trin. 1723.* and that the Interest in such Covenant has been taken to be an Inheritance descending to the Heir of the Covenantee. But after all, if it can be made appear to have been impossible for the Husband to procure the Concurrence of his Wife, (as suppose there are Differences between them) surely the Court would not decree an Impossibility, especially where the Husband offers to return all the Money with Interest and Costs, and to answer all the Damages." *Vide the Case of Barrington and Horn, p. ca.*

37. Plaintiff and Defendant being seised of Lands, did in Consideration of Marriage by Articles mutually agree to settle their respective Estates upon each other for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male, &c. and that the Defendant should have Power to sell some Timber that was then growing on Plaintiff's Estate to discharge an Incumbrance which lay on his own. A Marriage ensuing, Defendant entred into the Plaintiff's Land, cuts down 7000*l.* worth of Timber; but after seven Years Cohabitation, some Differences arising between them they parted, and this Bill was brought by the Plaintiff's next Friend to have a Settlement made upon her of the Defendant's Lands, and an Injunction to stay further Waste. The Defendant by his Answer insisted on Plaintiff's *Misbehaviour*, and that she refused to cohabit with him, but did not charge her with any Act of Adultery. By the Deposition of one *Crowle* it appeared, that the Plaintiff was taken in the very Act of Adultery with one of the Defendant's Servants, and also that *Crowle* was directed by the Defendant to acquaint the Plaintiff, that if she suspected his (the Defendant's) Familiarity with any other Woman, and would return to him, he would desist. Master of the Rolls: The Objections against the Plaintiff are two; (1) That she does not offer by her Bill to settle her Estate on the Defendant, without which she cannot intitle herself to a Settlement of his. (2) Having broken the Marriage Contract by her Adultery, she has thereby rendered herself unworthy the Assistance of this Court. As to the first Objection, the Relief prayed by the Plaintiff's Bill is a full Answer to it; for if she will have a Settlement of his Lands, she must make a Settlement of hers. And as to the second Objection, Whether as the Plaintiff hath misbehaved herself, she ought to have a Settlement out of her Husband's Estate. In Answer to this his Honour observed, that the Charge in the Defendant's Answer was not directly of Adultery, but *only of her misbehaviour and withdrawing herself from her Husband*; whereas supposing Adultery to be a Bar of Dower, it must be certainly alleged; and though the Evidence has proved her guilty of the Crime, yet that is *not the Point in Issue*: Besides, the Articles are in Part executed by the Defendant's cutting down the Timber, and therefore let the Plaintiff's Behaviour be what it will, she is intitled to Relief. But supposing the Fact of Adultery had been positively charged, and the Defendant had not done any Thing in Performance of the Ar-

3 Will. Rep. 269. S. C. Easter 1734. Decree affirmed by Lord Talbot on an Appeal, and the Defendant to account for the Timber which he had cut on the Wife's Estate, contrary to the Articles. The Costs to go out of the Estate. His Lordship observed, that the Accusation against the Wife was only general and uncertain, amounting to little else than that she had withdrawn herself from her Husband, lived separately from him, and very much misbehaved herself; nothing of which implies that she had been guilty of Adultery; as to the Recrimination appearing in the Proofs, he said, this did not seem to affect the Case, but that with regard to the Evidence of the Crime of Adultery in the Wife, there seemed

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to be sufficient to convince any third Person that she was not innocent; but that *not being put in Issue*, his Lordship said, he could not judge of it. *Ibid. 276, 277.*

(a) In his Argument he observed, that the *Scotch* Law was more reasonable than ours, for here neither Party can marry again, but there the injured Person may; and that a voluntary Separation, as in the present Case, is not comparable to a Divorce in its Effects; for if Baron and Feme are divorced *à Mensa & Thoro*, the Children born after shall be Bastards, (for the Court will intend Obedience has been paid to the Sentence) unless Cohabitation is proved; but those born after a voluntary Separation are legitimate, for Cohabitation shall be presumed. *Salk. 123.* Secus where the Jury find the Husband has had no Access to the Wife; according to the Determination in the Case of *Pendrel and Pendrel*, heard before the Lord *Talbot*, Feb. 5, 1733. where the Husband and Wife by Consent lived separately, and a Child being born, an Issue was directed to try whether the Child was a Bastard, and he was found a Bastard; wherefore this Point is now settled for Law. 3 *Will. Rep. 276.*

ticles, so that Things could be put in *statu quo*, yet the Plaintiff ought to be relieved; (1) Because the Defendant is an unfit Person to accuse the Plaintiff of Adultery. (2) Though he were capable of accusing, yet this Court cannot admit of such an Allegation without a Sentence first obtained in the Spiritual Court, *propter Adulterium*. As to the first Point, the Message the Defendant sent by *Crowle* speaks him an Adulterer; and if he had sued in the Spiritual Court, she might have alledged his Misbehaviour by way of Recrimination, and that would have been a good Bar to the Suit; *ergo à fortiori* his Faults may be objected to him by way of Answer to an Accusation that is made against her in Bar of a Civil Right. This Court cannot receive such an Allegation but after a Sentence in the Spiritual Court; for though Adultery is said in all private Acts to dissolve the Bond of Matrimony, and in Consequence of such an Effect the (a) Laws of *Scotland* allow the injured Person to marry again, yet this must be intended after the Adultery is pronounced to be so by Sentence, and not upon the bare Act, which only gives Cause for the Judge to make such Dissolution. By *Westm. 2. cap. 34.* Elopement and Adultery is made a Bar of Dower; and in 1 *Roll. Abr. 680. pl. 13.* a Divorce for Adultery, though it dissolves not the Bond of Marriage according to our Ecclesiastical Law, is said to be a good Bar of Dower; but it was never pretended that Adultery would bar a Woman of Dower without a Decree for a Divorce; for if it should, let the Husband be never so wicked, as our *Law knows nothing of the Doctrine of Recrimination*, the Wife must lose the Opportunity of opposing his Crime to hers; and therefore in the present Case we cannot admit such an Objection against the Plaintiff's Petition for Relief without depriving her of a Defence, which the (b) Common Law allows her. Besides, Courts of Equity require Answers upon Oath, and the Husband cannot be obliged to discover whether he hath injured his Wife's Bed, because such a Discovery would expose him to Punishment in another Place, so that such a Fact is not according to the Usage of Courts of Equity properly inquirable here; whereas in the Spiritual Court, a bare Affirmation or Denial suffices, and the Party not bound to accuse himself, which he would be obliged to do if this Court should take Notice of such an Allegation, unless founded on a Sentence made by one who has a full Jurisdiction of the Matter, and can do compleat Justice on all Sides: And for these Reasons his Honour decreed, that on the Plaintiff's settling her Estate on the Defendant according to the Articles, she should have her Settlement out of his. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Sidney and Sidney, MS. Rep.*

(b) Meaning the Ecclesiastical Law, which is esteemed Part of the Common Law. *MS. Notes.*

His Lordship observed, that this was a mutual Agreement between the Parties, and that there were no Children of Tenant in Tail *in esse*; that though Tenant in Tail died before any Thing was done in Pursuance of the Articles, yet every Thing may be done now as well as it might in his Life-time. *Ibid. 273.* The Reporter says by way of Note, That his Lordship seemed to lay a good deal of Stress on Tenant in Tail's dying without Issue. *Ibid. 274.*

39. A Bill in Equity lies not to compel the Performance of an Agreement to pay Money in Consideration of having stifled a Prosecution for Felony; *secus* if to stop a Prosecution for a Fraud; for when the Indictment is for a Fraud, and the Party wronged comes to an Agreement to be satisfied for such Injury, (as in Conscience he ought to be) this is lawful, Matters of Fraud being cognizable and relievable as well in (a) Equity as at Law. Easter 1734. *Johnson and Ogilby & al*, 3 Will. Rep. 277, 279.

(a) Rule, In Cases of Fraud the Court of

Equity has a concurrent Jurisdiction with the Common Law, Matters of Fraud being the great Subject of Relief in Equity. Per Master of the Rolls, Trin. 1723. 2 Will. Rep. 156. Vide *Ibid.* 220.

40. A Bill brought to compel a specifick Performance of an Agreement entred into by an Attorney for and on Behalf of his Client, promising to pay the Plaintiff 500 l. was dismissed by Talbot C. with Costs, the Attorney having entred into such Agreement by the Consent of his Client. Easter 1734. *Johnson and Ogilby*, 3 Will. Rep. 277. And his Lordship compared this Case to that of Brokers or Factors acting for their Principals, who his Lordship said were never held to be liable in their own Capacities. *Ibid.* 279.

But if the Attorney had had no Authority from his Client, then it would have been a Fraud in him to have made this Engagement, and he would himself have

been liable. Said per Lord Chancellor. *Ibid.* 279.

41. A Trust-Estate was decreed to be sold for the Payment of Debts and Legacies, and to be sold to the best Purchaser; A. articles to buy the Estate of the Trustees, and brings a Bill to compel them to perform the Contract. The Trustees by their Answer disclose this Matter, and submit to the Court, being willing, if indemnified, to convey pursuant to the Contract. Bill dismissed by Lord Talbot; for the Court will make no new Decree, but will leave the former Decree to be pursued. Trin. 1734. *Annesley and Ashurst*, 3 Will. Rep. 282.

42. A. in Consideration of 6000 l. Portion with M. by Marriage Articles covenanted with Trustees to lay out that Sum, and also 24000 l. of his own Money in the Purchase of Lands in Fee, to be settled (*inter al*) on himself and his intended Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail, Remainder to A. in Fee; and also covenanted that until the 30000 l. should be laid out in Lands, there should be paid 5 l. per Cent. Interest for the same unto the Person intitled to the Rents of the Lands when purchased. After the Marriage A. purchased several Estates in Fee-simple in Possession; but never settled any, and died Intestate and without Issue, leaving about 1800 l. per Ann. real Estate to descend upon Plaintiff, his Nephew and Heir at Law, who brought his Bill against A.'s Widow and Executrix for an Account of A.'s personal Estate, and to have this Covenant carried into Execution, (his Remainder by the Death of A. without Issue now taking Effect) as also to have some particular Purchases compleated which were left incompleat by A.'s

3 Will. Rep. 211. Mich. 1733. S. C. and Decree per the Master of the Rolls, says, it appearing that the 30000 l. now ordered to be invested in a Purchase, and settled according to the Articles, and for which 5 l. per Cent. Interest was to be paid till such Purchase had been placed out in the Government

Funds, which yielded but 4 l. per Cent. his Honour reduced the Interest to 4 l. per Cent. in Regard the Administratrix had made no more of it.—Says, on Appeal to Lord Talbot, (Easter 1735.) after long Debate, his Honour's Decree was so far affirmed as that the 30000 l. (a) articles to be laid out in Land, was by his Lordship held to be as Land, who moreover agreed that no Difference had ever been made between the Cases where the Money was deposited in the Hands of a third Person to be laid out, and where it was vesting in the Hands of the Covenantor. But with Respect to the Freehold Lands purchased in Fee-simple in Possession after the Covenant, though but with Part of the 30000 l. and left to descend, these his Lordship ordered to go as Satisfaction *pro tanto*, for that it could not be intended A. was obliged to lay out all the Money together, but if it was invested at several Times, it would satisfy the Covenant. *Ibid.* 227, 228.

(a) Rule; Money articles to be laid out in Land is to be looked upon as Land.

Death.

Death. Sir *Joseph Jekyll* decreed, (*Mich.* 1733.) That the Heir was intitled to have a specifick Performance of this Covenant, and that the several Estates which descended upon him *were not a Satisfaction for this Covenant, or any Part of it.* And on an Appeal to Lord *Talbot* the Decree was varied only as to the Fee-simple Lands in Possession *purchased since the Covenant*, which his Lordship held ought to go in (a) Satisfaction of the Covenant. *East.* 1735. *Lechmere* and

(a) The Reason given by his Honour

why the Fee-simple Lands purchased after the Articles, and which were permitted to descend, should not be deemed a Satisfaction of the Covenant was, because they were under the Value of what *A.* was bound to settle. 2 *Will. Rep.* 214.

43. Lord *Bathurst* being seised in Fee (in Right of his Wife) of certain Lands in *Essex*, he and his Lady by Indenture dated 17 May 1711. demised the same to *George Gill*, his Executors, Administrators and Assignees, for *twenty-one Years*, at the Rent of 8 *l.* 15 *s.* per *Ann.* and Lord *Bathurst* did thereby for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, and for his Lady and her Heirs, covenant with *Gill*, his Executors, &c. that *Gill*, his Executors, &c. paying the Rent, &c. should peaceably hold the Premises during the said Term; and that if *Gill* and *E.* his Wife, or either of them, should happen to be living at the End of the said Term, and should desire a new Lease of the Premises for a further Term of Years, to commence at the Expiration of the above Term, that then Lord *Bathurst* and his Lady, or the Survivor of them, his or her Heirs or Assigns, upon the Request of the said *Gill* and *E.* his Wife, his or her Executors, Administrators or Assigns, would and should make one other Lease of the said Premises, to commence as *aforesaid*, under the same Rents and Covenants as were contained in the former Lease. *Gill* died, and left his said Wife Executrix, who proved his Will, and survived the Expiration of the said Term. Mr. *Fry* purchased the Reversion of these Premises, and sold them to the Defendant, who had Notice of Lord *Bathurst's* Covenant to renew. The Plaintiff was Administratrix to said *E.* the Widow of *Gill*, with her Will annexed, and also Administratrix *de bonis non* of *Gill* the Husband. The Bill was brought to have a further Lease of twenty-one Years, according to the said Covenant, which was decreed at the Rolls, and upon a Re-hearing confirmed by *Talbot* Lord Chan. *Hil.* 10 *Geo.* 1. *Winged* and *Lefebury*, *MS. Rep.*

His Lordship was of Opinion, that the

Defendant having Notice, had put himself in the Place of Lord *Bathurst*, who was certainly bound by the Covenant; and that where a Man agrees to sell at such a Day, and one Party dies before that Sale, though an Action will not lie against the Heir, yet the Articles are a Lien upon the Land; it is a Purchase in Equity, and the Purchaser is intitled to the Estate, and the other is a Creditor for the Money. *Ibid.*

44. *William Moon* being seised in Fee, according to the Custom of the Manor of *Baldbeck*, of the Lands in Question, borrowed 100 *l.* of Defendant *John Crossby, jun.* and for securing the Repayment thereof, by Indenture dated 7 October 1730. mortgaged the Premises to him; after this *Moon*, by Letter dated 18 April 1731. authorized *Kreighton*, an Attorney at Law, to sell this Estate, who accordingly sold it to Plaintiff by Parol for 300 Guineas, and received one Guinea in Earnest, and by Letter advised *Moon* thereof, and *Moon* by Letter dated 8 June 1731. tells Plaintiff that he accepts of the said 300 Guineas. In July 1731. *Moon* writes a Letter to one *Harrison*, offering to sell these Premises to him for the same Price that they had been offered for

for to the Plaintiff; *Harrison*, and Defendant *John Crofsby, sen.* on Behalf of Defendant *Crofsby, jun.* agree with *Moon* for the Purchase of the Premiffes for 300 Guineas; and accordingly *Moon*, by Indenture dated 16 *August* 1731. conveys the Premiffes to *Crofsby, jun.* in Confideration of 300 Guineas then paid; before this Conveyance *Harrison* and *Crofsby, sen.* who treated with *Moon* for the Purchase on Behalf of *Crofsby, jun.* had Notice of the Plaintiff's Title, but they being examined as Witneffes for *Crofsby, jun.* both fware that before the Conveyance was executed to him they sent for the Plaintiff, and that he agreed that all prior Contracts should be void; and that it should be referred to *Moon*, whether Plaintiff or *Crofsby, jun.* should be the Purchaser: Upon which *Moon* being wrote to, gave the Preference to *Crofsby, jun.* The Plaintiff having brought his Bill for a specifick Performance of this Contract, two Objections were made by Defendant's Counsel; 1st, That there was no mutual Contract in Writing between *Moon* and the Plaintiff, but only an Agreement in Writing on the Part of *Moon*, the Plaintiff or his Agent having figned nothing; and in the next Place that this Contract in Writing may be difcharged by Parol, was cited the Cafe of *Goman* and *Salisbury*, 1 *Vern.* 240. To take off the Testimony of the Witneffes who fware to the Waiver of the Contract, it was proved as to *Crofsby, sen.* that he was a Tenant of the Land, and paid Rent to his Son Defendant *Crofsby, jun.* and as to *Harrison*, that he had declared that he and *Crofsby, jun.* were to divide the Purchase between them, it being made for the Benefit of them both. Lord Chancellor was of Opinion, that the Objection as to *Crofsby, sen.* was fufficient intirely to take off his Testimony; but as to *Harrison*, he thought the Objection went only to his Credit; however, upon the Whole he decreed for the Plaintiff with Cofts.—His Lordship faid, here plainly appears a Contract in Writing on the Part of *Moon*; and faid, he had often known the Objection taken, that a mutual Contract in Writing ought to appear on both Sides; but that Objection has as often been over-ruled. Then as to the other Matter he declared, though he would not fay that a Contract in Writing would not be waived by Parol, yet he fould expect in fuch a Cafe a very clear Proof; and the Proof in the prefent Cafe he thought very infufficient to difcharge a Contract in Writing; and obferved, that the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries requires that “all Contracts and Agreements concerning Land “ fould be in Writing.” Now an Agreement to waive a Purchase Contract is as much an Agreement concerning Lands as the original Contract. However, he faid, there was no Occafion now to determine this Point. *Eafter*, 10 *Geo.* 2. *Buckhoufe* and *Crofsby & al'*, *MS. Rep.*

45. *A.* contracts with *B.* for the Purchase of an Office, and *B.* to procure him to be admitted to it with *all its ufual Fees*; *B.* muft fhew he has furrendered, for the Rule is, *That he who will have the Benefit of a mutual Agreement, muft fhew that he has performed his Part.* Vide *Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq.* 18.

But quære, if the Fees are dropt, there is no Pretence that *A.* fould be held to his Purchase.

(B) **What Acts shall be taken to be done in Pursuance of, and shall go either in Satisfaction of the Whole or Part of an Agreement.**

1. **BY** Marriage Articles it was covenanted that the intended Husband, if his Wife survived him, should secure to her the Value of one Half of her Fortune, to be at her Disposal. The Marriage took Effect, but the Husband never altered the Nature of the Securities by which his Wife's Fortune was secured, and which were all in her own Name. The Husband makes his Will, and thereby gives his Wife more than he was obliged to do by the Marriage Articles, and the Rest he disposed of in other Legacies, and died. Lord Chan. held, that this Provision made by the Will for the Wife, being more than the Husband was obliged to do by the Marriage Agreement, shall be taken to be *in Pursuance of that Agreement, and shall discharge it.* By this Marriage Agreement the Husband is made as a Debtor to the Wife, if she should survive him, for so much as he had covenanted to give her by the Agreement; and therefore he having obliged himself by this Agreement, it is reasonable he should have the Wife's Fortune, though the Securities were not altered, but still remained in the Wife's Name; and therefore this, though it is by Will, is a good Disposition notwithstanding the Securities were not altered. It may be more beneficial for the Wife to take under the Agreement than under the Will, and therefore she shall have her Election to take the one way or the other. *Mich. 6 Ann. Corus and Farmer, MS. Rep.*

Note; In this Case the Wife insisted not only on having the Legacy, but also one Half of her Fortune, because the Securities were not altered. Ibid.

2. *A.* marries *B.*'s daughter, but before the Marriage *A.* and *B.* enter into an Agreement contained in the Conditions of two Bonds; by one *A.* was to settle Lands for a Jointure upon his Wife, and the Heirs Male of her Body by him begotten; and by the other Bond *B.* was bound to pay *A.* 800*l.* at a certain Day, as a Portion with his Daughter. The Day of Payment expires, and Part of the Principal is paid, and all the Interest. *B.* makes his Will, and devises Copyhold Lands to *A.*'s Wife, upon Condition that she should give to his Executors no Disturbance for the 800*l.* and dies, leaving his Wife Executrix, who afterwards marries *C.* the Defendant. *A.* enjoys the Copyhold Estate, his Wife dies, no Settlement being made upon her; then *A.* dies, leaving Issue a Son by this Marriage, whom he makes his Executor. *A.*'s Son sues *B.*'s Executrix at Law upon *B.*'s Bond, and recovered, and had Execution. The Executrix sued the Son upon his Father's Bond, and obtained Execution against him; then *A.*'s Son brings his Bill against the Executrix, alledging that there was a sufficient Estate which descended to him from his Father, which was an equivalent Performance of the Settlement, which his Father had obliged himself to make; and prayed Relief against the Proceedings at Common Law. Lord Chan. If *A.* had left any other Son, then the End and Intent of the Condition would be evaded by the Son's leaving a Daughter; but as he had not, he held, that it was an equitable Performance; if there had been another Son besides the Plaintiff, he would have intailed the Estate. He also held, that although *B.*'s Devise to the Wife of the Copyhold was no Bar to the Husband's

Husband's Demand of the 800 *l.* yet that should be taken in Satisfaction of Part of the 800 *l.* and so decreed. *East. 7 Ann. Bridges v. Bere, MS. Rep.*

3. A Marriage Agreement was contained in a Condition of a Bond, *viz.* "That the Husband should purchase Lands of 800 *l.* Value, to be settled upon himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Husband begotten on the Body of the Wife, Remainder to the Husband's right Heirs." The eldest Son of the Marriage brings his Bill against his Father's Executors to have the Benefit of this Agreement: The Defendants insisted, that the Father in his Life-time purchased a Copyhold Estate which descended to Plaintiff, and likewise by his Will devised 100 *l.* Legacy to be raised out of Land to Plaintiff, and that this Copyhold and Legacy shall be taken as a Satisfaction of the Marriage Agreement, especially in this Case where the Husband and Wife were Tenants in Tail, and might bar the Issue. *Harcourt C.* decreed Plaintiff a Satisfaction of the Agreement in the Bond, and 4 *l. per Cent.* Interest of the 800 *l.* from his Father's Death; that the Copyhold Estate descended to him, must be taken as a Satisfaction *pro tanto* of the Agreement, according to the Value of the Land and the Purchase Money; but the 100 *l.* Legacy being devised out of Land, is not to be taken in Part of the Satisfaction: As to a Conveyance of six Acres, said to be made by the Father to the Plaintiff in his Life-time to inquire whether it was a voluntary Conveyance, and then to go *pro tanto* in Satisfaction of the Agreement; but if the Purchase-Money was paid to the Father, then to be no Part of the Satisfaction. *Trin. 12 Ann. Wilks and Wilks, Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 39.*

4. By Marriage Articles it was agreed, that 6000 *l.* in the Hands of the Trustees should be laid out in the Purchase of Lands to be settled on the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life for her Jointure, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male successively, chargeable with 2000 *l.* for younger Children, Remainder to the Husband in Fee; the Father by the same Articles covenants after his Decease to settle other Lands upon the Husband and the Heirs Males of his Body, Remainder to the Heirs of the Father. One Point was, the Husband's Father having made a Settlement of the Lands agreed to be settled by the Marriage Articles on the Husband and the Heirs Males of his Body, with Remainder to himself in Fee; if this be a good Performance of the Agreement, and if the Limitation ought not to have been on the Husband for Life, with Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively in strict Settlement. *King C.* held, that the Settlement made by the Father was a good Execution of the Agreement; *ergo* confirmed the Settlement. 3 *Geo. 2. Chambers and Chambers, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (F.) Ca. 16.*

By the Articles these Lands were not intended to be settled as a Provision for the Children of that Marriage, they were taken Care of by the other Part of the Articles, by the Trust-Money, but for the Support and Provision of the Husband; and it is not like the common Case of Articles for a Settlement on the

Marriage where no other Provision or Care is taken for them, and the different Manner of Penning the Articles in Relation to the Trust-Money; and as to these Lands, the one to be in strict Settlement to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage, the other Limitation to the Husband and the Heirs Males of his Body generally, and not tied up to the Issue of that Marriage, shews plainly the Parties understood and had in Contemplation the Difference between a strict Settlement upon the Issue of that Marriage and a general Settlement upon the Husband and the Heirs Males of his Body. By Lord Chan. *Ibid.* — *Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 127. S. C. and Decree.*

5. *A.* by Articles previous to his Marriage dated in 1677. agreed to settle certain Lands to the Use of himself and his intended Wife for their Lives and the Life of the Survivor, and after the Survivor's Decease to the Use of the Heirs of the Body of the said *A.* on his Wife begotten, with other Remainders over. The Marriage took Effect, and

and by Deed dated April 5, 1698. reciting the said Articles, and which is declared to be in Performance of the true Intent and Meaning thereof, A. settled the same Lands to the Use of himself and his Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Heirs of the Marriage, Remainder to the right Heirs of A. There is Issue of the Marriage one Son and two Daughters M. and N. In 1716. upon the Marriage of A.'s Son, A. settles other Lands to the Use of his Son for Life, Remainder to the Daughters of this Marriage, Remainder in Fee to the Son, with a Power to raise 2000 l. for younger Children; after the Son's Death A. levies a Fine of the former Lands to the Use of himself in Fee, and then makes his Will, and devises Part of his former Lands to his said two Daughters M. and N. and all the Rest of his real Estate to Trustees, to the Use of Plaintiff his Grandson for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to his Daughters in Tail, Remainder to Testator's said Daughters M. and N. with several Remainders over; and with Directions out of the Profits to educate the Grandson, and to place out the Rest of the Profits at Interest, to be paid to the Grandson at 21, and if he does not attain that Age, to be paid to his said Daughters M. and N. their Executors, &c. The Question was, whether the Settlement in 1698. was a proper Execution of the Articles of 1677? and if not, whether the general Devise to the Plaintiff should be taken as a Satisfaction for what he was intitled to under the Articles of 1677? And held per Lord Talbot, that Plaintiff the Grandson is not bound by the Deed which did not pursue the Articles; but then he shall make his Election (within six Months after he comes of Age) whether he will stand to the (a) Will or the Articles; and if he makes his Election to stand to the latter, then so much of the other Lands devised to him as will amount to the Value of the Lands comprised in the Articles, and which were devised to the Daughters his Aunts, to be conveyed to them in Fee. Decreed accordingly, Hil. 1735. *Streatfield and Streatfield, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 176.

(a) When a Man takes upon him to devise what he had no Power over, upon a Supposition that his Will will be acquiesced

under, Equity will compel the Devisee, if he will take Advantage of the Will, to take intirely, but not partially, under it. Said per Lord Chan. who cited *Noy's* and *Mordaunt's* Case. There being a tacit Condition annexed to all Devises of this Nature, that the Devisee do not disturb the Disposition which the Devisor hath made. So are the several Cases that have been decreed upon the Custom of *London*. *Ibid.* 182, 183.

(C) Where a Covenant is a specifick Lien on the Lands, and Where on the personal Estate, & econt'.

His Lordship said, that it was plain the Intention of the Deed was, that the Parties should rely and depend on the Security of the Father's Covenant, and Equity ought not to vary or

1. *A.* In Consideration of Marriage settles Lands upon himself for Life, Remainder to his intended Wife for Life, Remainder to the Heirs of his Body on his Wife to be begotten, Remainder to his own right Heirs; and in the same Deed A. covenants for himself and his Heirs *not to suffer a Recovery, but that the Lands should be enjoyed according to these Limitations.* The Marriage took Effect, and they have Issue a Daughter who marries the Plaintiff, and to whom A. gave a considerable Portion; then A. *suffers a Recovery* to the Use of himself and his Heirs, and devises these Lands in Trust for his said Daughter

alter the Security which the other Side has agreed to accept of, for that would be going beyond, and consequently against the Intent of the Parties. *Ibid.* 106.——So if one covenant to give his Daughter 1000 l. Equity will not compel him to give any further Security than this Covenant, that being at first accepted. *Vide Prec. in Chan.* 89. 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* p. 132. *Ca.* 14. 1 *Will. Rep.* 461.

Daughter for Life, Remainder to her first, &c. Son in Tail Male, and if she survived her Husband, then to her in Fee; but if she died first, then the Remainder over, and dies. On a Bill brought by the Daughter and her Husband against the Devisee and Executor of the Father for a specifick Performance of the Covenant, Lord Chancellor was of Opinion, that the Covenant did not bind the Land so as to defeat the Will or Recovery; for in this Case the Intent of the Settlement is more effectually answered than it would have been if the Land had descended in Tail to the Daughter, for then it would have been alienable from the Issue (a) Male, whereas here it cannot; but the Covenant is good to bind the Assets; *ergo* Liberty was given to sue the Executor, and to recover out of the personal Estate; and for that Purpose an Issue at Law was directed, but not to try what the Husband but what the Wife or her Issue is damnified by the Breach of this Covenant; and it being alledged that the Testator did moreover give a Portion to the Daughter, the Defendant shall have Liberty to give in Evidence any Thing of that Kind which may tend to a Satisfaction of this Breach of Covenant. *Hil. 1708. Collins and Plummer, 1 Will. Rep. 104, 107.*

(a) Of the Marriage.

2. *A.* covenants before Marriage to settle certain Lands on his Wife for Life, and afterwards devises these Lands for Payment of Debts; the Covenant is a *specifick Lien on the Lands*, and the Covenantor as to them but a Trustee; and therefore during the Life of the Wife they are not to be affected by any Bond Debts. *Parker C. East. 1718. Freemoult and Dedire, & econtra, 1 Will. Rep. 429.*

But a Covenant to settle Lands of the Value of 60*l.* per Ann. without mentioning any Lands in certain; this no specifick

Lien, but the Wife must come in as a Creditor in general, and the Master to value her Estate for Life, and the Wife to come in for that Valuation; but the Wife to have the Arrears before incurred as well as the Valuation of her Estate for Life. *Ibid.*

3. A long Term of Years was vested in the Husband in Right of his Wife; he made an under Lease for ten Years, and upon borrowing Money of the Lessee, covenanted to grant him another Lease, to commence after the End of the ten Years, and to *continue during the Time he had any Right*, but died before he made such Lease: Decreed at the Rolls, that this Covenant was a good Disposition of the said Term in Equity, because the Husband had a Power to dispose of it, and that the (b) Covenant was such a Lien as bound the Right in whose Hands soever it went. *Trin. 9 Geo. I. Stead and Cragh, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 42.*

Note; It was not prayed in the Bill that the Defendant (the Husband's Widow) should be obliged to carry this Covenant into Execution, but that the Court would declare it to be a good

Disposition of the Term in Equity, and thereupon to grant an Injunction against the Defendant, who had brought an Ejectment. Note also, that the Widow did not claim either as Executrix or Administratrix, but by Virtue of that Right which she had paramount that of her Husband; and therefore demurred to the Bill, suggesting that if there was any such Covenant, it was only a bare Agreement between the Parties, and rested in Covenant, which could only charge the Executors or Administrators of the Covenantor, and that the Bill might be dismissed with Costs; but it was decreed as above. *Ibid. 43.*

(b) Vide *Poph. 4.* and *1 Vern. 396.*

4. *A.* and *B.* enter into Articles for the Purchase of Part of *A.*'s Estate, *A.* dies before a Conveyance is made pursuant thereto, and his Executors pay away his *personal Assets in satisfying Debts by Specialty*, which

It appeared in the Cause, that *A.* sold the same Lands to *D.* but after

the Articles were executed for a Sale thereof to *D.* *D.* gave *A.* the Vendor 700*l.* for Leave to relinquish his Bargain, and thereupon those Articles were made void, by which it appears that it was a very extravagant Bargain, for otherwise so great a Sum would not have been given to relinquish it; and it was insisted for Defendants, *A.*'s Heir and Executors, that the Articles between *A.* and *B.* ought not to be carried into Execution. To which it was answered, that *B.* the Purchaser under these present Articles, would relinquish the same upon the Payment of the 700*l.* to him; for since *A.* had got so much Money by *D.* it was but just that *B.* should have the Money on a specifick Performance of his Articles; and the Court was of the same Opinion; but in regard *A.*'s Heir (a Defendant) was a Minor, and by Consequence could make no Election, it was decreed as above. *Ibid. 152.*

were a Lien at Law on his real Estate: Though the Creditors by simple Contract shall in this Cause stand in the Places of the Creditors by Specialty, yet it shall be without Prejudice to B.'s Demands; and a specifick Execution of these Articles was decreed, for that the Sale of the Estate by Virtue of those Articles, and in Consideration of so much Money to be paid for the Purchase, was a separate and *specifick Lien on those Lands*, and this by the *constant Course of the Court*; and for so much of the Purchase Money to be paid as the Lands shall fall short to answer B. he shall come in as a Creditor by Specialty on the other Lands. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Charles & al' and Andrews, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 151, 153.*

(D) Where Equity Will decree Lands to be settled in strict Settlement, and Why.

Vide the Case of Trevor and Trevor, 1 Will. Rep. 622. also 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 161. and 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. P. 387. Ca. 7. S. C.

1. BY Marriage Articles Lands were covenanted to be conveyed to A. for Life, with Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body. On a Bill brought for the Execution of such Articles, the Lands shall be settled upon A. for Life, with Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male. Said *per Lord Chan. Cowper, Hil. 1718. in the Case of Collins and Plummer, 1 Will. Rep. 106.*

2. But otherwise where Money is devised to be laid out in the Purchase of Lands to be settled on A. and the Heirs Male of his Body; for in Marriage Articles the Children are considered as (a) Purchasers, but in Case of a Will, where the Testator expresses his Intent to give an Estate-tail, Equity ought not to abridge the Bounty directed by the Testator. Said *per Lord Chan. Cowper in the Case of (b) Seale and Seale, 1 Will. Rep. 291.*

(a) In the Nature of Marriage Articles the Issue are particularly considered and looked upon as Purchasers, and for which Reason Equity has restrained the general Expressions made use of by the Parties; for it cannot reasonably be supposed that a valuable Consideration would be given for the Settlement of an Estate, which as soon as settled the Husband might destroy. Said *per Lord Keeper Harcourt in the Case of Bale and Coleman, East. 1711. 1 Will. Rep. 145.*—In this Case of Bale and Coleman, Lord Harcourt made a Distinction betwixt a Devise of a Trust of Land to A. for Life, with a Power to make Leases, &c. Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body, holding this to be an Estate-tail; but that in Articles on a Marriage to settle Lands to A. for Life, &c. Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body by the Wife, the Articles being executory, and but as Minutes, the Settlement should be according to the Intention, and consequently to the first Son, &c. Cited by Lord Chan. Parker on pronouncing his Decree in the Case of Trevor and Trevor, East. 1720. 1 Will. Rep. 633.

(b) *Vide this Case abridged, P. C.*

(E) Of Variance between Articles and Settlement.

The Articles are prudent Articles; and though the Wife have an Estate-tail thereby, yet she cannot bar it, but is restrained by 11 H. 7. and a

1. ARTICLES were made before and in Consideration of Marriage, and entred into about *twenty-five Years since*, whereby Lands were agreed to be settled to the Use of the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Wife by the Husband, Remainder to the Husband in Fee. The Settlement was also made before the Marriage, and recited the Articles, and mentioned to be made *in Pursuance thereof*, but the Settlement varied

plain Mistake appearing upon the Face of the Articles and Settlement, the Length of Time is immaterial. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 124. Note; in this Case the Father mortgaged the Premises for 500 l. and got the Son to join in a Fine without any Consideration, and the Fee-simple and Equity of Redemption of the mortgaged Premises were limited to the Father; ergo as the Son had joined in the Mortgage, the Court would not set that aside, but the Father to keep down the Interest during his Life. Ibid. 124, 125.*

varied from the Uses in the Articles, viz. the Lands were limited to the Use of the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Husband on the Wife to be begotten, Remainder to the Husband in Fee. There was Issue one Son, (the Plaintiff) and the Husband married again, and had several other Children. The Intent of the Parties was proved to be according to the Articles (a), that the Husband should have but an Estate for Life, and not have it in his Power to defeat and starve the Issue. Lord Chan. Cowper decreed the Husband and his second Wife to join in a Conveyance to settle the Estate as by the Articles, i. e. to the Father for Life, Remainder to the Son in Tail; and the Father insisting to take Advantage of this Mistake, the Conveyance was to be made at his Charge, and also to pay Costs. Trin. 1710. Honor and Honor, 1 Will. Rep. 123.

(a) Marriage Articles are in their Nature executory, and ought to be construed and moulded in Equity according to the Intention of Parties. Per

Lord Chancellor Parker, 1 Will. Rep. 631.

2. Articles on Marriage to settle Lands on the Husband and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband by the Wife, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband by any other Wife, Remainder to the Heirs Female of the Body of the Husband by this Wife. A Settlement is made before the Marriage, (viz. in 1685.) and said to be in Pursuance and Performance of the said Articles, whereby the Lands are limited to the Husband for Life, sans Waste, and with Power to make Leases, Remainder to the Wife for her Life for her Jointure, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male successively, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of any other Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Husband by this Wife, Remainder over. By this Settlement there was an Omission of Trustees for supporting contingent Remainders, and instead of limiting a Remainder to the Daughters of the Marriage, the Limitation was to the Heirs of the Husband of the Marriage, which gave the Husband an Estate-tail, and consequently a Power to bar the Daughters of that Marriage, and also the Remainders over by a Recovery. The Husband had Issue of this Marriage one only Daughter Mary, and taking Advantage of this Mistake, sold Part of the Premises to the Amount of 6000 l. and upwards, and having suffered a Recovery of such Part as remained unfold, by Indenture 16 Feb. 1709. he conveyed the same to Trustees W. and H. in Trust for himself for Life, Remainder to such Trusts as he should declare by Will; and accordingly 27 Dec. 1722. he devised the Premises to Defendant in Fee, (except a small Tenement which he devised to one Barrable in Fee) and made her Executrix. Mary the Daughter married B. and they had Issue the Plaintiffs M. and F. both Infants; Mary their Mother being dead, the Plaintiffs brought their Bill against the Devisee, in order to rectify the Mistake in the Settlement; but as to the Premises sold, the Bill did not seek to disturb the Purchase, only to recover the Purchase-Money out of the Assets of their Father. The Devisee pleaded the Settlement of 1685. the Recovery, the Will, and the long Enjoyment of the Premises; and the Plea being argued before Gilbert C. B. and the other Barons, the same

Vide the following Case.

Where Articles are entred into before Marriage, and Settlement made after Marriage different from the Articles, (as if by Articles the Estate was to be in strict Settlement, and by the Settlement the Husband is made Tenant in Tail, whereby he hath it in his Power to bar the Issue) Equity will set up the Articles against the Settlement: But where both Articles and Settlement are previous to the Marriage at a Time when all Parties are at Liberty, the Settlement differing from the Articles will be taken as a new Agreement between them, and shall controul the Articles.

Lee and Goldwire, Novemb. 10, 1736. (so in the Book) cited by Lord Talbot, Mich. 1733. in the Case of Lord Glenorchy and Bosville, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 3, 20. And although in this Case of West and Errissey the Articles were made to controul the Settlement made before Marriage, yet that Resolution no way contradicts the general Rule above, for in West and Errissey the Settlement was expressly mentioned to be made in Pursuance and Performance of the said Marriage Articles, whereby the Intent appears to be still the same as it was at the making the Articles. Per Lord Chan. Talbot. Ibid. 20. Vide the Case of Streatfield and Streatfield, P. Ca. Vide also the Case of Glanville and Payne, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.

- same was over-ruled unanimously ; but upon hearing the Cause before
 (a) *Dec. 1726.* all the Barons, the Bill was (a) dismissed without Costs, it being dangerous (as it was said) to set aside a Settlement which seemed to have been deliberately and solemnly made ; but upon an Appeal to
 (b) *Feb. 1727.* the House of Lords this Decree of Dismissal was (b) reversed, and decreed that the Trustees, and the Devisee *M. E.* (the Respondent) should convey such of the Premises as were comprised in the Articles to Trustees, to the Use of the Appellants *M. and F.* and to the Heirs Female of their Bodies, as Tenants in Common, with Cross Remainders to them in Tail Female ; and the Respondents (the Devisees *M. E.* and *Barrable*) to account for the Profits, and to pay the same to the Appellants (the Infants), and the Respondent the Executrix to account for the Purchase-Money that had been received by her Testator for such Part of the Premises as he had sold, and pay the Interest thereof to the Appellants, and the Respondents to bring their Writings into the Court of Exchequer, and deliver up the Possession to the Appellants, but as to the Principal Monies arising by the said Sales, these were to be laid out in the Purchase of Lands in Fee, to be settled to the same Uses as the Lands unsold were decreed to be conveyed. *West and Errissey*, first in *Scacc'*, and afterwards in *Dom' Proc'*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 349.

It was said for the Plaintiff and resolved, that though here was Notice of the Marriage Articles, yet the 3000 *l.* secured by the Settlement on the second Marriage was an actual Satisfaction of all Demands by these Articles ; and though a Limitation by Articles to the Heirs Male of the Marriage after an express Estate for Life to the Father shall be taken to mean a Remainder to the first, &c. Son, it does not follow that such a Limitation to the Heirs of the Body must be equivalent to a Remainder li-

3. By Marriage Articles dated 2 *March* 1693. Lands were to be settled on Husband and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to their first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband by any Wife, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Husband by the first Wife, Remainder to the Husband in Fee, with Provisions for the Daughters of the first Marriage, if no Issue Male. Husband has one Daughter by the first Wife and no Son ; the Husband surviving the first Wife suffers a Recovery, and marries again, and takes Notice of the first Marriage Articles in his second Marriage Settlement, (which was dated in 1698.) by which these Lands were settled to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder as to Part to the Use of his second Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the second Marriage in Tail Male successively, Remainder to Trustees for 500 Years to raise 5000 *l.* for Daughters of this second Marriage, (if no Son) Remainder to the Husband in Fee ; and as to the other Part of the Premises, to the Use of Trustees for 99 Years, in Trust after the Husband's Death to raise 3000 *l.* for the Daughter of the first Marriage. And this was declared to be in Satisfaction of all Monies she was intitled to by the first Marriage Articles, and in the mean Time she to have 100 *l.* per Annum for her Maintenance, Remainder to the Husband in Fee. Three of the first Wife's Relations were Parties to this second Marriage Settlement. The Husband had Issue by this second Marriage three Daughters but no Sons, and died in *August* 1720. The Question was, (here being Notice of the first Marriage Articles, by which there was a Limitation after that to the Heirs Male of the Husband by any Wife, to the Heirs of his Body by his first Wife) whether

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limited to Daughters ; especially in this Case, where they were postponed to the Limitation to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband by any Wife, and where there was an express pecuniary Provision made for the Daughters by the first Wife, which was all they were to depend upon ; besides, that Sons are of a different Consideration in Equity from Daughters, they being to support the Name of the Family, which Daughters do not ; also in the general Course of Marriage Settlements Daughters are provided for by pecuniary Portions, and not by Land ; that the legal Estate being now in those who claimed under the second Marriage Settlement, and had an equal Equity, it would be hard to take the Benefit of the Law from them, by raking into old stale Articles, and disturbing Settlements made on valuable Considerations, as that in the present Case was, where the Parties had both the Law and Equity on their Side. *Ibid.* 539. — The Case of *West and Errissey* (above) was

whether this being in Case of Articles, should not be taken as if the *Limitation had been to the Daughters* of the Husband by his first Wife, for then they could not be barred by the Recovery. But it was decreed that the Daughter of the first Marriage was not intitled by Virtue of the Limitation in the first Marriage Articles to the *Heirs of the Body of the Husband by his first Wife*. *Trin. 1729. Powell and Price & econt' in Scacc', 2 Will. Rep. 535.*

was cited as decreed in *Dom' Proc' econt'*. But it was resolved, that there was a Diversity between that and the present Case, for

in that Case no Portion was provided for the Daughters of the first Marriage, in the present Case Portions in all Events are secured to such Daughters. In *West and Errissey*, after the Limitation in the Articles to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband and Wife, with Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband by any Wife came, the Remainder to the *Heirs Female of the Body of the Husband by the first Wife*, &c. so that the Daughters were more immediately in the View and Contemplation of the Parties in that than in the present Case. *Ibid. 540.*—It was observable, (as *Comyns B.* said) that in the Year 1693. when these Articles were made, it was usual to construe a Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body, to mean and intend the first, &c. Son of the Marriage; and if so, it would be reasonable to interpret Articles according to the Time in which they were executed; neither ought Length of Time to make any Alteration in Favour of the Daughter by the first Marriage, who had what was then thought and agreed upon to be a competent Provision for her; that it was a material Circumstance in Favour of the second Marriage Settlement, that three of the first Wife's Relations were Parties thereto; from whence it seemed that by the general Opinion of the Relations of the first Wife this 3000*l.* in all Events was thought a sufficient Provision for the only Daughter of the first Marriage, which might reasonably induce the Court to think so too. And by the same Reason that the Daughters by the first Marriage would come in for the Estate, she might have barred the second Wife of her Jointure, and likewise her Daughters of their pecuniary Portions, which would be very hard. *Ibid. 540, 541.*—Wherefore it was decreed as above. *Ibid. 541.*—I hope I shall not be thought too prolix in my Abridgment of this Case, my Intention being to lay before the Reader the Diversity betwixt the present Case and that of *West and Errissey*, the Points in each having been determined upon great Deliberation.

(F) Where Money agreed to be laid out in Land shall be paid to the Heir.

1. TWO thousand Pounds (whereof 1500*l.* were the Wife's Portion, and 500*l.* the Husband's Money) were agreed by Marriage Articles to be laid out in a Purchase of Land to be settled upon Husband and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Heirs of the Wife by the Husband, Remainder to the Husband's Heirs. The Husband receives the whole Money, the Wife dies leaving a Son and three Daughters, then the Husband dies Intestate, and the Eldest Daughter takes out Administration to him. The Son brings a Bill against her to have the (b) Money paid to him, electing that it should not be laid out in Land and settled as had been agreed by the Articles. Decreed accordingly, and the Administratrix indemnified. *Mich. 1710. Benson and Benson, 1 Will. Rep. 130.*

Though a Fine cannot be levied of (a) Money agreed to be laid out in a Purchase of Land to be settled in Tail, yet a Decree can bind such Money equally as a Fine alone could have bound the Lands in the principal Case if bought

and settled; and to decree a Purchase and Settlement to be made which the Son the next Moment may cut off, would be to decree a vain Thing. *Per his Honour. Ibid.*—Rule; Equity will not decree a vain Thing. Said by his Honour. *Ibid. 131.*—Equity like Nature will do nothing in vain. Said per Lord Chan. Cowper. *Ibid. 389.*—Vide the Case of *Seeley and Jago, P. C.* *Short and Wood, P. C.* and *Eyre's Case, P. C.* (b) This Money is a Debt by Specialty, and to be paid in that Degree; for it is agreed by the Articles, (to which the Husband was a Party) that it shall be, within such a Time, laid out in Land; and the Husband having received it, and not having laid it out, has broken that Agreement; and an Agreement under Hand and Seal by Deed is a Covenant, and consequently a Specialty. *Per his Honour, in the said Case of Benson and Benson, 1 Will. Rep. 131.* Vide the Case of *Deg and Deg, P. C.* (a) It seems absurd to talk of levying a Fine of Money. Said by Lord *Macclesfield, Trin. 1723. in the Case of Edwards and Edwards, 2 Will. Rep. 174.*

2. But a Person intitled only to an Estate-tail in Land shall not have the Money because of the Remainder Man's Chance. *Vide 1 Will. Rep. 471. and 3 Will. Rep. 14.*

Ibid. 174. Lord Chan. said, if there had been so much as a Parol Direction from the Son for the Payment of this 10000 *l.* to his Mother, he should have regarded it, being of Opinion that it was in the Election of the Son to have made this Money, or to have disposed of it as Money; but then he conceived that the Son must do something to determine such Election, which he has not done in the present Case; and then in a Court of Equity the Heir is ever preferred (a) to an Administrator. As to the Fine

his Lordship held it to be immaterial, for that the Son had as good a Power before the Fine to dispose of the Manor of *K.* or of the 10000 *l.* in Money, against all but his Issue, as he had after the Fine; and Issue he never had: But admitting that the Fine, as it comprised the said Manor, so it did also the Trusts of this 10000 *l.* it will make against the Defendant, because by the Deed of Uses the Use of the Fine is declared to be to the Conusor and his Heirs, and consequently would intitle the Plaintiff to this Money. *Ibid.* 175.

(a) See the Case of *Lingen and Sowray*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 172. *Prec. in Chan.* 400. and 1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.* P. 175. Ca. 5.

Ibid. 14. His Lordship said, he could not see why he should not have like Regard for the Issue in Tail as for the Remainder-man. It is possible the Son, before he can light on a Purchase and settle it, may die leaving Issue; and this is a Chance of

which his Lordship said he would not deprive such Issue; also here may be a Wife which may be hindred of her Dower.—The Editor by way of Note says, That afterwards in the Case of *Mr. Onslow*, *Hil.* 1732. (cited in that of *Mills versus Banks*, *Ibid.* 8.) the Lord King declared his Perseverance in Opinion as to this Point, observing that the Levying of a Fine is a Thing of Time, there being several Offices to pass; and the Writ of Covenant is to be under the Great Seal: All which Impediments not being to be removed in an Instant, the Tenant in Tail may by them be prevented from perfecting a Fine, though never so much intended by him. But yet after all, the present Practice conforms to the Lord *Parker's* Opinion. Nay, if a Feme Covert is interested in the Money articted to be laid out in Land and settled, her coming into Court and consenting will be insufficient to dispose of such her Interest. As to the Objection made by the Lord King in the principal Case, that by this Means a Wife might be hindred of her Dower; if the Party applying for Money were married, it would without doubt be expected that his Wife should appear in Court, and give her Consent thereto. *Ibid.* 14.

(b) P.

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3. *A.* being seised in Fee of the Manor of *K.* intermarried with Defendant, who had a Portion of 16000 *l.* 6000 *l.* whereof was paid to *A.* and 10000 *l.* Residue thereof, was agreed by all the Parties to be laid out in Land, to be settled as the Manor of *K.* had been settled, viz. on *A.* for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to *A.* in Fee, and until such Purchase the 10000 *l.* was to be placed out upon Securities, and the Interest thereof to be paid to such Persons as should be intitled to the Rents and Profits of the Manor of *K.* *A.* died, leaving Issue of this Marriage one Son only, who being intitled to the said Manor of *K.* in Tail, Remainder to himself in Fee, levied a Fine thereof to the Use of himself in Fee, and then died without Issue and Intestate; whereupon the said Manor descending to Plaintiff, she brought her Bill to have the Mortgage upon which the 10000 *l.* had been placed out assigned to her. The Defendant, *A.'s* Widow, insisted that she was intitled to the same as Administratrix of her Son; and that this 10000 *l.* being as yet in itself Money, ought by the Statute of Distribution to be divided betwixt herself, as the Mother of the Intestate, and *D.* his half Sister. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* decreed the Security for the 10000 *l.* to be assigned to Plaintiff, but all the Interest due at the Death of the Son to go to Defendant as his Administratrix. And the Reporter says, (as he understood his Lordship) though the Son died in a broken Part of the Half Year, this Interest should (he said) not be taken as (a) Rent, but should be apportioned, and a Proportion thereof go to his Administratrix, but all the Interest due since the Son's Death was decreed to belong to the Plaintiff the Heir. No Costs on either Side. *Trin.* 1723. *Edwards and Lady Elizabeth his Wife and Countess Dowager of Warwick*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 171, 176.

4. By Marriage Articles Money is to be invested in a Purchase, and to be settled on the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to *A.'s* right Heirs. The Husband and Wife died, leaving one Son, who being of Age petitioned that the Money might be paid him, agreeable to the Case of *Short and Wood*, (b) in Lord *Parker's* Time, and in many others of the like Nature, in regard that if the Lands were purchased, he would as the only Issue be intitled thereto in Tail, and Remainder to himself in Fee as Heir to his Father, and might by a Fine only enable himself to dispose of the Premises. But King *C.* would not order the Money to be paid to the Son until he should be better satisfied from Precedents. *Trin.* 1724. *Eyre's Case*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 13.

(G) Parol Agreements, or such as are within the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries, & econt'.

1. **A** Parol Agreement and 20 s. paid for the Sale of an House was decreed without farther Execution proved; and the Master of the Rolls said, he should have demurred on the Bill; but having now proceeded to Proof, he would decree it. *Trin. 1667. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 128. Ca. 154.*

2. The Father being about to alter his Will, for fear there should not be affets to pay the Legacies thereby given, the Defendant, his Son and Heir apparent, and also Executor, in Consideration that he would not alter his Will, promised him to pay the Legacies; whereupon the Father forbore to alter his Will, and dies. Decreed, that let the Affets be what they would, or however the Estate was settled, the Defendant should pay the Legacies. And Lord Chan. said, it was the constant Course of the Court to make such Decrees upon Promises made that the Testator would not alter his Will. *East. 1678. Chamberlaine and Chamberlaine, 2 Freem. 34.*

Pr. in Chan.
4. S. C. cites it thus: That the Father being about to make his Will, and thereby to make certain Provisions for his younger Children; his Son and Heir apparent persuaded him

not to make any such Will, and that he would take Care his Brothers and Sisters should have those Provisions; whereupon the Father forbore to make the Provisions, and they were decreed against the Heir. *Vide the Case of Devenish and Baines, P. C.*

3. One that could read made an Agreement for 21 Years; the Lessor himself drew the Lease but for one Year, and read it for 21, and after the Expiration of a Year ejected the Lessee, and the Lessee brought a Bill to be relieved upon all this Matter, which was in Proof; the Lessee is not relievable in Equity, for it is within the Statute of Frauds; and being able to read, it was his own Folly: Otherwise if he had been unlettered. *Hil. 35 & 36 Car. 2. Anon. Skin. 159.*

4. By the Custom of a Manor every Copyhold Tenant of that Manor may in the Presence of two Witnesses nominate his Successor, and such Nominee shall enjoy the Lands after him for Life, and the Person who nominates may except any Part of the Lands to any other Person, yet the Nominee continues Tenant to the Lord for the Whole, but the Person to whom any Part is excepted shall enjoy that Part during his Life, and if any Tenant dies seised leaving a Wife, and makes no Nomination, then she shall have the Tenement during her Life, else it goes to the Lord. *J. S.* being a Copyholder of this Manor, intending by his Will to give the greatest Part of his Copyhold Estate to his Godson, and the other Part to his Wife; the Wife persuaded him to nominate her to the Whole, and that she would give the Godson the Part designed for him, and offered to give Security to that Purpose; thereupon the Husband nominates her Successor, and dies. She refusing to let the Godson enjoy the Lands intended him, he brought his Bill. The Defendant pleaded the Statute of Frauds, &c. for that there was no Memorandum, &c. in Writing; but decreed for the Plaintiff by all the Commissioners; and they said, they decreed it *not as an Agreement* or a *Trust*, but as a *Fraud*; and they were of Opinion, that as by the Custom of the Manor an Estate might be created by Parol without Writing, a Trust of such Parol Estate

(a) And *Eick* Estate might likewise be raised without Writing notwithstanding the Statute (a). *Hil. 1689. Devenish and Baines, Prec. in Chan. 3.* said, that where a Tenant in Tail was about to suffer a Recovery in order to provide for his younger Children, and had been kept from it by the Issue in Tail promising to do it, it had been decreed in this Court. *Ibid. 5.*—*Vide the Case of Chamberlayne and Chamberlaine, P. C.*

5. *Sealing not necessary to bring an Agreement out of the Statute of Frauds*; as if *A.* had articulated with *B.* for the Purchase of his Wife's Lands, and the Articles were in Writing, and signed by the Parties but not sealed; but *A.* was put in Possession of some Part of the Land; Equity will decree an Execution of the Agreement though it were not under Seal (b). *Hil. 1690. Wheeler and Newton, Prec. in Chan. 16.* (b) In this Case Lord Commissioner *Rawlinson* said, that Agreements in Writing, though not sealed, have some better Countenance since the Statute of Frauds than they had before. *Ibid. 17.*

Gilb. Eq. Rep. Mich. 10 Ann. 35. S. P. 6. If a Bill be brought to have Execution of a Parol Agreement which is in no Part executed, if the Defendant by Answer confesses the Agreement without insisting on the Statute of Frauds, the Court will decree an Execution, because when the Defendant confesses it there is no Danger of Perjury, which was the only Thing the Statute intended to prevent. Said by his Honour, *Mich. 1702. Prec. in Chan. 208.*

Rule; Equity to relieve against Fraud. —All Statutes made against Fraud shall be construed liberally and expounded beneficially to suppress Fraud. 3 Co. 2. *Freem. Rep. 268.* 7. A Court of Equity will relieve in Case of a Fraud although there be nothing in Writing to charge the Party; as if *A.* agrees with *B.* by Parol for a Lease of a Piece of Ground, *B.* enters and builds, and then *A.* refuses to grant him a Lease. On a Bill brought by *B.* to have an Execution of this Agreement, *A.* pleads the Statute of Frauds, the Agreement being only by Parol; his Plea was over-ruled per Lord Keeper, and the Master of the Rolls afterwards decreed *A.* to perform the Agreement, and to pay Costs. *Mich. 1703. Floyd and Buckland, Freem. Rep. 268.*

82. —And in the principal Case his Honour said, that the Statute of Frauds was not made to encourage Frauds and Cheats; and that *B.* having laid out his Money in Pursuance of the Agreement, and taken Possession of the Land, *A.* ought to execute a Lease. And *Butcher's Case* was cited, (*vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 21. Ca. 9.*) where a Parol Agreement was decreed, Possession being delivered in Pursuance thereof. —And also a Case decreed by Lord Nottingham, where a Deed was sealed for Security of Money borrowed, and the Deed becoming absolute, the Defendant promised to seal a Defeasance, and afterwards refusing, a Bill was preferred to compel him; and though he insisted upon the Statute of Frauds, he was decreed to seal a Defeasance though there was no Agreement in Writing for that Purpose. 2 *Freem. Rep. 268, 269.* —*Ibid. 285. S. P.* cited per Lord Keeper. —*Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 20. Ca. 5. S. P.* —So where *A.* had only a parol Lease for a great Number of Years, but having begun to build he had his Bargain compleated, and for this very reason, because at Common Law it might be within the Statute of Frauds, ergo it is more proper for the Jurisdiction of a Court of Equity, than the Common Law. Cited per Lord Chancellor, *Hil. 6 Ann.* as the Case of *Foxcroft* and —*Gilb. Eq. Rep. 4.* —But *Ibid. P. 11.* his Lordship, *Mich. 7 Ann.* cites the Case of *Leister and Foxcroft*, (which I take to be the *S. C.*) as decreed in *Dom' Proc'*, where a parol building Lease was made of Ground, and when the Lessor was dying he declared he thought he ought to have made a Lease in Writing: But the Heir told him, he should not discompose himself, for that he would supply it; whereby, and by other fraudulent Means, the Lessee was hindered from seeing the Lessor, and having it done accordingly: The Lords held this to be out of the Statute, and made it good to the Lessee. —Where there is a parol Agreement made for a Lease, and the Lessee by Virtue thereof enters and builds, the Court will establish it on the Foot of Fraud in the Lessor, notwithstanding the Statute of Frauds, &c. because Contracts executed in Part are not always within the Statute, though executory Contracts are. Said per Cur', *Trin. 9 Geo. 1.* in the Case of *Savage and Foster*, 2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 37.*

8. The Testator was making his Will, and (*inter al'*) was directing an Annuity of 40 *l. per Ann.* to be paid to Plaintiff by Defendant the Testator's Brother. The Defendant being present, desired the Testator not to put it in his Will, but said as he was a Christian he would take Care to see it paid, and thereupon it was omitted. The Master of the Rolls decreed the Payment of this Annuity, and that

that it should be *charged* upon the *real Estate*. Upon an Appeal Lord Keeper affirmed the Decree as to the Payment of the Annuity, but said he could not decree it a Charge upon the Land; but the Master of the Rolls being in Court said, the Reason he went upon to charge the Land was, because the Maintenance of a poor Scholar was a Charity, and was within the Statute of 43 *Eliz.* of Charitable Uses, and it might amount to an Appointment within that Statute. *Easter* 1705. *Oldham and Litchford*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 284.—*Vide* 1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.* 4th Edit. P. 231. *Ca. 4. S. C. but differently stated.*

The Ground his Lordship went upon was, that this was a Fraud upon the Testator and the Legatee; and his Lordship cited the Case of *Dutton and Pool* immediately after the

Statute, where Sir H. Pool was making his Will, and intending to raise Portions for his younger Children by selling of Timber; but his eldest Son being by desired him not to cut down the Timber, because it would deface the Estate, and he would answer the Value of it to his Brothers and Sisters; and thereupon he forbore to cut the Timber, and died; and he refusing to make good his Promise, *Dutton*, who married one of the Daughters, brought his Action upon the Promise, and recovered. *Ibid.* 285.

9. The Provost and Scholars of King's College, Cambridge, being seised in Fee of the Tithes of *Prior's Quarter* in *Tiverton* in *Com' Dev' cum pertinentiis*, by Deed demised the same to *D.* for 21 Years, who afterwards for 350*l.* Consideration covenanted to convey to Defendant, his Executors and Assigns, the said Tithes during her Interest therein; then the Plaintiff treats with Defendant for these Tithes, and Defendant sends his Son and two other Persons with a Letter to Plaintiff, wherein Defendant said, *That if he parted with the Tithes it should be on the Conditions therein particularly mentioned.* Plaintiff accepted of the Terms, and the next Day sent his Attorney to acquaint Defendant with it, and Defendant delivered to the Attorney a Copy of *D.*'s Agreement, and appointed a Day for executing the same; but in the mean Time Defendant went to *D.* (*who had Notice of Defendant's Agreement with Plaintiff*) and settled a Conveyance from her. Lord Keeper decreed Defendant to perform this Agreement, for that it was directly within the Statute of Frauds, as being an Agreement signed by the Party to be charged with the same, and there was no need of its being signed by both Parties; and Plaintiff by his Bill has submitted to perform his Part of the Agreement. This though it was not at first a Contract but conditionally only, if the other would accept of it, yet when the other had accepted of it, it was all one; and Defendant intended it so, by his sending his Son with the Letter, and two Persons besides. *Hil. 5 Ann. Coleman and Upcot, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (J) Ca. 17.*

If a Man (being in Company) makes offers of a Bargain, and then writes them down and signs them, and the other Party takes them up and prefers his Bill; this shall be a good Bargain, and the Party shall be compelled to a specifick Performance of it. Said per Keeper. *Ibid.*

10. *A.* enters into Treaty with *C.* about a Parcel of Land, and so did *B.* *A.* tells *B.* that if he would desist, and permit him to go on with his intended Purchase, he would let him a Parcel of Ground which he desired; to this *B.* agreed, and *A.* afterwards compleated his Purchase with *C.* then *B.* desires *A.* to let him have the Parcel of Ground; *A.* answers that now he could not, because it would be more convenient to him; and says, though I intended to let you have it, as the Circumstances then were, yet my Purpose and Intentions are now altered. *B.* brings a Bill to have a Performance of this Agreement; *A.* insists that he made no absolute Promise, and sets forth such Agreement as before; and also insists upon the Statute, that there ought to have been an Agreement in Writing. Lord Chan. Here is no absolute and positive Agreement, but the Words are ambiguous and uncertain; and the Statute intended to oust as well all such ambiguous Agreements as to prevent Perjuries, &c. and this Agreement will not bind unless it were in Writing. 7 *Ann. Anon. Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (H) Ca. 32.*

11. The Father purchases Lands to him and his Heirs, and when he was upon his Death-bed sends for his eldest Son, and tells him, that these Lands were bought with his second Son's Money, and that he intended to give them to him; whereupon the eldest Son promised that he should enjoy them accordingly. The Father dies. Lord Keep. *Wright* and the Master of the Rolls held, that the eldest Son ought to have these Lands, because by the Statute of Frauds there ought to have been a Declaration of the Use or Trust in Writing. But *Cowper C.* was of another Opinion, because of the Fraud in this Case, in that the eldest Son promised the Father upon his Death-bed that the other should enjoy the Lands; so he took this to be a Case out of the Statute. *Mich. 7 Ann. Sellack and Harris, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (H) Ca. 31.*

12. *A.* agreed with *B.* to make him a Lease for 21 Years of Lands rendring Rent, *B.* paying *A.* 150 *l.* Fine. *B.* paid 100 *l.* in Part to *A.*'s Agent, which *A.* knew of, and ordered his Agent to prepare the Lease; but, before it was executed, *A.* repented and refused to grant the Lease. *B.* having paid 100 *l.* Earnest, exhibited his Bill for a specifick Performance. Lord Chan. The Payment of this 100 *l.* is not such a Performance of the Agreement on one Part as to decree an Execution on the other; for the Statute of Frauds makes one Sort of Contracts, viz. Personal Contracts good if any Money is paid in Earnest. Now that Statute says, that no Agreement concerning Lands shall be good except it is reduced into Writing; and therefore a parol Agreement, as it is in this Case, cannot be good within the Statute by giving Money in Earnest; for there must be something more than a bare Payment of Money on the one Part to induce the Court to decree a Performance on the other Part, either by putting it out of the Party's Power to undo the Thing, or where it would be a Prejudice to the Party performing his Part, as beginning to build, or letting the other into Possession, &c. in such Case where the Agreement hath proceeded so far on one Part, the Statute never intended to restrain this Court from decreeing a Performance of the other. But he would not put the Plaintiff to his Action to recover his 100 *l.* wherefore decreed it to be refunded. *Mich. 8 Ann. Lord Pengall and Ross, MS. Rep.*

13. *J. Clarke* being seised of Copyhold Lands, had a Son which was dutiful, and for a Provision for him surrenders the Reversion of the Copyholds after his Decease to his said Son in Tail, and 14 Years after he treats with Sir *Charles Clarke* for a Marriage between his Son and Sir *Charles's* Daughter. Sir *Charles* proposed to give with his Daughter 2000 *l.* if *J. Clarke* would make a suitable Jointure; and thereupon *J. Clarke* proposed to settle Houses in *Chancery-Lane* and in *Queenhithe*, but he having but only a Term for Years in them, Sir *Charles* rejected the Offer, and said to *J. Clarke*, that he wished the Copyholds might be the Lands, and the Houses in *Queenhithe*. *J. Clarke* replied, that the Copyholds were already settled upon his Son; and that the Houses in *Queenhithe* should be settled upon his Daughter. Upon this Assurance the Marriage did proceed; and the Houses in *Queenhithe* were covenanted to be settled for her Jointure, and to the Heirs of her Body; and this was mentioned in the Deed to be in full Satisfaction and Recompence of all her Thirds and Dower which she might claim for herself or Children. The 2000 *l.* is paid, and the Marriage took Effect. Afterwards *J. Clarke* the Father buried his Wife, and married a second Wife; before which second Marriage, in Consideration of a certain Portion to be paid, (400 *l.* of which was not paid at the Time this Bill was exhibited) he covenants with the Plaintiff to Jointure the

Copyholds upon his intended Wife; and to shew that he had a Power so to do, he produced the Settlement upon his Son's Wife, wherein was no Mention of the Copyholds. And to carry those last Articles into Execution, the Plaintiff being Trustee, preferred this Bill, and alledged, that the Surrender to *Clarke's* Son was fraudulent. Lord Chan. said, he knew not how the Law would adjudge of the Surrender, but he was of Opinion it stood clear of all Fraud, and was well designed for a Provision for the Son, who had merited such Kindness from his dutiful Behaviour to his Father; and this is by the Father declared to be the Cause of the Surrender: And that what had been done in this Point every Father ought to do, in order to put it out of his Power to dock his Son of Maintenance when he comes to dote. But however (his Lordship said) this Point is, the subsequent Agreement doth render the Son a valuable Purchaser. The Case stands clear of the Statute of Frauds; for it was not necessary that that Part of the Agreement which relates to the Copyholds should be reduced into Writing; for the Son then had a legal Estate in him. And this answereth the Clause in the Deed, which hath been made use of for to strike this out of the Marriage Agreement; for when this Part of the Agreement was executed, what was more proper than such a Clause? The Marriage must be understood to proceed both upon the Assurance of the Copyholds being settled upon the Son, and that Part of the Agreement comprised in the Deed. The Bill was dismissed with Costs against *Clarke* the Son. It was then moved, that *J. Clarke* the Father might settle Lands upon his second Wife adequate in Value to the Copyholds; and it was ordered, that the Master examine into the Value of the Copyholds, and see that such Settlement is made. And that the 400 *l.* that remained unpaid of his Wife's Fortune shall be detained as Part until the Settlement was made. *East. 8 Ann. Heiser and Clarke, MS. Rep.*

14. *A.* encourages the Courtship of his Son with *B.*'s Daughter, who promised by Letter to give her 500 *l.* if *A.* would settle 100 *l.* per Ann. on the Son, which *A.* refused; the Son and Daughter married privately, and after this Letter is written; then *A.* consented and *B.* refused. On a Bill for Performance of this Agreement it was objected, that these Promises were within the Statute of Frauds, and that the Letter being after the Marriage should not bind: But decreed *contra* by *Harcourt* Lord Keep. on the Circumstances of the Father's Privity and Consent to the Match and of the Marriage, by afterwards approving of it. That it was out of the Statute if no Letter, for the Agreement is admitted by the Answer; but this Case does not depend on parol Evidence or Admissions; for the Letter after Marriage, considering the Transactions before, is sufficient. The Offer to settle 100 *l.* per Ann. shall be in Tail, with a Power to the Husband to charge it with 500 *l.* for younger Children, being the Mother's Portion, and decreed accordingly. 1712. *Hodgson and Hutchenfon, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (H) Ca. 34.*

15. The Court declared, and Counsel agreed, that if a Man bring a Bill for a specifick Performance of a parol Agreement, (which is in no Part executed) setting forth the Substance of it, and Defendant by Answer confesses the Agreement, the Court may in such Case decree an Execution notwithstanding the Statute of Frauds, because Defendant confessing the Agreement, there can be no Danger of Perjury from the Contrariety of Evidence, the only Mischief that Statute intended

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tended to prevent; but in the principal Case the Defendant had not by his Answer confessed the Agreement charged in the Bill, which was only by Parol to settle some Lands and Houses on the Plaintiff in Consideration of his marrying Defendant's Daughter; so the Bill dismissed. In all Cases wherever Equity has decreed a specific Execution of a parol Agreement, yet the same had been supported and made out by Letters in Writing, and the particular Terms stipulated therein as the foundation for the Decree; otherwise the Court will never carry any such Agreement into Execution. *Mich. 10 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

His Honour built his Decree upon these Cases; 1st, Where a parol Agreement was for a building Lease, and before it was reduced into Writing, the Lessee began to build, and after differing on the Terms of the Lease the Lessee brought a Bill, and the Lessor

insisted on the Statute of Frauds. The Lord Keep. dismissed the Bill, but the Plaintiff was relieved in *Dowd. Proc.* And the second was a Case in Lord Jefferies's Time. *Ibid.*

16. *W.* leased an House to *N.* for 11 Years, and was to allow 20 *l.* to be laid out in Repairs; the Agreement was reduced into Writing, and executed by both Parties; *N.* repaired the House, and finding it to take a much greater Sum than the 20 *l.* told *W.* of it, and that he would nevertheless go on, and lay out more Money if he would enlarge the Term to 21 Years, or add 14, or as many as *N.* should think fit. *W.* replied, that they would not fall out about that, and after declared that he would enlarge the Term, without mentioning any Term in certain. Master of the Rolls said, that before the Statute written Agreements could not be controuled by a parol Agreement contrary to it, or altering it; but this is a new Agreement, and the laying out the Money is a Performance on one Part, and ought to be carried into Execution. *Mich. 4 Geo. 1. Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (H) Ca. 38.*

17. Where the Statute of Frauds has been used to cover a Fraud, the Court has always relieved. The first Case in Lord Nottingham's Time, where there was an absolute Conveyance and a Defeasance, which Defendant would not execute, but insisted on the Statute, and it was overruled. Next in Lord Jefferies's Time, where putting the Party into Possession was such an Execution of the Agreement in Part as was good against a subsequent Purchaser: So where one stands by and sees the Party lay out his Money in building on the Defendant's Ground, he was bound thereby. The Bill here was to have a Lease according to Defendant's Promise, Plaintiff having laid out Money on the Premises, and Defendant insists on the Statute, there being no Agreement in Writing, nor any certain Terms agreed upon; and says, what Plaintiff laid out was not on lasting Improvements; but admits Plaintiff built a Stable which cost him 10 *l.* It was proved that the Defendant told Plaintiff his Word was as good as his Bond, and promised the Plaintiff a Lease when he should have renewed his own from his Landlord. Lord Chan. said, that Defendant is guilty of a Fraud, and ought to be punished for it; and so decreed a Lease to Plaintiff, though the Terms were uncertain; it is the Plaintiff's Election for what Time he will hold it, and he doth elect to hold it during the Defendant's Term at the old Rent. Plaintiff to pay Costs. *Mich. 5 Geo. 1. Anon. Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (H) Ca. 40.*

1 Vol. Abr. Eq. p. 304. Ca. 10. S.C. but not S.P.

(a) Wherever a parol Agree-

ment is begun to be put in Execution, and intended to be continued, there though there be no Writing, yet Equity will enforce the Execution thereof notwithstanding the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries. *Per Lord Chan. Hil. 6 Ann. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 4. Vide Ibid. 11.*—The Foundation that Equity proceeds on in carrying Agreements into Execution because in Part performed, (as it seems to me) is, that one Party would run away with the Benefit done by the other, unless the Court interposed.

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was clearly of this Opinion. *Trin. 1719. Lockey and Lockey, Prec. in Chan. 519.*

19. *A.* agreed with the Defendant's Broker for 5000*l.* *South-Sea* Stock, to be delivered about ten Days afterwards. The Broker according to Usage made an Entry of this Agreement in his Pocket-Book; Stock being in the mean Time considerably risen, the Defendant refused to transfer. On a Bill for a specifick Performance of the Agreement, Defendant pleaded the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries. Lord Chan. seemed to be of Opinion that the Plea was good, and said, that it had been so held in many other Cases. But the Defendant having *barely pleaded the Statute*, without adding *that this Agreement was not reduced into Writing*, as he ought to have done, and so had not brought his Case within the Statute, the Plea was over-ruled. *Trin. 1720. Mussell and Cooke, Prec. in Chan. 533.*

The Reporter says in this Case, mention was made of the Case of ** Scould and Butter* last Term, where on a Bill for a specifick Performance of a Contract for *South-Sea* Stock, which was reduced into Writing.

the Rolls decreed for the Plaintiff, but on an Appeal Lord Chan. reversed the Decree, and the Party only to pay the Difference; and that to do otherwise might be the greatest Hardship and Injustice in the World, as the sudden Rise of Stocks happened. *Ibid. 534.* ** Vide Cud and Rutter, 1 Will. Rep. 570. which seems to be the same Case. See (A) P. Ca. See also P. C.*

20. *A.* agrees with *B.* for the Purchase of nine Houses, which were in Mortgage to *J. S.* and pays him a Guinea in Earnest. *B.* writes a Note to *J. S.* to this Effect, "*Mr. J. S. pray deliver my Writings to the Bearer, I having agreed to dispose of them.*" *J. S.* refused to deliver the Writings unless all the Mortgage Money was paid him down; and afterwards bought the Houses of *B.* himself. On a Bill for a specifick Execution of this Agreement, the Question was, whether the Letter or Note would bring the Agreement out of the Statute; (*for as to the Payment of the Guinea, that was agreed clearly to be of no Consequence, (the Payment of Money being only binding in Cases of Contracts for Goods.* Decreed that it would not (*a*); so the Bill was dismissed, but *without Costs*, for some *Fraud* in *B.* and *J. S.* to defeat *A.* of his Bargain. *Easter 1721. Seagood and Meale and Leonard, Prec. in Chan. 560.* Note; In this Case the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries was insisted upon by way of Answer.

(*a*) For the Agreement ought to have specified the Terms thereof, of which this did not though

it was signed by the Party; for it mentions not the Sum that was to be paid, nor the Number of Houses that were to be disposed of, or to whom they were to be disposed of, nor whether they were to be disposed of by way of Sale or Assignment of Lease; and so all the Danger of Perjury, which the Statute was to provide against, would be let in to ascertain this Agreement. *Per Cur', Ibid. 561.*

21. If *A.* by Letter promises to give such a Fortune with his Daughter to *B.* and *B.* marries the Daughter on the Encouragement of this Letter; this is sufficient to bring the Agreement out of the Statute of Frauds, and *B.* shall recover, because the Agreement is executed on his Part as far as it can be, and can never be undone after. Said *per Cur', Ibid.*

22. So, where a Man on Promise of a Lease to be made to him, *lays out Money on Improvements*, he shall oblige the Lessor afterwards to execute the Lease, because it was executed on the Part of the Lessee; besides, that the Lessor shall not take Advantage of his own Fraud to run away with the Improvements made by another. Said *per Cur'*, in the above Case.

Rule; Equity looks upon that as done which ought to be done.

23. But if no such Expence had been on the Lessee's Part, a bare Promise of the Lease, though accompanied with Possession, would not have been sufficient to have obliged the Lessor to execute a Lease; as where a Lessee by Parol agreed to take a Lease for a Term of Years certain, and continued in Possession on the Credit thereof; yet there being no Writing to make out this Agreement, it is directly within

the Statute. And so held by the Master of the Rolls in the Case of *Smith and Turner*, Mich. 1720. Said *per Cur'* in the Case of *Seagood and Meale & al'*, Easter 1721. *Prec. in Chan.* 561.

His Lordship said, unless in some particular Cases where there has been an Execution of the Contract by entering upon and improving the Premises, the Party's signing the Agreement is absolutely necessary for the completing of it; and to put a different Construction upon the Act would be to repeal it.—That *A.* having registred the Conveyance, (which looks artful on his Side) may put a Difficulty on him how to get back the Estate, but it being his own doing, and with a Design to fasten it on *B.* he must thank himself for it. The Reporter says, that his Lordship moreover laid Stress on what *B.* mentioned in the answering Part, wherein it was sworn that it had been agreed between him and *A.* that he (*B.*) might be off at any Time on paying the Charge of the Writings, which he said he was willing to do. *Ibid.* 771, 772.

Vide P. 25. A Letter wrote from a Father to his Daughter, by which he agrees to give her 3000 *l.* Portion, and this Letter not shewn to the Man who afterwards married the Daughter; this does not take the Promise out of the Statute of Frauds. *Trin.* 1722. *Ayliffe and Tracey*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 65. 2 *Mod. Ca. Law and Eq.* 3. S. C.

26. *H.* enters into a Contract in Writing with Plaintiff for the Purchase of a College Lease; Plaintiff agrees to renew the Lease in *H.*'s Name, or such Person as he should appoint. *H.* directs Plaintiff to renew the Lease in *C.*'s Name, and declares he bought it for him as his Agent. Plaintiff brings a Bill against both for the Residue of the Purchase Money. The Decree at the Rolls was against both Defendants to pay the Money, and in Case *H.* should pay it, then he to be at Liberty to prosecute the Decree in Plaintiff's Name against Defendant *C.* the Principal. *C.* appeals, for that he did not give any Authority in Writing to *H.* to buy it for him, and therefore by the Statute of Frauds he ought not to be bound by the Contract. *Macclesfield C.* affirmed the Decree, for that the Authority to treat or buy for him may be good without Writing, though the Contract itself must be in Writing by the Statute of Frauds. *Mich.* 10 *Geo.* 1. *Waller and Hendon and Cox*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Contract and Agreement*, (H) *Ca.* 45.

27. All the Judges of *England* being equally divided on this Question (a), Whether a Contract for Stock be within the Statute of Frauds, which mentions *Goods, Wares and Merchandizes*, so as to require the Contract to be in Writing, or Earnest Money to be paid? Therefore King *C.* would not determine this Point on a Demurrer, for a Case may be attended with such Circumstances as may make it just to decree a specifick Performance of the Party's own Agreement, or at least to pay the Difference. *Mich.* 1725. 2 *Will. Rep.* 308.—

(a) This Question first arose in the Case of *Pickering and Appleby*, Mich. 7 *Geo.* 1. which was an Action brought on an Assumpsit for 580 *l.* for ten Shares in the Stock of the Governors and Company of the Copper Mines in *England*, transferred and sold by *Pickering* to *Appleby*; on the Trial of which King *C. J.* sent this Point to be argued in *C. B.* and afterwards it was argued at *Serjeants-Inn* before all the Judges of *England*, but they being divided in Opinion, it was adjourned. *Comyn's Rep.* 354.—But see the following Case of *Crull and Dobson*.

It was said *arg'*, that Lord *Cowper* had determined a Contract for Stock to be within the Statute of Frauds, and that if it exceeded 10*l.* the same ought to be in Writing, in regard Stocks are Goods and Merchandizes within that Statute. *Ibid.* 307.

28. Defendant was a Broker, and had 5000*l.* *South-Sea* Stock of the Plaintiff's in his Hands, who told him he would sell when Stock came to 200*l.* Defendant, when the Stock was risen beyond that Price, told him he had sold 1000*l.* of it to *A.* at 200*l.* *per Cent.* and 500*l.* to *B.* who was his Partner, and the Rest he had taken himself at that Price; and Entries were made in his Books accordingly, but in such a Manner, that it looked as if done after the Rise of Stock, and only designed as an Evidence in Case of a Dispute. The Plaintiff insisted, that at the Time of the pretended Sale Stock was at 300*l.* and insists on that Price; the Affair was left to Arbitrators, and 4000*l.* deposited as a Security for so much as should be due. The Arbitrators did nothing; so a Decree was for the 4000*l.* against which Defendant petitions. The Court was of Opinion, it was a *fraudulent* Transaction; and that on the Sale, if such there was, he should have taken Earnest; for it has been determined here, that such a *Bargain is within the Statute of Frauds, and without Earnest, only Nudum pactum.* The Decree should have been to account for the 5000*l.* and the Produce of it; but as the Plaintiff acquiesces under the Decree, and it is reheard on Defendant's Petition, the Court would do no more than affirm the Decree. *July 8, 1725. Crull and Dodson, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 41.*

Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement (C) Ca. 18. S. C. says, Lord Macclesfield decreed the Deposit to be delivered to Plaintiff with Costs; and that the Decree was reheard July 8, 1725. before King C. and affirmed. — Vide (A) P. C. and also P. C.

(H) Voluntary Agreements, concerning them.

1. **A**N Husband who had made no Provision for his Wife, agrees that her Fortune, which was in Trustees Hands, should be laid out in a Purchase of Lands to be settled on them and the Heirs of their Bodies. A Bill brought by a Creditor of the Husband to set aside this Agreement, (for that it was after Marriage, and voluntary, and so ought not to prevent him of his *Debt*) was dismissed, but *without Costs.* For *per Cur'*, If the Husband himself had exhibited a Bill against the Trustees for the Portion, it would not have been decreed to him without making some such Settlement. *Easter 1691. Moor and Rycault, Prec. in Chan. 22.*

2. *A.* makes a voluntary Settlement of an Estate in *Ireland* of about 800*l.* *per Ann.* (after his own Death) on *B.* and the Heirs of his Body. *B.* afterwards agrees that *A.* shall have this Estate again, granting him a Rent-charge of 600*l.* *per Ann.* out of the same, but never delivered up the Settlement Deed, nor made any Conveyance of it. Then *A.* for 4000*l.* purchased of, and *B.* released, 300*l.* *per Ann.* of this Annuity. Afterwards *B.* without any Consideration, on *A.*'s Application released the other 300*l.* *per Ann.* Then *A.* dies, and his Devisee brought his Bill to have a Reconveyance of this Estate and the Settlement delivered up; which was decreed accordingly by Lord Keeper; for a *voluntary Settlement may be surrendered voluntarily, and such Surrender may be aided by a Court of Equity.* *Hil 1696. Wentworth and Deverginy, Prec. in Chan. 69.*

3. A second Marriage Settlement is recited to be made in Consideration that the Wife had parted with the former Settlement, which appeared to be made after the Marriage; but was recited to be in Consideration of a Marriage Portion secured, but no Proof of any previous Agreement

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ment for such Settlement; yet the Court presumed it, and so the second not voluntary against Bond-Creditors. *Mich. 1699. Anon. Prec. in Chan. 101.*

4. Equity will never help a defective Conveyance without Consideration; as if a Man *voluntarily* makes a Conveyance to another of his Estate, and it proves defective; *secus* if it be for Money, Marriage Jointure, &c. And whereas it was affirmed at the Bar that Equity would *compel an Execution of a Trust declared expressly, though without Consideration*; the Lord Keeper answered, that he did not think so truly. *Mich. 13 W. 3. Anon. Ca. in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 603.*

Vide the Case of Clavering and Clavering, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 24. Ca. 6.

5. *A.* on a Quarrel with his eldest Son made a Settlement of 100 l. a Year on his Wife, in Augmentation of her Jointure; and after being reconciled to his Son, *cancelled the Deed*; and so it was found at his Death. On a Trial at Law, the *Deed being proved to be executed*, was adjudged *good though cancelled*; and the Son, on a Bill brought in Chancery, was dismissed. By Lord Somers, *Hil. 1704.* Cited by Lord Keeper Wright as *Lady Hudson's Case, Prec. in Chan. 235.*

Gilb. Eq. Rep. 37. S. C. in totidem verbis.

6. A Settlement voluntary at first may become good by Matter *ex post facto*; as where a Father going President to the Bay of Bengal, does before his Voyage convey Land for raising a Portion for his Daughter, and *A.* afterwards marries her in Confidence of this Settlement. *Easter 1714. East-India Company and Clavel, Prec. in Chan. 379, 380.*

S. C. at the Rolls, Easter 4 Geo. 1. The Master held that the Plaintiff ought to have Relief tho' claiming under a voluntary Conveyance, for that the suppressing and destroying the Deed was a Fraud, tho' done by the

7. *A.* makes a voluntary Settlement on her Nephew *B.* and keeps the same in her own Possession; but the Settlement was made without any Power of Revocation; and sometime after the Nephew's Father by Stealth, and without *A.*'s Privity, got at this Settlement; and having an attested Copy thereof, put up the Deeds (there being two Parts) where they were before placed by *A.* and *A.* burns these Deeds, and settles the Estate on *C.* another Nephew. *B.* brought a Bill to establish the first Settlement, which was dismissed *with Costs*; and after *C.* claiming under the After-Settlement, brought a Bill to have the attested Copy delivered up; and it was decreed accordingly, because it was *indirectly* gained. *Mich. 1719. Naldred and Gilham, 1 Will. Rep. 577.*

Grantor herself, and tho' the Defendant was not aiding or abetting to it; and that a *Volunteer shall be aided in Equity against a Fraud.* And decreed that the Plaintiff be quieted in the Possession, and the Title Deeds delivered to him. *Viner's Abr. Tit. Voluntary Conveyance, (C) in a Note to Ca. 9. as from a MS. Case.*

8. On a Marriage Agreement, the Husband being under Age, the Wife's Father gave Bond to pay 1500 l. on his making a *suitable Jointure-Settlement on the Wife, without taking any Notice whatsoever of the Issue.* Afterwards on Payment of the 1500 l. 147 l. per Ann. Lands were settled in a strict Settlement. The Master of the Rolls held clearly, that the Settlement was good, and not voluntary or fraudulent against *Bond-Creditors*, being adequate to the Wife's Fortune; and that the Words of the Bond would bear such a Construction; and that a *Jointure-Settlement must be intended in the common Form, to the Issue, and a Jointure for the Wife.* *Mich. 1719. Brunjden and Stratton, Prec. in Chan. 520.*

9. If a Man voluntarily and without any Consideration covenant to lay out Money in a Purchase of Land to be settled on him and his Heirs, Equity will compel the Execution of such Contract though merely voluntary; for in *all Cases where it is a measuring Cast betwixt an Executor and an Heir, the latter shall in Equity have the Preference.*

Preference. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield's Opinion in the Case of Edwards and Countess Dowager of Warwick, Trin. 1723. 2 Will. Rep. 176.*

10. *A.* having a considerable Jointure, and a real Estate of her own purchasing, and also 1000 *l.* *South-Sea* Stock, conveys Part of the real Estate to Trustees to the Use of herself during her Widowhood, Remainder to *B.* her second Son in Tail, Remainder over, and covenanted to transfer the *South-Sea* Stock to Trustees for herself during her Widowhood, and afterwards to her said second Son; but the Stock was never transferred. *A.* delivered Duplicates of these Deeds into her Attorney's Hands, with a Charge not to part with them; and often declared she had done this for the Sake of her Children. Afterwards *A.* marries the Defendant *King*; whereupon the second Son brought a Bill to have these Lands and Stock and mesne Profits since the Marriage, and the Deeds, to be delivered to him. The Lady swore she never gave Notice to *King* of these Writings, and *King* swore that he had no Notice of any of them before his Marriage with her, but on the contrary, that *A.* before her Marriage delivered to him a Particular of her Estate, wherein were comprised these Premises and *South-Sea* Stock, which Particular was proved to be *A.*'s Hand Writing, but not to be delivered to *King* before the Marriage. Lord Chan. *King* said, as to the Widow, if she had kept these Deeds in her own Hands, and they had been got thence, or out of the Hands of her Agent, he thought she should not be bound by them; but there being Duplicates, and Evidence that she declared her Intention to be to put this out of her Power, he said he should make no Difficulty to decree against her, were she the Survivor and the only Defendant; but as she was in Possession, and visible Owner, it is hard to decree against *King*, who had no Notice of the Deeds; and that he inclined to give no Relief. Afterwards upon the Plaintiff's praying no Decree against his Mother or *King*, but only as to the Defendants who had the Deeds, that they might be delivered to him, his Lordship decreed accordingly; and that the Plaintiff might sue in the Trustee's Name, *without Prejudice to any Relief that King might have on his Bill*; and the Bill to be dismissed as to the Mother and *King* without Costs. *Trin. 1726. Cotton and King, 2 Will. Rep. 358.*

The Decree being without Prejudice to *King*, he now prefers his Bill in order to set aside these Settlements, and makes his Lady a Party; but it being now proved that these voluntary Settlements were made by the Lady before her Marriage Treaty with *King* was begun, and in a publick Manner; that she herself desired they might be publick; that she made an Entertainment for several of her Tenants, whereat being present, she acquainted them her younger Son *B.* was to be their Landlord in Case she married again; and if she married, her second Husband should marry her for Love. And it ap-

pearing that she had reserved to herself out of these Settlements her original Jointure made by her former Husband, (being 420 *l.* *per Ann.* Rent-charge) that she had nine younger Children by her former Husband, who at best were very slenderly provided for; and further, that *King* when he married her was in very mean Circumstances, an Half pay Lieutenant in *Ireland*, had two Sons by a former Wife; and that he had a considerable Sum of Money with this Lady, as she had been Executrix and Residuary Legatee of her former Husband; so that it was evident there had been no Fraud or Imposition on *King*, who did not so much as pretend he could make any Settlement or Jointure on his Lady. For these Reasons Lord Chan. *King* dismissed Plaintiff's Bill, as to that Part of it which sought to set aside any of the Settlements made by the Wife in Trust, &c. and as to the *South-Sea* Stock, though there was no actual Assignment by Deed, but only a Covenant to transfer, yet this was such an Assignment as would bind *King*, for it was not like a Bond from her to pay Money, since here *King* was to pay none, nor to part with any Thing which was his, it was only a Provision made by her before her Marriage Treaty with the Plaintiff, that in Case of her Marriage such a Part of her Estate should go to her Children, which was but reasonable. *Trin. 1732. King and Cotton, 2 Will. Rep. (a). 606. pl. 190.*—(a) There is a Mistake in the Numbring of the Pages of 2 Will. Rep. for Page 606. should be Page 674.

11. *It has been held, that the Consideration for the precedent Limitations in a Marriage Settlement has been applied even to the subsequent ones; as where, in Consideration of a Marriage and Portion, Land C. has been settled on the Husband for Life, and then to the Wife for Life, Remainder to the Children, with Remainder to a Brother; these Considerations have extended to the Brother; and the Reason is, because it may be very well intended that the Husband or his Parents would not have come into this Settlement unless all the Parties thereto*

See the Case of *Osgood and Strode, P.*

had agreed to the Limitation to the Brother. *Per Lord Macclesfield. Vide 2 Will. Rep. 175.*

12. *Edward Parry* covenanted to convey all his Lands (Part being in Mortgage) to himself and his Wife for Life, and to the Heirs of the Marriage, Remainder to *Edward Parry*, Plaintiff's Father, in Tail Male, who was a Stranger both in Blood and Consideration, and dying without Issue, devised the mortgaged Premises to Defendant. Plaintiff brought his Bill to have the Articles executed in Favour of him, but it was dismissed. *Parry and Hughes in Scacc', East. 4 G. 2. MS. Rep.* But otherwise if such Agreement had been in Favour of Children, Creditors, or such other good Considerations; for though the making of the Agreement was voluntary, yet the Cause of the Motive inducing to it was valuable and good. *Ibid.*—So in Favour of a Purchaser, the Seller after Purchase being considered only as a Trustee for the Purchaser. *Ibid.*

13. The Father on his Marriage had articulated to settle his whole Estate on that Marriage, but neglecting so to do, when the eldest Son of that Marriage attained his full Age, the Father without giving him Notice of the Articles, and with Threats to allow him nothing unless he complied, and on Promise to make an absolute Settlement on him in Case he would comply, prevailed on him to join in making a Settlement on the younger Children, and thereby to give the Father a Power to make a Jointure on another Wife; the Father afterwards gives Bond to make such Jointure, and marries. This Bond was set aside as against the Heirs, and the first Articles established, and the second Wife put to seek Satisfaction of her Bond out of the personal Estate. *Ivers and Ivers in Dom' Proc' 1734-5. Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq. 19. Ca. 17.*

14. The Father makes his Son of the first Marriage agree to a Provision for the Father's second Wife and their Children, in his the Son's own Wrong, and who was at the Time of the Agreement ignorant of his Right, and threatened by his Father to be kept at home bare, and without any Allowance, if he refused; but if he complied, he was to be allowed 260 *l.* a Year for his Maintenance, &c. The Son was relieved, and the Agreement set aside. *Scrope & Ux' and Offley, 24 May 1735. in Dom' Proc', Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq. 19. Ca. 18.*

(1) Agreements by Whom to be performed; and Where the Person or Estate Will be made liable to a Covenant or Agreement.

When *A.* was going to be married, his Wife's Uncle promised that he would settle his Freeholds and Copyhold upon his Wife and

1. *A.* Articled for the Sale of Land, which he covenanted to convey, but did not covenant for him and his Heirs. Held that *A.*'s Heir shall be bound to perform this Agreement, for as much as *A.* after sealing of the Articles, was in Nature of a Trustee for the Plaintiff of those Lands; which Trust with the Lands descended to the Heir; and decreed accord', *Trin. 1694. Gell and Vermedun, in Canc. 2 Freem. Rep. 199.*

her Issue; and though this was by Parol only, yet this Court decreed an Execution of it, being in Consideration of Marriage. Cited by *Cur'* as Sir *John Oway's* Case. *Ibid.*—And in the Case of *Stephens and Baily*, where Tenant *pur auter vie* to him and his Heirs articulated for a Sale, and died; although this is such an Estate as is not Assets to the Heir, yet he was decreed to execute this Agreement. Cited *ibid.*

2. A Steward has a general Authority to make Contracts with the Tenants, &c. but this will not bind the Lord without his Consent and Approbation, or unless Part of the Bargain is actually executed. *Per Lord Chan. Cowper, East. 3 G. 1. Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (H) Ca. 35.*

3. Marriage Articles were, *that within a Month after Marriage the Husband would surrender a Copyhold to the Wife for Life, Remainder to the Issue, Remainder to the Heirs of the Wife, and if he should neglect or refuse to make such Surrender, then he would leave the Wife 500 l. at his Death.* No Surrender is made; the Husband dies after the Month without Assets. *Parker C. decreed that the Heir at Law should surrender to the Plaintiff and her Heirs, and till surrendered he was a Trustee for her.* Here was no Election; if done after the Month the 500 l. was not to be paid; those are two express Covenants, and it is not put in the Alternative, and here is no Purchaser to be defeated; it is a Charge in Equity. *Mich. 5 Geo. 1. Wood and Pessey, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (O) Ca. 36.*

4. A. being seised of Lands in Right of his Wife, demised the same for 21 Years, and covenanted for himself and his Heirs, and for his Wife and her Heirs, to make a new Lease. If A. sells the Reversion to B. having Notice of the Covenant, the Estate of B. is bound, though at Law such a Covenant runs not with the Land. *Wengood and Lefebury, MS. Rep. 2. What Term and Year.*

(K) Concerning unreasonable Agreements, and in what Cases Equity will give Relief on Covenants and Agreements.

1. **T**HE Testator had by his Will devised (*inter alia*) several Lands to his Wife, Part of which were Copyhold, and were surrendered to the Use of his Will, and others were not; the Wife was Executrix, and married the Plaintiff, and they for a *small Consideration* got the Defendant and his Wife (who was Heir at Law to the Testator) to enter into Articles for the Conveying of these Lands, and making good the Testator's Will. It appeared they were not well apprised of their Interest when they entered into the Articles, and there was some Art used to bring them to it. The Master of the Rolls would not decree the Articles of a Feme Covert for conveying her Inheritance to be specifically performed, and left the Plaintiffs to their Remedy at (a) Law. Lord Keep. affirmed the Decree, but went upon the Fraud, and did not seem to take Notice of its being the Inheritance of a Feme Covert. *Trin. 1697. Preston & Ux' and Wasley & Ux', Prec. in Chan. 76.*

(a) A Court of Equity in Case of Articles has a discretionary Power to carry

them into Execution, or not; and if it appears they are unfairly obtained, though not to such a Degree as to set them aside, yet Equity will not order a Performance, but will leave the Plaintiff to his Remedy at Law; but if the Party who obtained such Articles has been in Possession of the Estate, (if the Articles are for the Purchase of an Estate) and upon the Prospect of having them performed he has improved the Estate, he will be allowed for such lasting Improvements, on consenting to deliver up the Articles, and to account for the Profits; otherwise if he goes on at Law (and fails there) he must not expect it. Said *per Lord Talbot* in the Case of *Savage and Taylor, Hil. 1736. Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 234, 236. Rules*; Equity will not carry unreasonable Bargains into Execution. *Vide Cases before the House of Lords, Brain and Wooley, 9 Feb. 1721. Carol and Chamberlyn, 14 July 1721. Tap and Stanhope, 24 March 1720.* Nor where a Person of a weak Understanding is drawn into it. *Vide said Case of Carol and Chamberlyn, Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq. 19. Cases 8. & 9.*

2. *A.* sells an Estate to *B.* with general Covenants against Incumbrances, and a particular one against his Wife's Dower. During the Life of *A.* and his Wife *B.* articles to sell this Estate to Defendant; and by the Articles it was agreed that the Defendant should retain 400 *l.* of the Purchase Money in his Hands for two Years without Interest; and if in that Time *A.*'s Wife released her Dower, the Defendant to pay 400 *l.* else to retain it absolutely. *A.* dies; his Widow did not release her Dower within two Years, but brought her Writ of Dower, but died before a Recovery of it. The Bill was to have the 400 *l.* paid; but Relief denied. *Per* Lord Chan. *Mich.* 1699: *Small and Fitzwilliams, Prec. in Chan.* 102.

For Defendant it was said, (and

Lord Chan. was of the same Opinion) that this 400 *l.* is not in Nature of a Penalty, but the Terms of the Agreement and the Measure of the Satisfaction for the contingent Incumbrance of Dower; and the Court would not have relieved on her Release if after two Years, much less here, where she was so far from releasing that she brought her Writ of Dower; and if she had recovered it, and lived several Years, the Defendant could have had only the 400 *l.* and could not have been permitted, at least in Equity, as Assignee of *B.* to sue the Covenant of *A.* against his own Agreement in Writing, which took Notice of the Dower, and this Covenant and Agreement to retain the 400 *l.* as a Recompence for it; and as he run the Hazard of her living, he ought now to have the Advantage of her dying. *Ibid.*

Here have been solemn Agreements, which ought not slightly to be got over; but however, if the Defendant has his Money, Interest and Costs, he will

3. *A.* articles to buy Land, and pays Part of the Purchase Money; afterwards he enters into several Orders of Court to pay the Residue by such a Day, and in Default thereof to give up the Articles, and lose what he had before paid; but not having complied with these Orders, he now brings his Bill to have the Purchase compleated, on Payment of what was due with Interest, and to be relieved against these Orders. Decreed accordingly, on Payment of Principal, Interest and Costs. *Per* Lord Chan. *Trin.* 1722. *Vernon and Stephens, 2 Will. Rep.* 66.

have no Reason to complain of having suffered; on the contrary it would be a very great Hardship on the Plaintiff to lose all the Money which he paid; *Lapse of Time in Payment may be recompensed with Interest and Costs*, and these Agreements were all intended only as a Security for Payment of the Money, which End is answered by the Decree. In 1720. when the Money was to have been paid, there was a great Scarcity of Money; also at that Time Defendant's Father was dead, which was the Act of God, and his Executors not acting, it was some Time before the Defendant took out Administration, with the Will annexed, of his Father, which was the Default of the Party; so that the Plaintiff's Payment of the Money at the exact Time was dispensed with. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 67 & 68.

4. Upon a Contest between *M.* and *T.* (who had a joint undivided Interest in an Estate, and who had agreed to set a Price upon each the other's Moiety) concerning the Meaning of their Articles in Writing, by which it was declared that *T.* should set the Price, and that upon Payment of such Price, together with the Repayment of 600 *l.* and Interest paid by *T.* to *H.* he was to convey. *T.* sets 700 *l.* for his Right in Writing, and *M.* accepts thereof; then *M.* prefers a Bill to have the Agreement performed according to the Parties Meaning. *T.* insists that he was to have the 700 *l.* besides the 600 *l.* and Interest; but *M.* says, that *T.* at the Contract valued his Half but in 700 *l.* (and the Whole in 1400 *l.*) and that it was the Intent of all Parties that the 600 *l.* should be included in the 700 *l.* and not be taken as two different Sums. Lord Chan. dismissed the Bill, it appearing that as the Agreement was made in Writing, it was unequal and against Reason; for the 600 *l.* paid by *T.* was towards a Mortgage to *H.* and *M.* had paid towards the same about 530 *l.* which was 70 *l.* short of *T.*'s Payment; and though *M.* by Answer offered to let his Part go on Payment of 700 *l.* including 600 *l.* paid, yet the other had 70 *l.* Advantage, and so unequal and unjust in *T.* to have 1300 *l.* for his Moiety, which made the Estate 2600 *l.* in Value; but he excused the Costs on Account of an impertinent Examination on *M.*'s

Part. Mich. 8 G. 1. *Tristram and Melhuish, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement*, (P) Ca. 10.

5. The Bill was to be relieved against a Contract in Writing for the Sale of eleven Shares of the *Lustring Company*, at 58 l. a Share, with the 10 l. *per Cent.* which the Company had called in, and which the Defendant the Seller had agreed to pay, the Money to be paid on the next opening of the Books. Afterwards a *Scire Facias* issued to repeal the Patent granted to the Company, and at the same Time a Proclamation was published to forbid Proceedings in Transfers; and by the *Stat. 6 Geo. 1. cap. 8.* it was made a *Præmunire* to have any Dealings with those Bubbles. The Company remitted the Call of 10 l. *per Cent.* and in Lieu thereof accepted of 2 l. *per Cent.* The Contract was made in 1720. and the Company never afterwards opened their Books, nor were they ever likely so to do. The Plaintiff was relieved; for the Master of the Rolls said, it is against natural Justice that any one should pay for a Bargain which he cannot have; there ought to be *quid pro quo*; but in this Case the Defendant has sold the Plaintiff a Bubble or Moonshine. The Seller in this Case is the chief Actor, he went to Market with the Bubble; and since no Transfer can be made, and Defendant having recovered at Law on these Articles, a perpetual Injunction was granted, and the Defendant, at the Plaintiff's Charge, to enter Satisfaction on the Judgment. *Easter 1724. Stent and Bailis, 2 Will. Rep. 217.*

Afterwards in Mich. Term 1725. on a Rehearing before Lord Chan. King, the Plaintiff insisted that it was indeed very reasonable he should run the Risk of the Falling of the Stock, were it to fall ever so low; buttho' it were fallen, yet ought he still to have some Stock for his Money. On the other side it was said, that the Plaintiff and Defendant must both be intended to know what they were

trafficking in, and the last Agreement between both Parties being that the Defendant should have his Money in all Events, whether the Books opened or not; and since there was no Fraud to be imputed to the Defendant, who had himself been a fair Purchaser of this Stock, and not the first Projector or Inventor, the Loss ought to rest where the Law laid it; and each Side having equal Equity, there could be no room for the Court to interpose: But his Lordship said, he could not divide the Loss, but would recommend it to both Parties to treat together, and share the same; and for that Purpose a Day was given to the Parties, who (as the Reporter says, he heard) agreed the Matter. *Ibid. 221.*

6. If a Man buys an House, and before such Time as by the Articles he is to pay for the same the House is burnt down by Casualty of Fire, he shall not be bound in Equity to pay the Money. Said *per* his Honour in the Case of *Stent and Bailis, 2 Will. Rep. 220.*

7. *A.* granted to *B.* a Lease of Lands for 99 Years, determinable on the Death of three Lives; which Lease was granted upon a Surrender of an old Lease of the same Lands to *A.* and was to be pursuant to the Covenants in the old Lease, one of which was, that upon the Death of any of the three Lives, the Lessee if willing might surrender the old Lease; and thereupon *A.* upon Payment of an Heriot and 8 l. was to grant a new Lease for three Lives, &c. But in this new Lease the Covenant was, that *B.* on the Death of any of the three Lives would absolutely surrender the same, and pay an Heriot and 8 l. and one of the Lives being now dead, and *B.* refusing to surrender this Lease and renew it, upon Payment of the said Heriot and Fine, the Defendant brought an Ejectment, and *B.* exhibited this Bill, and got an Injunction, the End of which was to be relieved against the Covenant in the new Lease. It appeared that *A.* had so settled his Estate that the now Defendant was only Tenant for Life, and by Consequence if he should surrender the Lease, the Defendant had no Power to grant a new Lease for three Lives. And the Difference between the old Lease and the new was proved. Decreed *per* Lord Chan. that since the Plaintiff was a Purchaser of this Lease (as every Lessee is) the subsequent Settlement made by *A.* by which the Defendant is made Tenant for Life, should not prejudice the Plaintiff, nor forejudge him of the Benefit of any Covenant in his Lease; therefore

there is no Reason to excuse the Plaintiff for Non-performance of the Covenant on his Part, because the Defendant is to all Intents capable to perform that Covenant on his Part. But his Lordship said, it is clear that *A.* himself (who drew the new Lease) did draw it in a different Manner from the old one, which should have been the Standard to guide him, and that it was drawn for his own Advantage, but in Equity it shall be taken as if it had squared with the old Lease; so that if the *Lessee is not willing to renew*, he shall be quieted in his Possession under the new Lease, as if he held by the old Lease. *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. Ashton and Bretland, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 58.*

8. Lessee for Years covenants not to alien without Licence of the Lessor, under Penalty of forfeiting the Lease; he doth afterwards alien without Licence, Equity will not relieve him; for *per Cur'*, where a Man makes a Lease for Life or Years upon a Condition of Re-entry for a Forfeiture, or that the Lease shall be void if the Lessee assigns or aliens without Licence, and afterwards the Lessee doth assign it without Licence; this is a Forfeiture, and such a Forfeiture against which Equity cannot relieve, *because it is unknow what will be the Measure of the Damages*; for *Equity never relieves but in such Cases where it can give some Compensation in Damages, and where there is some Rule to be the Measure of such Damages, to avoid being arbitrary.* *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Wafer and Mocato, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 112, 113.*

9. A written Agreement being unreasonable, the Court would not carry it into Execution; but decreed that it be delivered to the Party for whose Benefit it was designed, that he may have an Opportunity to make the most of it at Law. *Feb. 27, 1726. Squire and Baker, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (P) Ca. 12.*

10. Plaintiffs being Assignees under a Commission of Bankruptcy against *J. S.* brought their Bill against Defendant as Executor of *D.* who had lent *J. S.* several Sums upon Bonds at *6l. per Cent.* Interest, and had taken Advantage of his necessitous Circumstances, and compelled him to pay *10l. per Cent.* to which he submitted, and entered into Agreements for that Purpose. Decreed at the Rolls, and affirmed by Lord Talbot, that the Defendant should account, and that for what had been really lent legal Interest should be allowed, and what had been paid above legal Interest should be deducted out of the Principal at the Time paid. Plaintiffs to pay what should be due, and if the Testator had received more than was due with legal Interest, that was to be refunded by Defendant, and the Bonds to be delivered up. *Mich. 8 Geo. 2. Bosanquett and Dashwood, Ca. im Eq. Temp. Talbot 38.*

11. *A Bargain being hard and unreasonable, it is a Reason sufficient why a Court of Equity will not give its Assistance, as in the principal Case*, where a young Gentleman that has a Remainder in Tail expectant on the Death of his Uncle without Issue, and also expectant on his Father's Death, of an Estate of *300 l. per Annum* Value, sells this Remainder for *300 l.* Two Manors are inserted in the Deed, and it was agreed on all Hands that it was designed the Defendant should have but one of them; the one did not know what he sold, and the other did not know what he bought; such a Contract never was assisted, and there can be no Ground to give Relief to such a Purchaser. *Per Lord Chan. Hil. 1740. in the Case of Sir John Barnardiston and Lingwood, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 341.*

C A P. V.

Amendment.

(A) In what Cases to be allowed, and in what not.

1. **A** Writ of Error being brought to reverse a Judgment given in a *Formedon* for an Error in the Original, it was prayed in Chancery that the Original might be amended. Note; (*A Fine was levied of the Lands twenty Years since.*) And Lord Chan. ordered, that if the *Formedon* were brought *within five Years* after the *Fine*, it should be amended, otherwise not. *Trin.* 1678. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 39.

2. On a Plea in Abatement for want of proper Parties, it is in the Power of the Court to dismiss the Bill without Prejudice, or to give Leave to amend on Payment of Costs of the Day. *Per* Lord Chan. *Parker* in the Case of *Stafford* and *City of London*, *Easter* 1718. 1 *Will. Rep.* 428.

3. *A.* brought a Bill in the Dutchy Chamber against *B.* who demurred to the Bill, and the Demurrer being allowed, afterwards the Chancellor of the Dutchy gave Leave to *A.* to amend, which *B.* insisted to be utterly irregular, and that *A.* ought to be put to bring a new Bill, in Regard that by the *allowing of the Demurrer the Cause was out of Court, though before the arguing thereof A. might have amended (a).* *Trin.* 1725. Lord Coningsby and Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, 2 *Will. Rep.* 300.

(a) Agreeable to what was urged by *B.* it

was said by Lord Talbot, 9 Decemb. 1736. in the Case of ——— versus *Baines*, that after a Demurrer to the whole Bill allowed the Bill is regularly out of the Court, and no Instance of Leave to amend it. *Ibid.* in a Note.

4. There does not appear to be any Precedent in Chancery of an Amendment to a Bill in a Part wherein it has been dismissed upon the Merits. Said *per* King C. assisted by the Master of the Rolls in the Case of *Sir John Napier* and *Lady Effingham*, *Hil.* 1726. 2 *Will. Rep.* 402.

5. An Answer was amended after Hearing and Decree on a very full Affidavit of the Solicitor and his Clerk, that the Mistake was in ingrossing the Answer from the Draught, and the Draught produced. Upon solemn Debate before King Chan. assisted by the Master of the Rolls, though no Precedent could be shewn that this was ever done after the Cause heard; and this Matter had been before denied on a Petition and on a Motion. *Mich.* 1727. in the Case of *The Countess of Gainfborough* and *Gifford*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 424, 427.

6. Where it appears to the Court that either the Examiner is mistaken in taking the Deposition, or the Witness in making it, the Court will order such Deposition to be amended, and the Witness to swear it over again even after Publication, for until Publication it is impossible

His Lordship impossible to know the Mistake; and King Lord Chan. in the principal Case ordered *accord'*, *Mich. 1731. Griells and Gansfell, 2 Will. Rep. 646.*
 said, he thought it for the Advance-ment of Truth and Justice that such Mistakes should be amended; and the sooner the better, in Regard the Witness may be dead, or in remote Parts, before the Hearing; that it would be hard and unjust to pin a Witness down to what is a Mistake, by denying to rectify it. *Ibid. 647.*

Barnard. Eq. Rep. 332. 7. Where three or four Orders are obtained for the Amendment of a Bill, and new Ingrossments made under those Orders, the Rule is, if the Plaintiff moves for further Liberty to amend his Bill, he shall pay full Costs to be taxed. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Hil. 1740. Anon. MS. Rep.*
Brinford and Sir John Tompson S. C. states it, That Plaintiff had

obtained three several Orders to amend his Bill upon Payment of 20 *l.* Costs; and under these Orders had amended *accord'*. Then he moved for a fourth Order to amend upon the like Terms, when it was insisted that he ought to pay full Costs. But the Court inclining to allow of the Amendment, the Defendant consented to it, upon the Plaintiff's agreeing to wave the Exceptions which he had taken to the Answer. Hereupon the Plaintiff amended his Bill, by adding a new Ingrossment of 15 Sheets; and it was now moved that this last Order might be discharged, or else that the Plaintiff might pay full Costs for the Amendment. But Lord Chan. observed, that at the Time the last Order was made the Motion was defended, and there was a Consent; for which Reason his Lordship would not discharge the fourth Order, or require that full Costs should be paid.

(a) There is no certain Rules concerning the Amendments of Answers, and they are in the Discretion of the Court. Amendments have not been 8. Defendant moved for Leave to amend his (a) Answer, by striking out particular Words, and inserting others in their Room. Defendant made an Affidavit of the Mistakes in the Answer, and which was corroborated by the Affidavit of another Person. Lord Chan. If there had been only the Defendant's Affidavit I would not allow of the Amendment, but as there is the Affidavit of another Person I will; and ordered *accord'*. *Easter 1740. Woodgate and Fuller, MS. Rep.*

confined merely to Mistakes in the Ingrossment of an Answer, where that has differed from the original Draught; but Answers have been allowed to be amended where there have been Mistakes in it in Matter of Fact. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid.* And his Lordship also said, that he had known an Answer allowed to be amended even after the Defendant has had a Prosecution of Perjury commenced against him for what he had sworn in his Answer; but that has been only where the Circumstances have been extremely strong, to shew that it could have been only a mere Mistake. In the principal Case the Nature of the Fact speaks it, that as the Answer now stands, the Clause inserted in it could not have been inserted to serve any Interest of the Defendant; it was not a Fact asserted by the Answer, but admitted by it. *Ibid.—Barnard. Eq. Rep. 50. S. C. and P.*

C A P. VI.

Annuity (a), and Rent-charge.

(a) Annuity is a yearly Payment of a certain Sum of Money granted to another in Fee, for Life or Years,

charging the Person only of the Grantor. *Co. Lit.* 144. b. But if a Man would that another should have a Rent-charge issuing out of his Land, but would not that his Person be charged in any Manner by a Writ of Annuity, then he may limit such a Clause in the End of his Deed; *Provided always that this present Writing, nor any Thing therein specified, shall any way extend to charge my Person by a Writ or an Action of Annuity, but only to charge my Lands and Tenements with the yearly Rent aforesaid*; and then the Land is charged, and the Person of the Grantor discharged. *Co. Lit. sect. 220.* And the Reason is, because the Person is not expressly charged by such a Grant, but by Operation of Law. But a Proviso not to charge the Land is repugnant. *Per Popbam J. C. Hil. 37 Eliz. in Casu Fulwood and Ward, Popb. Rep. 87.*—A Man ought to grant an Annuity for him and his Heirs, otherwise the Heir shall not be charged, nor can it continue after his Death; contrary of the Grant of a Rent out of Land, or a Grant of a Rent whereof he is seised. *Note*; a Diversity for this charges the Land, but an Annuity charges the Person only. *Br. Charge, pl. 54.* cites 21 H. 7. 1. *per Butler*, where a Man grants an Annuity to J. S. and his Heirs; this shall not serve but during the Life of the Grantor, and yet there is a Fee-simple determinable upon the Life of a Man. *Br. Estates, pl. 65.* cites 21 H. 7. 4.—But if he had granted it for him and his Heirs to the other and his Heirs, it is otherwise. But of Grant of a Rent out of Land to J. S. and his Heirs, it is good, for the Land is charged; and in the other Case the Person is charged, which cannot extend to the Heir without express Words. *Br. Ibid.*

(A) Concerning both.

1. *J. W.* by Will devised 10 *l.* per Ann. to *A.* for Life, chargeable on several Houses, and made his Wife Executrix, and died; and after she made her Will, and thereof *J. S.* Executor, and thereby also devised 10 *l.* for Life to *A.* And *J. S.* being seised in Fee of an Estate of Inheritance of his own, settled this Estate on himself for Life, Remainder to his first, second, &c. Sons in Tail, Remainder to Trustees for 99 Years, in Trust to pay his Debts and Legacies, and afterwards that *A.* should receive 20 *l.* a Year for Life, and afterwards died without Issue, whereby the Term vested in the Trustees to execute the Trust; *A.* preferred his Bill against the Trustees for Payment of the 20 *l.* devised to him by the several Wills, for that *J. S.* having wasted the Assets, it was a Debt due to him to which the Trust was subject, as also for the 20 *l.* Annuity; and the Question was, whether *A.* should have the 20 *l.* only, or 40 *l.* in Regard that the several Annuities of 10 *l.* amounted to the Sum of 20 *l.* And the Estate on which the said several Annuities were charged coming to *J. S.* and he having out of his own Estate also granted an Annuity of 20 *l.* to *A.* for Life, the other Question was, whether that should be construed in Satisfaction of the 20 *l.* he was obliged to pay pursuant to the several Wills? And Lord Chan. agreed the Gifts by the Will good, and that where a Man being Debtor in 10 *l.* gives 20 *l.* that shall be a Satisfaction, not a Legacy; and said his private Opinion was, that the 20 *l.* Annuity was intended for Satisfaction, and that there was no Case like this in Point; and decreed the 10 *l.* first devised to be paid prior to the other 10 *l.* devised by *J. S.* the Executor; and if *A.* will take the 20 *l.* Annuity by the Settlement, he may subject himself to all Incumbrances; but the In-

cumbrances prior in Point of Time to be preferred, and the other Incumbrancers had Notice of the Deed to be posterior to their Incumbrances; and therefore the Incumbrance by Judgment being a Lien on the Land, prior to the Grant of the Annuity, shall be preferred before the Grant of the Annuity, because his Charge on the Land is posterior. Note; *It was agreed that Costs should be decreed against A. the Plaintiff, because he knew in his Conscience that J. S. intended the 20 l. Annuity for Satisfaction. East. 7 Ann. Davison and Goddard & Ux' & al', Gilb. Chan. Rep. 65.*

2. An Annuity of 40 l. per Ann. charged upon Land; the Tenant insisted to have a Deduction of 4 s. in the Pound for Land-Tax, but *because the Assessment in the Parish where the Lands lay was no more than 2 s. 6 d. such a Deduction was only allowed. East. 8 Ann. King and Weston, MS. Rep.*

So in the Case of *Atwood and Lambrey*, heard at the Rolls before

Sir Joseph Jekyll, Mich. 1719. where one in 1683. in Satisfaction of a Widow's Dower mortgaged Lands, on Condition to pay her 20 l. per Ann. whereupon the Court held, that this being an annual Payment secured by Land, should answer Taxes in Proportion as the Land paid, but refused to make the Annuitant refund in Respect of the Payments she had received Tax free, and for which the Party paying had omitted to deduct. 3 Will. Rep. 128. in a Note. *Vide the Case of Green and Marygold, P. 64. Ca. 8. and the Notes there.*

1 Will. Rep. 600, 604. Hil. 1719. S. P. in the Case of *Blackborn and Edge, & econtra*, and which I take to be the same Case.

3. J. S. by Will directs that A. should live at his House at C. and that A.'s Son should cohabit with her there, in the same Manner as he then did with the Testator; that A. should be at all the Charges of House-keeping, Servants Wages, and Coach-Horses, to the Number that the Testator maintained; and to enable her so to do, he directed that an Annuity of 1200 l. should be paid A. by Quarterly Payments during her Life. That in Case her Son should marry, and A. should think fit to live from him, and to quit the House and Furniture, then she to have 250 l. per Ann. for Life. The Son married, and he and his Wife were not inclined to live with A. at the said House. It was resolved by Lord Chan. *Parker*, that the Son might live at the House with his Mother as formerly he did with the Testator; but if he would live there with a greater Number of Servants, &c. than were in the Testator's Life-time, that his Mother was not bound to maintain them. That she is only to maintain him in the same Plight and Manner as the Testator did. That there ought not to be any Abatement of the 1200 l. Annuity by Reason of the Son's Absence, any more than there ought to be for the Years that he travelled after the Testator's Death; and though he had died there should be no Abatement of the 1200 l. per Ann. by the same Reason there should be no Abatement in Respect of the voluntary Absence of the Son, for that the Testator intended that in all Events during the Life of the Mother there should be the same Hospitality as in his Life-time, only in Case she should leave the House (which was left to her Election) there she was to have but 250 l. per Ann. That this 1200 l. per Ann. was to be paid her very exactly, (*viz.*) Quarterly during her Stay in the House; and Care is taken that even the Repairs of the House shall be paid out of the other Part of his Estate. *Hil. 1719. Anon. MS. Rep.*

The Will being made in England, and the Husband and Wife and Trustee all living in England, and this being a Pro-

4. J. S. being seised in Fee of Lands in Ireland, and he and his Wife living in England, by his Will made in England devised these Lands to a Trustee (who also lived in England) for 500 Years, in Trust out of the Rents, &c. to pay an Annuity of 80 l. per Ann. to his Wife for Life. *Macclesfield C.* decreed the Plaintiff to be paid her

her Annuity, the 80 l. per Ann. shall be intended 80 l. per Ann. of that Country where the Will was made, for it cannot be conceived that the Testator thought of sending his Wife every Year to Ireland to fetch her Annuity. Said per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* *Vide the Case of Phipps and Earl of Anglesea, P. C.*

her Annuity in *English* Money, without and Charge of Remittance, and with Costs. *Hil. 1722. Wallis and Brightwell, 2 Will. Rep. 88.*

5. *A.* by Will gives an Annuity of 20 *l. per Ann.* to *J. S.* out of his *personal* Estate. It happened that *J. N.* the Executor had said, *that he would go to Gaol and leave the Legatees unpaid*; and though the Annuity was by the Will made payable Quarterly, yet it was three Years in *Arrear* (a). It was prayed that the Executor should give Security for the Payment of the Annuity. The Executor having by his Answer submitted it to the Court whether he should give any Security. and appearing to have expressed himself in Words threatening to defeat the Annuity, his Honour ordered the Master to see a sufficient Part of the *personal* Estate set apart and assigned to a Trustee, in Trust to secure the Annuity. *Trin. 1723. Batten and Earnley, 2 Will. Rep. 163.*

(a) Note; It was insisted for the Annuitant that these Arrears should carry Interest. *Sed per Cur.*, this is only done where there are great Arrears; but a Sum. *Ibid.*

it is not usual to compute Interest for so small

6. *A.* devised that his Executors should sell his Lands in *D.* and invest the Money arising from that Sale, and the Surplus of his *personal* Estate, in purchasing an Annuity of 100 *l. per Ann.* for *J. S.* for *her* Life, out of which she was to maintain her Children, and gave 30 *l.* to each Child, to be raised out of the said Annuity and his *personal* Estate, and the Overplus (b) of his *personal* Estate he gave to *J. S.* The Testator dies, and the intended Annuitant dies three Months after the Testator. The Testator's Executors renouncing, Administration with the Will annexed was granted to Plaintiff, who was also the Administrator of *J. S.* (the intended Annuitant) and with the Children of *J. S.* brought this Bill against the Testator's Heir at Law, to compel him to join in a Sale of the devised Lands. King C. decreed the Land to be sold, and the Money arising by the Sale, as *personal* Estate, to be paid to the Plaintiff, (the Administrator of the intended Annuitant) he paying the Children's Legacies. But the Heir at Law was ordered his Costs (c). *Mich. 1725. Yates and Compton, 2 Will. Rep. 308.*

In this Case it was insisted that the Estate in Question descended to the Heir at Law, for which Reason he ought to have the Rents till the Sale. But the Court denied this, it being by the Will changed into *personal* Estate; and said, that if the Executors had sold the Land within three Months after the Testator's Death,

and before the Death of the intended Annuitant, then (probably) the Annuitant's Administrator should on her Death have had the Money, or (perhaps) she might in her Life-time have come into Equity, and have prayed that at least Part of the Money should have been kept for the Children, and not invested in the Annuity; nor ought the Delay of the Executors in not selling the Land in Question within the said three Months to hurt the intended Annuitant or her Children. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid. 311.* (b) The Intention of the Will was to give all away from the Heir, and to turn this Land into *personal* Estate. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid. 310.* (c) Though by the Register's Book the Decree appears to have been as here stated, yet it is not mentioned in what Right the Court took the Plaintiff to be intitled. *Ibid. 311.* in a Note.

7. *J. H.* being possessed of a Term for Years in certain Lands lying in the County of *Middlesex*, granted an Annuity of 40 *l.* to the Plaintiff, to be issuing out of these Lands; the Defendant being concerned for *J. H.* in the Management of his Affairs, knew that *J. H.* had granted this Annuity to the Plaintiff, and had seen the Deed, and paid him Part of the Annuity upon *J. H.*'s Account: Afterwards *J. H.* purchased the Reversion of these Lands, and then the Defendant purchased the Term and Reversion of *J. H.* Then *J. H.* dies, and the Defendant refused to pay the Plaintiff his Annuity, because the Deed by which *J. H.* had granted it was *not* registered in the publick Office appointed for that Purpose, according to the *Stat. 7 Ann. c. 20. sect. 1.* which requires "that all Deeds or Conveyances of, and all Incumbrances upon, any Lands lying in the County of *Middlesex* should be registered, otherwise every such Conveyance shall be void against any subsequent Purchaser for a valuable Consideration." The Defendant therefore insisted that he was a subsequent Purchaser

Purchaser for a valuable Consideration, and that the Plaintiff's Claim of an Annuity could not affect him, because it was not registred, whereas his Conveyance was duly registred. But all the Barons were clearly of Opinion, that the Plaintiff was intitled to have his Annuity out of these Lands against the Defendant notwithstanding this Statute, for the Statute only intended to give such Notice of former Incumbrances to Purchasers that they might not thereby be defrauded; but if a Man knows of his own Knowledge that there is a prior Incumbrance, and notwithstanding that Knowledge will be a Purchaser, the Statute was never intended to relieve such an one, though the first Incumbrance was not registred; for where a Man purchaseth with Notice of a prior Incumbrance, he purchases with an ill Conscience, and in a Court of Equity his Purchase shall never be established; and the Statute does not confine a Man's Notice to be only from this publick Office, for if he hath Notice by any other Ways or Means, it shall bind him in a Court of Equity. Therefore they decreed the Plaintiff his Annuity, and the Arrears of it. *Mich. 12 G. 1. Cheval and Nickolls in Scacc', MS. Rep.*

If a Devise be of a Rent-charge clear of all Taxes, by express Words, it will be subject nevertheless by the Land-Tax Act, because there is no Saving, as in the Case of Covenants, &c. between Landlords and Tenants. But here the Words of Exception are

8. *A. by Will in 1677. devised Lands of 62 l. per Ann. to Trustees, to pay out of the Rents and Profits 30 l. per Ann. to his Wife for her Life, without any Deductions, in Satisfaction for her Dower; and the Question was, whether there was to be an Allowance for the Land-Tax or not? Held per the Master of the Rolls, that this Devise was to be considered as a Rent-charge to the Wife, and therefore as all such Rents are chargeable by the Land-Tax Act, so ought this; and the Saving in that Statute of Covenants and Agreements between Landlords and Tenants does not extend to this Case. But note, That as the Party had paid the Annuity without deducting the Tax, the Court would not go back to make the Party refund, nor was it so much as prayed. Mich. 1727. Green and Marygold, Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (M. d.) Ca. 3. — Vide the Case of King and Weston, P. 62. Ca. 2. and the Notes there.*

not so strong, it is not said clear of Taxes, or without Taxes, but without any Deductions, so that Testator seems not to have had the Case of Taxes under his Consideration, but Deductions of other Kinds; and there is no Reason why the Testator if he had intended it to be clear of Taxes should not have mentioned the Word Taxes, since if no Land-Tax was then actually in Being, it was a kind of Tax that had been before, and was well known. That every Land-Tax is a new Grant to which all are Parties, and thereby is a Liberty to deduct out of all Rent-charges and Annuities. Said per his Honour. *Ibid.*

9. *A. by Will directs that his Trustees should out of the Rents and Profits of his Estate raise and pay unto his Son B. and his Wife, (over and above what the Testator had by his said Will before given them) 100 l. per Ann. during their respective Lives, 60 l. per Ann. whereof to be paid to the Wife for the better Support of herself and Daughter, the Remaining 40 l. per Ann. to go to the Son. The Son dies in the Testator's Life-time; the Son's Wife shall have the Whole 100 l. per Ann. Decreed by Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1731. Cowper and Scot & al', 3 Will. Rep. 119, 121.*

It was observed that the 60 l. per Ann. given to the Wife was not made payable to her during the Coverture, or during the joint Lives of her and her Husband, but generally, and so must be intended for her Life, as any general Devise or Grant must be taken to be for the Life of the Devisee or Grantee. Sed per Cur', Tho' this Clause be unskilfully penned, yet it is plain and express that the Testator's Son and his Wife should have an Annuity of 100 l. per Ann. for their respective Lives, and such express Devise is not to be controlled by Words that are doubtful, and barely capable of another Construction. The Testator may well be intended to have meant that during the Coverture 60 l. per Ann. out of the 100 l. per Ann. should be allowed for the Maintenance of the Wife and her Daughter, and not that the Daughter's Maintenance should remain a Clog on the Wife during her Life, if she should happen to survive her Husband, and when probably her Daughter would have had another Provision fallen to her on the Death of her Father, as in Fact she had. Ibid. 122.

10. Where *A.* by Will charges the Residue of his personal Estate with 40 *l.* *per Ann.* to his Wife, to be paid Quarterly, and this Estate appears to consist of some Bonds or Securities, the Court will order the Executor to bring before the Master such Part thereof as may be sufficient to preserve this Annuity for the Widow. Decreed by *Talbot* Lord Chan. *Mich.* 1734. *Slanning and Style, & contra*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 334, 336.

11. *J. S.* had a Rent-charge of 166 *l.* *per Ann.* granted to him and his *Assigns* for three Lives. *J. S.* and his Wife mortgage this Rent-charge to *B.* In the Premises of the Mortgage Deed the Rent-charge was granted to *B.* his *Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Habendum* to him, his *Heirs and Assigns*, during the three Lives for which this Rent was originally granted; upon *special Trust* that *B.* his *Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall enjoy* 100 *l.* *per Ann.* out of it to their own proper Use till the Mortgage Money was paid, if the Lives should so long live. The Mortgagee made his Will, and thereof Plaintiff his Executor. Though according to the *Habendum* of the Mortgage Deed, (which in this Case ought to take Place) the legal Estate in this Rent belongs to the Heir at Law, yet the Executor within the Meaning of the Trust of the same Deed is intitled to the Benefit of it, it being expressly declared by the Deed, that the Mortgagee, his *Executors, Administrators and Assigns*, should enjoy the Benefit of 100 *l.* *per Ann.* Part of the Rent-charge, to their own Use till the Mortgage was satisfied, if the Lives continued so long. So decreed by the Master of the Rolls, upon Time taken to consider of this Point, *Easter* 1740. *Kendal and Micfield, Barnard. Chan. Rep.* 46.

C A P. VII.

Answers, Pleas and Demurrers.

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(A) Answer;—In what Cases the Defendant is not obliged to Answer the Bill;—and how far the Answer of one shall affect another.

1. **T**HE Bill was brought against an *Auditor* of the *Dutchy*, who answers, That he doth not know any Thing that is prayed in the Bill, but as an Officer. Resolved by all the Barons, That he is not obliged to answer the Bill, because every Subject may have Knowledge of it, paying the usual Fees; and it is not charged in the Bill that the Defendant had any Interest in the Thing which is demanded, neither is it alledged that he hindered any Person from searching. *East. 7 Ann. Delove and Bellamey in Scacc' MS. Rep.*

2. Where the Husband will answer to the Prejudice of the Wife, who is an *Executrix*, a Court of Equity, upon a Motion, will give Leave for her to answer separately. *East. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

3. Regularly

3. Regularly the Answer of one Defendant shall not be made use of (a) The Answer of one Defendant as Evidence against another Defendant (a); but one Defendant saying by his Answer that he was much in Years, and could not remember the Matter charged in the Bill, but that J. S. was his Attorney, and transacted this Matter; and J. S. being made a Defendant, and giving an Account of this Matter, here, upon a Motion for an Injunction, Lord Cowper said, that these Words in the Defendant's Answer amounted to a referring to the Co-Defendant's Answer, and for that Reason the Attorney's Answer ought to be received, and accordingly was read against the first Defendant. Mich. 1715. Ca. 75. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 300.

in Answer in my Favour, and the other Defendant would have no Opportunity of cross examining to it. 3 Will. Rep. 311. in a Note by the Editor.

4. One Defendant shall not be prejudiced by the Admission of another. March 6, 1720. Cheevers and Geoghegan, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (X. a.) Ca. 6. cites it from a MS. Table.

5. A Man is not obliged to answer any Question which may subject him to a Penalty (a). November 17, 1725. Paxton's Case, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 53. (a) Vide P. 7.

(B) In what Cases an Answer (or Plea) may be put in Without Oath.

1. IT was ruled by the Lord Keep. that a Plea of Outlawry should be put in without Oath, because of the Averment of Identity of Persons; and his Lordship also ruled, that a Plea of the Privilege of Oxford should be put in without Oath. Mich. 1674. Masters and Bruett, 2 Freem. Rep. 143.

2. Macclesfield Lord Chan. on Petition allowed a Quaker, who was committed for not answering to a Bill exhibited against him, to put in his Answer without Oath or Affirmation, (his Conscience being so tender that he could not prevail upon himself to do either) the Bill appearing to be groundless, and discharged him out of Custody. Hil. 1721. Wood and Story & al', 1 Will. Rep. 781.

His Lordship observed, that nothing could more prevent Justice than to make a Court of Justice and the Process thereof a

Means of Oppression; and whenever that appeared to be the Case, his Lordship said he would relieve the Party oppressed. Ibid. 782.—And in a Note there, it is said that the like Order was said to have been made by Lord Harcourt in Dr. Heathcote's Case. Ibid. 782.

(C) Of the Traverse to an Answer;—And how a Corporation Aggregate answer.

1. IF the Defendant denies the Fact, he must traverse or deny it If a Man (as the Case requires) directly, and not by way of Negative pregnant; as if he be charged with the Receipt of a Sum of Money, he must deny or traverse that he has not received that Sum, or any Part thereof, or else set forth what Part he has received; and if a Fact be laid the general, yet he must

answer it particularly, or else it may be demurred to, for that may be a Matter of Judgment. November 17, 1725. Paxton's Case, Sel. Cases 53. — So if Defendant answers, he must answer the Charge in the Bill, though what he answers might have been good by way of Plea. 10 November 1725. Richardson and Mitchell, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 51. The Cases of Stephens and Stephens, and Edwards and Freeman, were cited as Cases in Point.

laid to be done with *divers Circumstances*, the Defendant must not *deny* or *traverse* it *literally* as it is laid in the Bill, but *must answer the Point of Substance positively and certainly*. *Clarend. Ord. 18 Car. 2.*

2. Where the *general Traverse* is omitted at the End of a *full Answer*, yet the Answer is good, and not to be suppressed; for where every Clause in the Bill is *fully answered*, the adding the *general Traverse* is rather *impertinent* than otherwise; and if *Issue* is taken upon this *Traverse*, it is a *Denial only of every other Thing not answered before by the Answer*. Said *per Macclesfield C.* and his Lordship said, that this *general Traverse* seemed to him to have *obtained formerly* and in *ancient Times*, when the Defendant used only to *set forth his Case in the Answer*, without answering every Clause in the Bill; and for that Reason it was the Practice for the Defendant to add at the End of the Answer this *general Traverse*. *Mich. 1722. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 87.*

3. Where a *Corporation Aggregate* (such as the *East-India Company*) are Defendants, they answer no otherwise than under their *common Seal*, and are not liable to a *Prosecution for Perjury* though their

(a) A Bill against a Corporation to discover Writings; Defendants Answer under their common Seal, and so not being sworn, will answer nothing in their own Prejudice. Ordered that the Clerk of the Company, and such principal Members as the Plaintiff should think fit, answer on Oath, and that a Master settle the Oath. *Per North Keep. Hil. 34 & 35 Car. 2. Anon. 1 Vern. 117.*—Vide the Case of *Wych and Meal*, *Tit. Demurrer, P. Ca.*

(D) Of referring Answers (or Bills) for Scandal, Impertinence, Insufficiency, &c.

(b) Or a Bill. I. IF an Answer (b) contains *scandalous Matter*, it may be expunged upon Motion, and the Party that *slanders* shall pay *Costs*: This was agreed by all, but the Doubt was, whether this could be done at the Hearing of the Cause. Lord Chan. said, he did not remember that it ever had been done; but said, he would expunge the *scandalous Matter* if the Plaintiff would not insist upon *Costs*. But the Counsel not being satisfied with that, *Precedents* were ordered to be searched. *Trin. 7 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

2. If the Plaintiff refers the Answer for *Scandal and Impertinence*, and the Master finds it, neither, the Plaintiff in his *Exceptions* to the Report must shew wherein, in what *Line or Page*, and how far the Answer is *scandalous or impertinent*; and it is not sufficient to say in general that it is *scandalous and impertinent*. *Per Lord Macclesfield, Trin. 1723. Craven and Wright, 2 Will. Rep. 181.*

3. And it seems to be a stronger Case where *Exceptions* are taken to an Answer for *Insufficiency*, and the Master reports it *sufficient*, that the *Exceptions* to the Report should shew wherein the Answer is *insufficient*. *Per Macclesfield C. Ibid.*

4. So if a *Bill or Answer* be referred for *Scandal*, and the Master reports it *scandalous*, if the Master has once *expunged this Scandal*, the Party cannot then *except to the Report*, because when the *Scandal* is expunged, it cannot be made appear by the Record what that *Scandal* was, and it was the Party's own Fault that he did not *except* sooner. *Per Lord Macclesfield. Ibid. 182.*

5. A Defendant having answered the Bill, cannot afterwards refer it for Scandal (a). This was made a Rule by King C. Mich. 1725. *Abergavenny and Abergavenny*, 2 Will. Rep. 311. Note; By this Means an old Rule of Court was altered. *Ibid.* 313.

(a) For when the Defendant has submitted to answer the Bill, why should he after

that procure the Bill to be altered, and by that Means be made a new Bill? Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 312.

6. After an Order to refer an Answer for Insufficiency, it cannot be referred for Impertinence; yet it may be for Scandal, as was determined in the Case of *Ellison and Burges*, Hil. Vac. 1729. by King C. *Ibid.* 312. in a Note by the Editor.

7. When a Defendant is in Contempt for want of an Answer, and an insufficient Answer is put in, that is no Answer at all; and the Plaintiff is not to begin his Process *de novo*, but go on regularly from the last Process. June 13. 4 Geo. 2. Rep. of Sel. Cases in Canc. 5.

8. J. S. being indebted to B. in 1600 l. secured by a Judgment, mortgaged his Estate to D. A. the Judgment-Creditor brings a Bill against D. the Mortgagee, and J. S. praying to be relieved against this Mortgage in Respect of the Judgment, D. at the Time of the Mortgage having had Notice of the Judgment. D. by Answer denied that at the Time of entring up of the Judgment he had any Notice of it. This Answer was reported to be insufficient, and then he answers again and says, that at the Time of signing and entring up of the Judgment he had no Notice of it. This Answer was also reported to be insufficient; on an Exception being taken to this Report Lord Chan. held, that this second Answer was insufficient; and the Exception was allowed accord'. Mich. 1740. *Hinds and Dod*, MS. Rep.

Barnard. Eq. Rep. 258. S. C. held accord' says, Lord Chan. said, that the Party had only sworn in the Conjunction that at the Time of the signing and entring up of the Judgment he had no Notice of it; whereas he

should have sworn that at the Time of the signing or entring up of the Judgment he had not this Notice. His denying that he had not this Notice at the Time the Judgment was entred up, is by no Means material; it is his having Notice of the Judgment at the Time of signing it, that can only affect him; and that which makes it the more reasonable to require of him an express Denial of the Notice of the Judgment at the Time of signing it, is, that in his former Answer he only swore that at the Time of entring up of the Judgment he had not this Notice; which Answer was clearly on that Account insufficient. *Ibid.* 259.

Of putting in Answers where there is a Cross-Bill, vide Cross-Bill, Tit. Bill, P.

(E) Pleas (a); — What shall be a good Plea, and what not; and in what Cases a Plea shall stand for an Answer, &c.

(a) A Plea in Equity is a special Answer to a Bill, or some Part thereof, shew-

ing and relying upon one or more Things as a Cause why the Suit should either be dismissed, delayed or barred. Vide P. C. — Pleas in Equity are of three Kinds: 1st, To the Jurisdiction. 2dly, To the Person. 3dly, In Bar. Vide *Harrison's Accomplished Practiser in the High Court of Chan.* Vol. 2. p. 376. 4th Edit.

1. ACCOUNT stated is a good Plea; but if there be any Agreement to rectify Mistakes, it shall not conclude though under Hand and Seal. *Per* Master of the Rolls, 16 July 16 Car. 2. in the Case of *Proud and Combes*, 2 Freem. Rep. 183.

2. Defendant pleaded himself a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration; but *per* Lord Bridgman this is no good Plea, in Regard Defendant did not plead himself a Purchaser from some of the Plaintiff's Ancestors, for a Purchase from a Stranger without Title was held no good Plea; ergo the Defendant was ordered to answer (b). Hil. 1670. *Seymer and Nosworthby*, 2 Freem. Rep. 128.

(b) But in Hil. Vacat. 1674. on Motion the Plea

was held good by Lord Keep. Finch, and all the subsequent Proceedings set aside. *Ibid.*

3. On a Bill brought for *Discovery* of a *Title* and *Writings*, Defendant *pleaded* that he was a *Purchaser* for a *valuable Consideration* *without Notice*. But Lord Chan. held the Plea to be *ill*, because it *did not set forth the particular Consideration*; but if that had been expressed, it had been good (a). *Mich. 1678. Millard's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 43.*

(a) His Lordship said it had been so held in one *Snag's Case. Ibid.*

4. Plaintiff claims under the *Will* of J. S. (dated in 1659.) and exhibited his Bill to *discover Writings in Defendant's Custody*. The Defendant *pleaded that he purchased the Lands of said J. S. in 1675. for 100 l. without Notice of Plaintiff's Title*. But the Plea was over-ruled (b). *Hil. 1681. Rogers and Seale, 2 Freem. Rep. 84.*

(b) Upon this ruled (b). *Hil. 1681. Rogers and Seale, 2 Freem. Rep. 84.*

Difference:
Where the Plaintiff hath a Title in Law, there though the Defendant doth purchase without Notice, yet he shall discover Writings; but otherwise if the Plaintiff hath only a Title in Equity, for there if the Defendant purchased without Notice, he shall never discover, nor make good the Plaintiff's Title. *Ibid.*

5. If the Attorney General of the Dutchy Court exhibits an Information at the Relation of one Part Owner of Coal Mines against the other, for *not contributing to the Charge of working them*, and by which the King would lose his Duty of Lott and Cope, *Outlawry in the Relator is a good Plea*. Held by Atkins C. B. and Ventris J. 9 July 1690. in the Dutchy Chamber at *Westminster-hall*, after a long Debate (c). *Attorney General of the Dutchy, at the Relation of Vermuden, and Sir John Heath & al', Pr. in Chan. 13.*

(c) For tho' Mr. Attorney General be

Plaintiff, yet the Relator is to have the whole Benefit or Loss of the Suit, and is himself Party to it, for it would abate by his Death, &c. and the King's Name is only made Use of by the Form of the Court, and he is not directly concerned at all, and very little by Consequence; and the Suit is not for the King's Duty but the Relator's Interest. Said *per Cur'*, *Ibid.*—A Plea of *Outlawry* must be pleaded *sub pede figilli*: The Plea continues only in Force till the *Outlawry* be reversed, but hinders all Proceedings in the mean Time; and when the *Outlawry* is reversed, the Plaintiff upon paying 20 s. Costs (if the Plea is not argued) serves the Defendant with a new *Subpoena* to answer the same Bill. *Ord. Chan. 98.*—Excommunication in the Plaintiff must be pleaded *sub pede figilli*.

Vide P. Ca.

6. If the Plaintiff replies to the Defendant's Plea, he thereby admits it to be good, if it be true, and the *Validity* of the Plea can never after be considered, but only the *Truth* of it, as he proves it, or the Plaintiff disproves it. *Mich. 1695. Parker and Blythmore, Prec. in Chan. 58.*

7. Plaintiff's Bill suggested that Defendant had lent him Money, and that he had trusted the Defendant to compute the Interest; that there was a *Miscomputation*, and that Plaintiff had paid more than was due, therefore the Bill prayed that Defendant might set forth how much Interest was due, and how much was over paid. Defendant pleaded the Statute (d) against *Usury* as to legal Interest. Master of the Rolls: The Defendant shall not answer as to legal Interest, but he shall answer to what he did receive more than the Interest; for shall not a Mortgagor have a Bill against the Mortgagee to account and discover how much he hath received more than the Interest and Principal, which is the same Case with this? The Plea was over-ruled as to all but the Words *legal Interest*. *Mich. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep. 10 5 l.*

(d) 12 Car. 2. By this Statute legal Interest was 6 l. per Cent. per Ann. but afterwards by 12 Ann. c. 16. sect. 1. it was reduced to 5 l.

8. Defendant pleaded *Articles made on his Marriage*, and that he was a *Purchaser* for a *valuable Consideration*, and had no Notice of the first Settlement; but would not swear this Plea; ergo the Plea was over-ruled. *Hil. 1717. Marshall and Frank & Ux', Prec. in Chan. 481.*

9. In pleading the Statute of *Frauds*, it is necessary to say that the Agreement was not reduced into Writing. So ruled *per Lord Chan. Trin. 1720. Mussell and Cook, Prec. in Chan. 535.*

10. J. S. brought a Bill to redeem, setting forth that his late Father being seised in Fee of certain Lands, mortgaged the same to D. and that at the Defendant's Desire his Father consented that this Mortgage should be assigned to Defendant, who thereupon promised that he would help the Father to a Place, and take his Interest out of the Profits thereof. That Defendant never helped the Father to any Place, but instead thereof, after the Mortgage was forfeited, brought an Ejectment, and turned him out of Possession; and also brought a Bill against the Father, who put in an Answer thereto; and then the Defendant by *undue Means* (a) procured the Cause to be heard *ex parte*, and the Report made *ex parte*, and confirmed absolutely. To the now Bill the Defendant *pleaded* this Decree and Report, and *both made absolute, signed and inrolled*. But Macclesfield C. (on the Circumstances of Fraud) over-ruled the Plea, and would not suffer it to stand for an Answer, though it was objected that according to his Rule a Decree might be set aside by *original* (b) Bill; but his Lordship replied, that such a gross Fraud as this was an Abuse of the Court, and sufficient to set aside any Decree. *Trin. 1722. Loyd and Mansell, 2 Will. Rep. 73.*

(a) i.e. After the Answer put in, the now Defendant got a Person of a scandalous Character to make an Affidavit that the Father had left his Habitation, and (as he believed and was credibly informed) was gone beyond Sea, upon which he got an Order that Service of the Subpœna to hear Judgment on the Father's Clerk in Court might be good Service; whereas the Father was then living, and publicly appeared in the next County; and upon this false Affidavit and Order the Cause was heard. *Ibid. 74.* (b) The Decree being signed and inrolled, the Plaintiff had no other Remedy. Said per Lord Chan. *Ibid. 74.*

11. The Statute of Limitations is no good Plea *where the Estate in Law is in Trustees*. *Per Cur'*, 9 Geo. 1. *Lawly and Lawly, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 32, 33.*

12. Where a Defendant insists on the Benefit of the Statute of Limitation by way of Answer, he shall at the Hearing have the like Benefit as if he had pleaded it. Said per Master of the Rolls in the Case of Norton and Turvill, *Trin. 1723. 2 Will. Rep. 145.*

13. A Decree was made in the Exchequer against Tenant for Life to hinder him from committing Waste, which Decree and a perpetual Injunction to stay Waste were founded on a Deed of Settlement; and upon a Bill now brought (in Canc.) to set that Deed aside, the Defendant pleaded the Decree in the Exchequer, but his Plea was over-ruled (c). *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Wing and Wing & al', 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 109.*

(c) If the Decree had been set aside, the Deed of Settlement would have fell of Course; and there was such an Appearance of Hardship and Oppression in this Cause, that the Court held it reasonable to over-rule the Plea; but told the Defendant's Counsel, that at the Hearing they might take what Advantage they could thereof, and then the Court would consider how far this Decree in the Exchequer shall conclude this Court in this Cause. *Ibid. 112.*

14. W. had made a Contract with E. for Land, and which E. assigned to G. E. had afterwards a Decree for Performance against W. he being the Party to the Contract; but decreed that G. should stand in his Place, and indemnify him against that and all Decrees. After this W. and G. come to an Account, and mutual general Releases are given, in which the Words *all Orders and Decrees of the Court of Chancery* are inserted. Afterwards upon Petition E. has an Order for Interest from the Time of W.'s taking Possession, amounting to 700 l. founded upon the Decree made before the Releases were given, who thereupon brings his Bill to compel G. to pay it, he being by the Decree to stand in W.'s Place. G. pleaded this Release subsequent to the Decree; and it was allowed per Cur', though it was not taken Notice of at the Time of stating and settling the Accounts. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Waters and Glanville, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 184.*

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15. Though a Plea in Bar be *allowed*, yet the Plaintiff may reply to the Truth of it, and put Defendant on proving it, and may except to any other Part of the Answer. Ruled on Motion per King C. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 184.

16. A Bill was to be relieved against a Judgment in Ejectment, which was obtained by Virtue of a Purchase under a Venditioni exponas of a Term for Years upon an Outlawry of the Plaintiff, who insisted that his Title to the Lands was a Fee, and not a Term for Years; upon which an Injunction was granted. But Defendant pleaded the Purchase under the Outlawry, and it was allowed, and the Injunction dissolved. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Robinson and Hayes, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 184.

17. A Bill was brought to redeem some Lands conveyed in 1694. to Defendant's Grandfather, by Plaintiff's Father, for 500 Years, to be void on Payment of 126 l. and Interest. Defendant pleads, that he is a Devisee of those Lands under his Grandfather's Will, who in 1692. purchased them for a 200 Years Term, without Condition of Redemption, and had enjoyed fifteen Years quiet Possession. The Court over-ruled Defendant's Plea, for not answering sufficiently as to the Mortgage; and the Plea of the Purchase may be true, for it may be only a Term for Years to attend the Inheritance. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Meder and Birt, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 185.

18. A. the Mortgagee brought a Bill to foreclose, and B. the Mortgagor brought a Cross Bill to redeem, on which was a Decree for Payment of Principal, Interest and Costs, or else to be foreclosed, and on Payment to be let in. B. died, and the Account being taken, the Plaintiff finding the Estate insufficient brings a new Bill of Revivor, and partly a supplemental Bill, both to review the former Decree and Proceedings; and likewise to have an Account of the Assets of B. and thereout to have Satisfaction for a Bond which was given for a Collateral Security with the Mortgage. To this Bill the Executor of B. pleads the former Decree in Bar, that the Plaintiff elected his Satisfaction, and had not so much as suggested that that Satisfaction was deficient, so that it does not appear but that he may receive a double Satisfaction for his Debt; and that it was plain that he had not waived the Mortgage by his Bill of Revivor. A. insisted that it was the Practice of the Court; that taking out of Process, or making Use of any counter Security, was in itself a Waiver of the Foreclosure; and that a Mortgagee had always his Election to waive and open the Foreclosure, and have Recourse to his Bond and Covenant, if he thought proper. But per Cur', the Plaintiff by his Revivor has not waived the Mortgage, or so much as suggested a Deficiency, so that the Plea must stand for an Answer without Liberty to except. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Birch's Case, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 186.

19. A Bill was brought by A. the Executor and Devisee of B. against C. and others, to have an Account of great Quantities of Bullion, Goods and Effects, to 9000 l. Value, put into Partnership with, and sent by Defendants to several Parts in Asia and Africa, and to have an Account of the Profits of the said Trade. The Defendants instead of answering pleaded (in Bar of any Discovery) the several Acts of King William, for establishing the East-India Company, and the Privileges granted to the said Company of trading to the several Places mentioned in the Bill, exclusive of all other Persons, and also the Forfeitures and Penalties which any other Person trading thither should incur without Licence from the Company; and also pleaded the Act of the sixth of Ann. for granting further Privileges to the said Company.

pany. The Court said, though there was no Pretence to have a Discovery, yet such *Plea must have the greatest Strictness and Exactness, which tends to support wrong doing*; and they don't say that either B. or themselves had not a Licence. That *where two go on in an unlawful Trade, they seemed to have intirely waived that Unlawfulness as between themselves*; so disallowed the Plea, and the Defendants were ordered to answer. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Gascoyne and Sidwell & al', Gilb. Eq. Rep. 186.* The Reporter says by way of Note, That B. at the Time of this Trade was a Director of the East-India Company. *Ibid. 187.*

20. Bill against an Executor to have an Account of Assets and Satisfaction of a Debt of 660*l.* secured by Judgment against the Testator, alledging a Devastavit, &c. The Defendant by Schedule set forth the Assets, and denied by her Answer any Waste; and for Plea to any Relief said, that her Testator was in Execution on the said Judgment in his Life-time, and was discharged from thence by the express Order of the Plaintiff; and therefore pleaded such Discharge in Bar, such Discharge being a Release of the Debt both in Law and Equity; and the Plea was allowed. *Easter 12 Geo. 1. Beatniff and Gardiner, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 190.*

21. A Bill was brought for Discovery of Tithes by a Lessee of a Parson. The Defendant pleads the 13 *Eliz. c. 20. sect. 1. against Non-residence* in Bar; and held to be a good Plea, both as to the Discovery and Relief. *Per Gilbert C. B. Price, Page and Hale, Barons. Easter 12 Geo. 1. (in Scacc') Quilter and Mussendine, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 228.* And Hale B. said, that no Construction could be too liberal to make Parsons reside and take Care of the Parishes. *Ibid. 230. (a).* —Vide Tit. Tithes, P. C.

The A&T says, That no Lease to be

made of any Benefice or Ecclesiastical Promotion with Cure, or any Part thereof not appropriated, shall endure longer than while the Lessor shall be ordinarily resident and serving the Cure of such Benefice without Absence above 80 Days in any one Year (b), but every such Lease immediately upon such Absence shall cease.

(b) Year shall not refer to the Æra, but must be intended a Solar Year, i. e. 365 Days, and the Absence any 80 Days within that Compass. *Gilbert C. B. and Price and Page Barons, in Quilter and Mussendine, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 229.*

(a) Vide Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Equity 230.

22. If a Bill be brought by an Heir claiming by Descent against another suggesting some Fraud, and praying a Discovery, if Defendant pleads he is a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration, such Plea which goes to the Plaintiff's Title is always good both as to the Relief and Discovery. Said *per Page Baron* in the Case of *Quilter and Mussendine, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 229.*

23. So in Case of a Bill for an Account against one as Bailiff, suggesting Fraud; if the Defendant pleads that at such a Time he did account, he need not go on and set out an Account. So said *per* the same Baron. *Ibid.*

24. Bill for a specifick Performance of a Promise by Defendant to procure Plaintiff to be made Deputy to Defendant's Son, as Clerk of the House of Peers, or otherwise to provide for Plaintiff, in Consideration of Plaintiff's insisting upon and soliciting in procuring a Reversionary Grant of that Place for Defendant's Son, which Defendant now enjoyed. Defendant pleaded the Statute of Frauds, and that the Promise was not in Writing, nor to be performed within one Year; and also the Statute of Limitations, that the Promise was made above six Years before the Bill filed. Plea allowed in both Respects.

The Court held, that a parol Promise to be performed upon a Contingency which may or may not happen within a Year after the making, is void within the Statute of Frauds. And

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so if made above six Years before the Bill or Action brought, is barred by the Statute of Limitations though the Contingency or Time of Performance happens within the six Years. *Ibid.*

Trin. 1726. *in Scacc'*, Reynolds and Cowper, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Contract and Agreement*, (H) *Ca.* 47.

Though this is a Case reported by the Serjeant in his *Reports of Cases in B. R.* yet it is a Chancery Case.

25. *A.* and *B.* were intitled to a personal Estate by the Statute of Distributions, and an Account thereof was stated between them; afterwards *A.* by Bill demands a Discovery of particular Items, supposed not to be comprized in it, and yet at the same Time allows the Account to be fairly taken. Defendant pleads the stated Account in Bar: And it was insisted for him, that either the Items must be denied in particular, by falsifying them, or saying they were not allowed, or else a Surcharge must be brought in; but that here neither of these Ways is taken, so that the Plaintiff would unravel the Account without pointing out one Error in it. Lord Chan. allowed the Plea, and said, *this must not be suffered.* *Mich.* 3 *Geo.* 2. *Bourke and Bridgeman*, 2 *Barnard. Rep. in B. R.* 272.

(a) For otherwise the Defendant might be tricked by the Plaintiff, who having found that the Defendant had

26. A Defendant in his Plea of a Purchase for a valuable Consideration omits to deny Notice, if the Plaintiff replies to it, all the Defendant has to do is to prove his Purchase, which if he does, the Bill will be dismissed with Costs (a); and in such Cases it is not material if the Plaintiff proves Notice, for it was the Plaintiff's own Fault that he did not set down the Plea to be argued. *Hil.* 1730. *Harris and Ingledew*, before Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, 3 *Will. Rep.* 91, 94.

Defendant had made a Slip in his Plea, might decline arguing it, and reply to it. *Ibid.* 94.

Vide Tit. Idiots and Lunatics, P. C.

27. The Court of Chancery ordered the Profits of a Lunatick's Estate to the Committee for the Maintenance of his Person. The Lunatick dies, his Administrator brings a Bill for an Account of the personal Estate, and of the Rents and Profits of the real Estate of the Lunatick received in his Life-time by the Committee. The Defendant, the Committee, pleads this Order in Bar of such Part of the Bill as sought to compel him to account, &c. and the Plea was ordered to stand for an Answer without Liberty to except. *King Chan. East.* 1731. *Sheldon and Mr. Justice Fortescue Aland & al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 104.

(b) Lord Warrington's Case was cited arg' as a Case in Point.

28. The Statute of Limitations is no good Plea where the Bill charges a Fraud; but then it should be charged by the Bill that the Fraud was discovered within six Years before the Bill filed (b). But in the principal Case there being a Charge of great Frauds, and some Circumstances thereof not fully denied, the Defendant was ordered to answer the Bill, with Liberty for the Plaintiffs to except, and the Benefit of the Statute of Limitations to be saved to the Defendant. *King C. Mich.* 1732. *South-Sea Company and Wymondsell*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 143.

29. In the Case of the *South-Sea Company*, in whom the Estates of the late Directors are vested by Act of Parliament of the 7 *G. 1. cap.* 27.—where the Statute of Limitations might have been pleaded against the late Directors, it is pleadable against the Company, who stand in such Directors Place. So held *per King C.* in the Case of the *South-Sea Company* and *Wymondsell*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 143.

30. So in the Case of an Assignee under a Commission of Bankruptcy, who, though he claims under the Acts concerning Bankrupts, and also by Virtue of the Assignment, yet as he stands only in the Place of the Bankrupt, against whom the Statute of Limitations is pleadable, so is he (the Assignee) liable to be barred thereby. Said *per Lord Chan. King* in the Case *supra.* *Ibid.* 144.

31. The Defendant pleads to the whole Bill, and on arguing the Plea it was ordered to stand for an Answer, without saying one way or other, whether the Plaintiff might except. After this Plaintiff puts in Exceptions to the Answer, supposing the Plea to be now as an Answer. Talbot C. (on having Precedents first looked into by the Register, and being satisfied what had been the Course of the Court in such Cases) held, that when the Court orders that the Plea shall stand for an Answer, without saying more, it must be intended a sufficient Answer, an insufficient Answer being as no Answer (a); wherefore in the principal Case the Plea being taken to be a sufficient Answer, and no express Liberty to except, the Exceptions were discharged. Hil. 1733. Sellon and Lewen, 3 Will. Rep. 239.

(a) Vide 2 Will. Rep. 558.

32. In a Plea of Purchase, Defendant in his Denial of Notice denied that at the Time of making his Purchase, and paying his Purchase Money, he had any Notice of the Plaintiff's Title, &c. And Talbot C. held, that Notice before, is Notice at the Time of the Purchase; and that the Party will in such Case, on its being made appear that he had Notice before, be liable to be convicted of Perjury; wherefore his Lordship held the Plea well enough. Hil. 1733. Jones and Thomas, 3 Will. Rep. 243.

In all Cases of a Plea of Purchase or Marriage Settlement, Notice must be denied, though not charged by the Bill; and it may be sufficient to deny it either by

the Plea or Answer, notwithstanding the Objection that it ought to be in the Plea, since all the Defendant has to do is to prove his Plea, for the Defendant is not to prove a Negative, viz. that he had no Notice. However, it seems best to deny Notice both in the Plea and Answer. By Lord Parker, Hil. 1719. Ashton and Curzon.—The S. P. determined by Lord King in the Case of Weston and Berkeley, 17 July 1729. Both these Cases, 3 Will. Rep. 244. in a Note to the Case of Jones and Thomas.

33. Defendant pleaded to a Bill, and died before the Plea came on to be argued. Plaintiff revived, and upon coming on of the Plea, Talbot C. was of Opinion that it could not be argued, but that Defendant's Representative must plead de novo. 14 December 1735. (b) Mickletbwaite and Calverly & al', Rep. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 3. The Reporter by way of N. B. says, that the Reason seems to be, because the Representative may have a Plea to defend him without denying the Merits; for if an Executor or Administrator can truly plead Plene Administravit upon a Scire Facias at Law, (which must always issue in such Case) the Execution can only be De bonis Testatoris quando acciderint, but the Answer of the Testator in a Court of Equity will bind the Executor who has Assets. Ibid.

(b) 2. If it should not be Mich. 1733. which is the Reason I have placed it here.

34. 3000 l. was to be raised by a Trust Term in a Marriage Settlement for Portions of such Daughters as should be living and advanced by the Father at his Death. There being several Daughters, B. one of them, after she came of Age in the Life-time of her Father, and whilst she was unmarried, releases all her Share in the 3000 l. to the Owner of the Inheritance. B. marries, the Father dies, and a Bill is brought by her Husband as in her Right to have her Share, &c. Defendant pleads the Release in Bar. Lord Chan. ordered the Plea to stand for an Answer. Hil. 1734. Robinson and Bavafor, Viner's Abr. Tit. Assignment, (D) Ca. 29.

Choses in Action, and Possibilities, are assignable in Equity, if made upon Consideration; but here no Consideration appears, and at Law a Possibility may be released; but this is a Demand in Equity under a Trust, and therefore shall be supported by a Consideration. Said per Lord Chan. Ibid.

35. Bill to set aside an Award, and to be relieved against an Action at Law on the Bond of Submission. The Defendant pleaded as to so much of the Bill as sought to set aside the Award, and staying the Defendant's Proceedings at Law; and he set forth the Submission and

Note; Mr. Viner makes a Quære, if the Money had been equal to or exceeded the Penalty of the

Bond, whether then the Plaintiff is not intitled to any Relief. Ibid.

and Award to be fairly made, &c. But the Plea was over-ruled, because it covered too much; for the Plaintiff in all Events is intitled to Relief against the Penalty of the Bond, though the Merits are with the Defendant. *Potter and Davy, Mich. 1734. Viner's Abr. Tit. Arbitrement, (J. a.)* in the Margin of the 7th Case.

(a) 2. Term
and Year.

36. *A. by Parol* agreed to lease certain Mines for 21 Years, in Pursuance whereof Plaintiff entred and sought for Lead, and now sued for a Discovery and Performance of the Agreement. Defendant pleaded the Statute, and that Plaintiff after his Entry quitted the Mines, and never insisted on his Bargain till Defendant had discovered the Lead. Benefit of the Plea saved to the Hearing. *Wynn and Lloyd, MS. Notes (a).*

37. In the Pleading of a Purchase or Mortgage, the Defendant ought to shew, that the Vendor or Mortgagor being or pretending to be seised in Fee of the Premises, did make such Conveyance or Mortgage, &c. otherwise the Person undertaking to sell or mortgage may be a mere Stranger, and have no Interest in the Premises though he takes upon him to sell or mortgage them. Said by Lord Talbot in the Case of *Head and Egerton, East. 1734. 3 Will. Rep. 281.*

38. After a Plea put in there can be no Motion for an Injunction till the Plea is argued; but the Court, at the Instance of the Plaintiff, will speed the arguing of the Plea, and will give Leave that if the Plea should be over-ruled, that then the Plaintiff may move at the same Time for an Injunction. Said per Talbot C. *Mich. 1735. in the Case of Sir William Humphreys and Orlando Humphreys, 3 Will. Rep. 396.*

(b) Vide (E)
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Note there.

39. The Bill was for a Sum of Money due to the Plaintiff's Wife. The Defendant (who was her Brother) pleaded a Release made by her, upon securing to her another Sum by Bond, which Release was executed by her as a single Woman, she living as such at that Time in the House of the Defendant; and moreover, that after the Marriage came to be known, the Husband (the Plaintiff) had accepted Interest, and thereby ratified her Act. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*: Perhaps this may be a good Defence, but it is not proper for a Plea. A Plea is proper when the Matter of the Defence can be reduced to a single Point, which will bar the Plaintiff's Demand (b); and then it is of Use, because by having the Judgment of the Court upon that Point, the Parties are saved the Expence of an Examination: But where many Circumstances go to the Defence, as in this Case, it is of no Sort of Use, because there must be an Examination afterwards whether those Circumstances be true or false: And it would be highly improper that the Court should first give Judgment upon the Circumstances, and that an Examination should come afterwards. *August 1739. Anon. Pleas and Demurrers after the last Seal, Lincoln's Inn Hall, MS. Rep.*

40. If a Broker is employed by an Executor to dispose of the Estate, without charging him with some particular Collusion or Concealment, he may demur; or if the Nature of his Employment doth appear, he may plead it, as in the Case of — and *Atkins, 17 December 1742. at Lincoln's Inn Hall*, where a Bill was brought against *A.* to charge him with the Receipt of the Estate of *B.* and he pleaded that he was employed as Broker by the Executor, and the Plea was allowed. *MS. Rep.*

(F) Demurrer (a); — What shall be a good Cause of Demurrer, and What not.

(a) A Demurrer is the Allegation of the Defendant,

which admitting the Matters of Fact, or some of them alledged by the Plaintiff in his Bill, to be true, shews, that as they are set forth by the Plaintiff himself, they are insufficient for him to proceed upon, or to oblige the Defendant to make Answer unto; and therefore it demands the Judgment of the Court, whether the Defendant shall be compelled to make Answer to the Plaintiff's Bill, or to some certain Part thereof.

1. *A.* Seised of the Manor of *W.* worth 110 *l.* per Ann. and of a Farm in *W.* worth 250 *l.* per Ann. articles to sell the Manor; and if that the Manor were not worth 110 *l.* per Ann. he would make it up with the Farm Lands. Plaintiff got a Decree upon these Articles, which was so penned that the whole Farm was by general Words included. The Defendant exhibited a Bill to have the Decree explained; to which the now Defendant demurred, and Demurrer allowed. Per Lord Chan. and Baron Turner, 18 February 15 Car. 2. Read and Hanby, 2 Freem. Rep. 179.

2. The Heir of a Mortgagee exhibited a Bill to have the Mortgagor redeem, or else to be foreclosed. Defendant demurred, because the Executor, who might have Title to the Money, was not made a Party (b); and the Demurrer allowed. 12 May 16 Car. 2. Freake and Horfeley, Ibid. 180.

(b) Vide 2 Freem. Rep. 52. Ca. 57.

Easter 1680. Anon. where a Bill was brought against the Heir of the Mortgagee to redeem, and neither the Executor nor Administrator were made Parties; and this Exception being taken at the Hearing of the Cause, Lord Chan. would not proceed; for if it should fall out upon the Account, that Money should be paid by the Mortgagor, that is to be paid to the Executor or Administrator, and not to the Heir; and so the Account ought not to be controverted without their Privy.

3. A Creditor of *J. S.* deceased, prefers his Bill against *B.* for a Discovery of the Estate of *J. S.* supposed to be in his Hands. *B.* demurs, because there is no Executor or Administrator of *J. S.* Plaintiff or Defendant; and held to be a good Demurrer, because if no Person will administer, the Plaintiff as Creditor may; and it is necessary that the Executor or Administrator should be a Party, because they may perhaps shew how the Plaintiff's Demand is satisfied. Mich. 1692. Conway and Stroude, MS. Rep.

2 Freem. Rep. 188. S. C. in totidem verbis.

4. A Bill prays a Discovery, and chargeth the Defendant with professing the Romish Religion. To this the Defendant demurs, because he is not obliged to answer to that which will subject him to divers Penalties (c). The Demurrer was allowed, and it was ordered, that he shall not answer that Part which concerns his Religion. Wynn and Doughty, Mich. 8 Ann. MS. Rep.

(c) Vide (A) P. Ca.

5. *A.* seised of Land, and *B.* of a Fee-Farm issuing out of it, paid Taxes only after the Rate of 1 s. and 3 d. per Pound, and retained for the Fee-Farm at the Rate of 4 s. at which the Land-Tax was; on which *B.* brought his Bill, and prayed that *A.* should set forth the Value of the Land, and what Rent he received, and what he had paid for Taxes. *A.* demurred, and Demurrer allowed, notwithstanding Skerington's Case was cited; the whole Matter there appearing, and this being on a Demurrer, which was made the Difference. Hil. 9 W. 3. Pickering's Case, Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 171.

6. Bill in the Dutchy for Lands; the Defendant demurred, because the Plaintiff did not expressly aver the Lands to be within the Dutchy, which is a circumscribed Jurisdiction; and the Demurrer was held good by Lord Lechmere, Chancellor of the Dutchy Court, King C. J. and

Page and Reeves Barons. *East*. 10 Geo. 1. Lord Coningsby's Case, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 95.

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7. On a Demurrer to the whole Bill, if the Demurrer be allowed, the Bill is regularly out of Court. Vide the Case of Lord Coningsby and Sir Joseph Jekyll, Tit. Amendment, P. 59. Ca. 3.

It has been a usual Thing for a Plaintiff in order to have a Discovery to make the Book-keeper, or any other Officers of a Company Defendants, who have not demurred, but answered; whereas if this Demurrer should be allowed, the Officers of Companies are never like-

8. In a Bill against the East-India Company, an Officer of the Company was made a Defendant in order to discover some Entries and Orders in the Books of the Company. The Officer demurred, for that it was not so much as pretended by the Bill that he was any way interested in the Matter in Question, and that his Answer could not be read against the Company, but that the Plaintiff might examine him as a Witness (a); and that it was plain the Plaintiff could have no Decree against him (b). But Talbot C. over-ruled the Demurrer, lest there should be a Failure of Justice, in Regard the Company can answer no otherwise than by their Common Seal, and are not liable to a Prosecution for Perjury though their Answer be never so false, no Instance of such Demurrer having ever been allowed, and no Manner of Inconvenience can ensue from obliging such Officers to answer. Trin. 1734. Wych and Meal, 3 Will. Rep. 310, 312. Vide Tit. Answer, (C) Ca. 3. and the Note there.

ly to answer again; and though the Plaintiff be intitled to a Discovery, (as in the Principal he plainly is) he would never be able to get one; and consequently there would be a Failure of Justice. Said per Lord Chan. Ibid. 312. (a). Though his Answer cannot be read against the Company, yet it may be of Use to direct the Plaintiff how to pen his Interrogatories towards obtaining a better Discovery. Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 312. (b). It is a general Rule, that no one need be made a Party against whom, if brought to a Hearing, the Plaintiff can have no Decree. Thus a Residuary Legatee need not be made a Party; and for the same Reason in a Bill brought by the Creditors of a Bankrupt against the Assignees under the Commission, the Bankrupt himself need not be made a Party. By the Master of the Rolls, in the Case of De Golls and Ward, Hil. 1732. Though with Regard to making the Bankrupt a Party, it seems formerly to have been held otherwise. See 2 Vern. 32. And however the Rule laid down by his Honour may hold in general, yet the Determination of Lord Talbot, in the Case of Wych and Meal above, appears to have been founded on great Reason and Justice. 3 Will. Rep. 311. in a Note.

9. A Defendant may demur at the Bar *ore tenus*, but then on its being allowed he cannot have his Costs. Talbot C. Trin. 1735. Tournon and Flower & al', 3 Will. Rep. 369, 371. — What is said in the Case of Durdant and Redman, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 42. Ca. 4. that Costs ought to be paid for a new Demurrer insisted on at the Bar *ore tenus*, is not now the Practice. 2 Will. Rep. 371. in a Note.

10. If a Bill is brought by a Creditor or a Residuary Legatee against the Executors, and other Residuary Legatees, without some special Reason, as *Insolvency*, *Collusion*, or the like, which makes it necessary to go into Equity; this may be demurred to. Bickley and Dovington, MS. Notes (c).

(c) 2. Term
and Year.

11. A Bill alledging a Custom touching Church Assessments, praying an Injunction to a Suit in the Ecclesiastical Court, demurred to and allowed. Dunn and Coates, MS. Notes.

12. Any Man made a Party that is not charged to claim an Interest may demur, for he ought to be examined as a Witness; and therefore where a Bill was brought against A. to discover Letters that would be Evidence in a Cause between C. and D. and to produce those Letters in Evidence; A. demurred, and the Demurrer allowed. Vernon and Swirburn, MS. Notes (d).

(d) 2. Term
and Year.

13. J. S. brings a Bill against B. his Father to recover divers Sums of Money from the Father, and also 10000 l. on a state Bond of above twenty Years standing. The Defendant demurred as to that Part of the Bill that prayed Relief on the Bond, or to recover the Money

Money due thereon; for that the Plaintiff had a Remedy for the same at Law, the Bond appearing to be in his Custody, and taken in his own Name; and the Demurrer was allowed. *Vide 3 Will. Rep. 395.*

14. The Bill was for a Discovery, and to perpetuate the Testimony of A. who could prove the Allegation, which was an usurious Contract, viz. a Bond of 4000 l. dated — Day of August 1720. from the Plaintiff's Father to the Defendant Green, in Trust for the Defendant Monk, upon which the Plaintiff's Father (then a Commoner) had allowed 10 l. per Cent. Premium, and so had received only 3600 l. The Bill did not pray Relief, nor offer to pay what was really due. The Defendants severally demurred and answered, and by their Answer offered to accept what was stated by the Bill to have been received, &c. (The Bond had not been put in Suit). And for Causes of Demurrer the Defendants shewed; 1st, That the Discovery subjected them to a penal Statute. 2dly, That the Court ought not to perpetuate Testimony to destroy their Debt. And Lord Chan. Hardwicke held the first a good Cause of Demurrer, but not the second; and declared the Course of the Court to be, that where one Cause of Demurrer was good, and the other ill, the Demurrer must be over-ruled. Therefore for the Sake of the Precedent he could not allow the Demurrer to stand as to the first Cause; but over-ruled it, with a Direction that the Defendants should not be obliged to answer as to the Usury. August 9, 1739. *The Earl of Suffolk and Green and Monk, at Lincoln's Inn Hall, MS. Rep.*

(G) Answering, Pleading and Demurring to the same Bill, &c.

1. *J. S.* had a legal Title, but the Deed by which he claimed the Estate being lost, he brought his Bill to set it up, to which the Defendant answered as to Part, and pleaded himself a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration, without Notice, &c. *J. S.* replies to the Plea, and Defendant proves his Plea, and *J. S.* proves no Notice upon Defendant. At the Hearing of the Cause the Master of the Rolls was of Opinion that the Plea was good. *Mich. 1695. Parker and Blythmore, MS. Rep.*

Prec. in Chan.
58. S. C. and
P. says, his
Honour at the
Hearing was
of Opinion that
the Plea was
good; but said
the Question
was, whether
the Court
could now

consider of that at all, the Plaintiff having admitted the Plea to be good, by replying to it, and nothing being now in Question, but whether it be true or not; and if it should not be so, no Plaintiff would ever set down any Plea to be argued, but would reply, and put the Defendant to the Charge of examining, and then contest the Validity of the Plea at the Hearing; and besides, the Defendant would be prevented from making such other Defence as he might by relying on his Plea.

2. It is a Rule in Equity, that the Answer over-rules the Plea where Defendant answers the same Things he insists upon in his Plea that he ought not to answer to. 20 Jan. 1717. *Earl of Clanrickard and Burk, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (W. a.) Ca. 1.*

3. Defendant has Leave to plead, answer and demur, but not to demur alone. The Defendant demurs and answers only by denying Combination, or some such trifling Matter. This is in Effect a Demurrer only; ergo set aside. *Per King C. Trin. 1725. Stephenton (or Stephenson) and Gardiner & al', 2 Will. Rep. 286.*

4. So where a Defendant obtained the like Leave, and answered only by denying, and demurred to every other Part of the Bill. Held by Lord Chan. that he ought to answer some material Fact of the Bill,

Bill, and the *Demurrer* was discharged *with Costs*. *Attorney General* and — *Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (W. a.) Ca. 2.*

His Honour said it had been so determined in Lord Stafford's Case, who pleaded after Time prayed to answer. *Ibid.*

5. On Time given to answer Defendant may put in a Plea, for that is an Answer, and on Oath, but cannot put in a Demurrer. Ruled by the Master of the Rolls, *Trin. 1728. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 464.*

6. A Defendant cannot demur and plead, or demur and answer to the same Part of a Bill, for the Plea, &c. over-rules the Demurrer. *King C. and Raymond C. J. Mich. 1730. Jones and Com' Stafford & al', 3 Will. Rep. 79, 81.*

7. A Bill is brought by the Lord of a Manor to recover a Fine for a Copyhold, on a Suggestion that the Defendant was admitted by Attorney, but sometimes pretends the Attorney had no Authority to make such Admittance. Defendant answers as to Part, and demurs as to Relief, Demurrer good. *Mich. 1732. North and Stafford, 3 Will. Rep. 148.*

Viner's Abr. Tit. Arbitrament, (T. a.) Ca. 39. March 15, 1734. S.C. cites it as a MS. Case, and states it thus: A bill was brought against the Defendant a Supercargo for an Account in 1721. who in his Answer set forth that there was a Submission and Award, and Releases given. A Bill was now brought to set aside the Award, at least so far as related to a particular Parcel of Goods charged to have been sold by him to J.S. abroad to the Amount of 10000 l. setting forth that Plaintiffs had received an Account of this Transaction since the

8. If an Account stated, and Releases are pleaded to a Bill, to set aside an Award, and to have an Account; and Defendant swears the Accounts taken by the Arbitrators were true Accounts, but does not answer particular Concealments and Frauds alledged in the Bill, the Plea is bad, as the following Case will evince. — In 1730. a Bill for an Account was brought against Defendant, a Supercargo of the *South-Sea Company*. At the Hearing all Matters were referred, an Award made, and mutual Releases executed. Plaintiffs now brought a new Bill, suggesting that since the Award they had received Information of Effects to the Value of 119000 Dollars, concealed by Defendant from the Arbitrators. Defendant pleaded the Award and Releases, and answered, that the Account taken by the Arbitrators was fair and just, but did not answer to the Concealment particularly mentioned in the Bill. *Talbot Chan.* It is a Rule, and so are the express Words of the Statute, that Awards made between Parties shall not be set aside but for Corruption or Partiality in the Arbitrators; but there are other Reasons equally mischievous and proper to be relieved against in this Court, as where there is Fraud and Concealment in either of the Parties. It is true Arbitrators are in the Nature of Judges, and in some Respects have a greater Latitude, not being confined within the Rules of Law or Equity, and therefore may make such Allowances as could not be admitted in Courts of Judicature: But as at Law, where Judgments are obtained by Fraud or Surprise, nothing is more common than to set the Judgment aside; so upon Decrees Bills of Review are daily brought in this Court where Evidence arises that could not be come at at the Time of the Decree, there is the same Reason in the Case of Awards; and in this Case it cannot be imagined that Defendant had accounted for these Matters, supposing the Fact to be true, for this would have occasioned a considerable Difference in the Award;

Award; and suggests that Defendant had concealed all this from the Arbitrators, omitting it out of the Account laid before them, and that the Sale of these Goods were entered in a particular Book, &c. The Defendant as to Discovery and Relief pleaded the former Proceedings, Award, Releases, &c. Lord Chan. said, that the Rule that Awards cannot be set aside unless for Partiality or Corruption is too narrow; for if there be Fraud made Use of by either of the Parties to mislead the Arbitrators, that is a Reason; so in Case of a Judgment at Law, or a Decree here: And the Facts charged amount to this, as suppressing the Book, &c. and omitting Goods out of Account laid before Arbitrators. Defendant denies suppressing the Book by Answer; but if he did sell, and not enter or not disclose, that amounts to the same Thing; and the Defendant is affected by this as well as the other. The Plea goes too far, being to Relief as well as for Discovery; for if Defendant be not bound to discover, yet if Plaintiffs can prove their Case, it is too much to say they are not intitled to Relief. — *1 Vol. Eq. Abr. P. 77. Ca. 16. but not S. P.*

Award; *ergo* for this Reason the Plea was over-ruled, and Defendant put to answer over. *South-Sea Company and Bumshead*, 15 March 1734. *MS. Rep.*

9. If a *Demurrer* be to *Part* of the Plaintiff's Bill, and an *insufficient* Answer to the *Residue*, yet the Plaintiff cannot except until the Demurrer is argued, and *this according to the Course of the Court.* But if to a Bill the Defendant answers as to Matter of Discovery, and pleads only as to Relief, the Plaintiff may except to any Matter of Discovery before the Plea argued; for that plainly no Matter of Discovery is covered by the Plea. So ruled by the Matter of the Rolls on a Motion to discharge the Exceptions, and Mr. *Vernon*, who was for the Motion, did afterwards admit the Course of the Court to be so. 14 December 1719. Note also, the Lord *Parker* some Time before ruled it in the same Manner. 3 *Will. Rep.* 327. in a Note.

C A P. VIII.

Appeals. *

1. *FINCH* seemed to hold, that an *Appeal* would lie from the Lord Mayor's Court in Chancery, as it doth from the *Grand Sessions* in *Wales*; but it will not out of the Exchequer, because the Plaintiff there comes by Privilege as the Debtors to the King; and all the Courts in *Westminster-hall* are upon a Level, and of equal Antiquity. *Mich.* 1675. *Anon.* 1 *Freem. Rep.* 312.

2. Held clearly by Lord *Chan.* that upon an *Appeal*, either from the Rolls to his Lordship, or from him to the House of Lords, no new Matter not in issue in the Cause below should be suffered or insisted on; and his Lordship said, that rather than give way to a Precedent of such general Inconvenience as this would be, he would dismiss the Appeal, though by it the Plaintiff were forced to bring a new Bill, or a Bill of Review for his Relief. *Trin.* 1710. *Thompson and Waller, Prec. in Chan.* 295.

3. An Appeal lies from a Decree made in the *Isle of Man*, by the King of the Island, to the King in Council here, though there is no Reservation in the Grant made of the *Isle of Man* by the Crown of the Subjects Right of Appeal to the Crown. *Mich.* 1716. *Cristian and Corren*, before a Committee of Council at the Cockpit. Lord C. J. *Parker* assisting at Council upon this Occasion said, he thought that the King in Council had necessarily a Jurisdiction in this Case, in order to prevent a Failure of Justice. 1 *Will. Rep.* 329.

4. On an Appeal from the Rolls to Lord *Chan.* the Cause is open, and the Party is at Liberty to read new Proofs, and offer what he can against the Decree, for the Decree is to be inrolled as Lord *Chan-*

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* By a standing Order of the House of Lords, made 24 March 1725. Appeals are to be brought within five Years after the Decree or Order in the Court below is signed and inrolled. *Fortes. Rep.* 10.

Vide Ca. 4. and the Notes there.

Gillb. Eq. Rep. 151. *Trin.* 4 *Geo.* 1. S.C. and P.—The cellor's Rule is, that on an Appeal

the whole Cause is open; but on a Rehearing only so much as is petitioned against; if all do not Petition, only to the Petitioners it is open. *Trin.* 1725. *Hayward and Colley, Sel. Ca. in Chan.* 24.—Vide *Ibid.* 14.—On Appeal may bring new Matter, but in Review must proceed *ex eisdem Actis*, unless there be a Clause to receive new Matter. *Trin.* 1725. *Popping's Case, Sel. Ca. in Canc.* 48.

cellor's Decree, and the Appeal is only to give his Lordship an Opportunity of hearing what can be offered why his Lordship should not sign and inrol it as his Decree. *Per Lord Chan. Trin. 1718. Wright and Pelling, Prec. in Chan. 496.*

5. An *Appeal* from Decrees made in the *Plantations* lies only to the King in Council. *Vide the Case of Sir John Fryer and Bernard, Mich. 1724. 2 Will. Rep. 261, 262.*

Note; In this Case the Lord Chan. does not act as Chancellor, but by Authority of the Sign Manual, and under this particular Power and Jurisdiction.

6. No *Appeal* lies from an *Order* made by the Lord Chancellor (whom his Majesty by his Royal Sign Manual had intrusted with the Care, &c. of Ideots and Lunaticks) touching *Lunaticks*, to the House of Lords, but only to the King in Council; the Custody of Ideots and Lunaticks being in the Power of the King, who may delegate the same to such Person as he shall think fit by Writing under his Majesty's Royal Sign Manual. Resolved in *Dom' Proc'* (after long Debate, and reading the Statute of 17 Ed. 2. *de Prærogativâ Regis* of Ideots, c. 9 & 10.) 14 February 1726. *ex parte Pitt.* — In Consequence of the above Resolution, an Appeal was brought before the King in Council, where, after some Debate touching the Jurisdiction, the Matter of Appeal was heard and determined May 15, 1728. 3 *Will. Rep. 108. and the Notes there.*

7. An Agreement was signed by the Parties, and by Consent made an Order of Court to submit to such Decree as should be made, and neither Party to bring an Appeal, yet the Cause allowed to be reheard. *Hil. 1733. Buck and Fawcett, 3 Will. Rep. 242.*

Vide Tit. Rehearing.

C A P. IX.

Apportionment (a).

(a) Apportionment signifies a Division or Partition of a Rent, Common, &c. or a making of it into Parts. *Co. Lit. 147. b.*

(A) In what Cases, & econt.'

1. **A.** By Deed made his Heir Tenant for Life, with Remainder over, and charged the Estate with a Sum of Money to be raised by Sale of the Inheritance for any Number of Years not exceeding 21, or for 99 Years, determinable upon four Lives. The Tenant for Life brought his Bill, that *there might be a Contribution, and not that he who is the Heir of the Family should be forced to bear the Load of the whole Charges, but that the whole Inheritance may be apportioned and bear a Part of the Burthen.* Plaintiff's Council argued, that the Words are capable of a double Construction, *viz.*

viz. that the Money should be raised by Sale of the Land for 99 Years, or of the Inheritance; and this must be the Construction, *for a Man cannot alien the Inheritance for a Number of Years*; and when the Words of a Deed will bear a double Construction, the Court will so construe it, that the whole Charge may not be thrown upon Tenant for Life, who is Heir of the Family. Lord Chan. said, if he could help the Heir he would, but that the Words would not bear it; for the Person who made the Deed having taken such nice Care that it shall not be sold but for so many Years, and the Words cannot possibly admit of a Construction that the whole Fee may be aliened. *Hil. 6 Ann. Hele and Wynn, MS. Rep.*

2. Money was covenanted to be laid out in Land, to be settled to the Use of *A.* for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to *A.* in Fee; and in the mean Time the Money being 10000 *l.* was to be placed out upon Securities, and the Interest arising therefrom to be paid to such Persons as should be intitled to the Rents of the Lands when purchased and settled according to the above Limitations. The 10000 *l.* was placed out on a Mortgage, and the Interest payable Half-yearly; *A.* died in a broken Part of the Half-year. *Macclesfield C.* said, (as the Reporter says he understood his Lordship) that though *A.* died in a broken Part of the Half-year, yet this Interest should not be taken as Rent (*a*), but should be apportioned, and a Proportion thereof go to *A.*'s Administrator. *Trin. 1723. Edwards and Lady Warwick, 2 Will. Rep. 171, 176.*

(a) *Vide the Case of Jenner and Morgan, Tit. Rent, P. C. and the Notes there.*

3. By a Trust in a Marriage Settlement, Portions for Daughters were to be raised payable at 18 or Marriage; and Maintenance in the mean Time, payable Half-yearly, *viz.* at Lady-day and Michaelmas, till the Portions became payable. The eldest Daughter attained her Age of 18 on the 16th of August 1727. and her Maintenance had been paid till Lady-day 1727. the Question was, if any Proportion of the Maintenance was to be paid from Lady-day to the 16th of August. And the Master of the Rolls decreed Maintenance to be paid for that Time in Proportion; and his Honour said, that Maintenance is always favoured, being for the daily Subsistence of Children, and not like Interest (*b*), which is only for Delay of Payment of what is due; but here the Portion is not due till 18 or Marriage, and therefore no Delay. *Mich. 1728. Hay and Palmer, 2 Will. Rep. 501.*

(b) *Vide the above Case, where the Court apportioned Interest on a Mortgage.*

4. Upon a Petition at the Rolls by Sir Robert Raymond C. J. and Ventris, Esq; Administrators with the Will annexed to the late Lord C. J. Holt; and being also appointed Trustees by the Court to execute the Trusts of the said Will, (the Executors and Trustees by the said Will having renounced their Trust) for Direction of the Court on this Case, *viz.* The Residue of the Testator's personal Estate was decreed to be laid out in the Purchase of Land, to be settled according to the Directions in the Will; and until proper Purchases could be made, the Money was to be put out on Government or other Securities, with the Approbation of the Master; and the Interest of the Money was to be paid to the Trustees, to be accounted for by them to such Persons as should be successively intitled to the Rents of the Lands when purchased, according to the Will, &c. Part of the Trust Money was invested in South-Sea Annuities; Mr. J. H. being Tenant for Life, (with Remainder to his Brother Mr. R. H.) died 25th of January 1728. The Widow and Administratrix of J. H. claims an Apportionment of the Half-year's Dividend or Annuity due and paid the Lady-day next after her Husband's Death, as Interest due to him at the Day

of

of his Death; on the other Hand *R. H.* as next in Remainder, insists, that in Regard his Brother *J. H.* the Tenant for Life, died before *Lady-day* 1729. when the Half-year's Dividend or Annuity became due and payable, he, as next in Remainder, is intitled to the whole Dividend, as he would have been to the whole Half-year's Rent, if the Money had been laid out in Land. It was ordered that the Half-year's Dividend shall be apportioned to the Trustees, and that so much thereof, as by Computation was due to *J. H.* at the Day of his Death, should be paid to the Administratrix, and the Residue to *R. H.* the next in Remainder; for that these Annuities are in Nature of Interest, which though payable but Half-yearly, (as Interest is often reserved on Mortgages and other Securities) yet where Interest is given for Life, it is always computed to the Day of the Death of the Tenant for Life, or to the Day of paying the Principal. But as to another Claim by her as Administratrix to her Husband, as to the growing Interest of 6000 l. South-Sea Annuities, which were sold by the Trustees 11th of August 1727. in order to raise Money for a Purchase, from the Lady-day next before such Sale; the Court was of Opinion that she was not intitled to any Allowance for Interest of that Sum, tho' the Trustees having purchased the same in the Middle of the Half-year, when three Months Interest had incurred upon them, and Mr. *J. H.* had made an Allowance for so much Interest as was incurred at the Time of the Purchase out of his Estate for Life, and the Sums so deducted by the Trustees out of the next Dividend were added to the Principal Trust Money; yet the Court would not make her any Allowance for the Interest incurred from *Lady-day* 1727. to *August* the 12th following, when the Annuities were sold; because they being sold to make a Purchase of Land, *J. H.* the Tenant for Life, would be intitled to the growing Half-year's Rent at *Michaelmas*, in Lieu of Interest, and ought not to have both. *Per Jekyll* Master of the Rolls, *Hil. 3 Geo. 2. Raymond C. J. and Ventris, Viner's Abr. Tit. Apportionment, (F) Ca. 3.*

Vide Tit. Contribution and AVERAGE; and also Tit. RENT.

C A P. X.

Assignment.

(A) Of what Things (or Interest) it may or may not be.

1. **E**QUITY will not protect the Assignment of any Chose in Action, unless in Satisfaction of some Debt due to the Assignee; but not when the Debt or Chose in Action is assigned to one to whom the Assignee owes nothing precedent, so that the Assignment is voluntary, or for Money then given. *Per Lord Keep. Bridgeman, 10 July 27 Car. 2. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 145. Ca. 185.*

Cases Abr. P. 44. C. 2. — Vide also the following Cases, to each Case.

Action is assignable in Equity upon a Consideration paid, but there must be a Consideration. Vide 1 Vol. Eq. and the respective Notes

2. An Assignment by a Widow of a Term of Years in Trust for herself and Child, just before her second Marriage, and without the Privilege of her second Husband, held good; but a Power reserved therein to dispose of the Remainder of the said Term after the Decease of herself and Child, held void, because such Remainder not being disposed by her before Marriage vested in the Husband. *Easter 1685. Blitbe's Case (a), 2 Freem. Rep. 91, 92.*

Vide the Case of Cotton and King, P. C.

Vide the Case of Lord Antrim and Duke of Buckingham, P. C.

(a) Vide this Case more fully abridg'd, P. C.

3. A Bill of Exchange was given by A. for Value received; B. assigns it to C. for a just Debt; C. brings an *Indebitatus Assumpsit* on this Bill against A. and had Judgment; A. brings his Bill to be relieved against this Judgment, because there was really no Value received at the Time of giving this Bill, and C. would have no Prejudice who might still resort to B. upon his original Debt: It was insisted upon that A. might be relieved against B. or any claiming as Servant or Factor of, or to the Use of B. But Lord Keep. Sommers held, that C. being an honest Creditor, and coming by this Bill fairly for the Satisfaction of a just Debt, he could not relieve against him, because it would tend to destroy Trade, which is carried on every where by Bills of Exchange; and his Lordship would not lessen an honest Creditor's Security. *Mich. 9 W. 3. Anon. MS. Rep.*

Comyns's Rep. 49. S. C. in totidem verbis.

2 Freem. Rep. 250. *Kim-land and Courtney, Hil. 1700.* Items to be the same Case, and as I take it, came before Lord Keeper on an Appeal. It is there stated thus: *A. possessed of Lands for a Term of 1000 Years, devised the same to B. for 50 Years, if he should so long live; and after B.'s Decease he devised the same to C. and C. assigns his Interest to D.* And Lord Keeper (having taken Time to consider) held this Assignment to be good, and said, this was a stronger Case than *Lampett's*, because the first Devisee being for a Term of 50 Years only, the Devisor had a Remainder in him for the Residue of the Term; but in *Lampett's* Case, the Devisee being for Life, the Devisor had nothing but a mere Possibility (a); and his Lordship said, this was the Case of *Sheriff and Wrotham*, 2 Cro. 509. and was like *Locroft's* Case, cited in the Rector of *Chedington's* Case—and held that *B.* took no Estate for Life by Implication; but in Case he had overlied the 50 Years, then the Executor of the Devisor should have held it during the Life of *B.* as when a Devise is made to *A.* and the Heirs Male of his Body; if he dies without Issue, then to *B.* and his Heirs: This will not enlarge the Estate of *A.* so as to make him Tenant in Tail general, for he shall have it only to him and the Heirs Male of his Body. *Ibid.* 251. (a) A Possibility is assignable in Equity if made upon a good Consideration. Vide the following Cases.

4. *A Remainder of a Term is an assignable Interest*; as if *J. G.* being possessed of a Term of 2000 Years, devised the Estate to his Wife for 50 Years, if she should so long live; and after her Decease to his Son for 50 Years, if he should so long live; and after his Decease to his two Grandchildren during the Remainder of the said Term of 2000 Years. One of the Grandchildren assigns his Interest in the Life-time of the Father or Grandmother, and the Question was, whether this was such an Interest vested in the Life-time of the Father or Grandmother as was assignable in the Life-time of the Father or Grandmother. It was argued that it was not, for that it was a contingent Interest until after the Decease of the Father and Grandmother; and if so, although it be such an Interest vested as cannot be defeated by the first Devisees, and such a one as may be released in the Life-time of the first Devisees, yet it cannot be assigned over; and the Cases of *Matthew Manning and Lampett* were cited. On the other Side it was insisted, that here is but Part of the Term carved out, viz. 50 Years and 50 Years, and the Remainder of the Term rested in the Devisor, which had Power to devise as he thought fit, and the Devisee might assign over; and in *Manning and Lampett's* Cases the whole Term was devised to the Party for Life, and was in him during his Life, and nothing but a Possibility in the executory Devisee. And the Master of the Rolls was of Opinion, that this was an assignable Interest, and that the Moiety passed by the Assignment; and decreed accord'. *Trin. 1700. Kingslader and Courtney*, 2 Freem. Rep. 238.

5. *J. S.* being drawn in to execute a Conveyance of his Estate, which he being sensible of, makes his Will, and thereby devises all his Estate in the first Place for Payment of his Debts, and the Surplus for other Persons. His Creditors brought a Bill to be relieved against the Conveyance, and to have the Lands subjected to the Payment of their Debts. And Lord Keep. and the Master of the Rolls held, that this was but in Nature of an Equity of Redemption, which may be assigned; and that as *J. S.* himself might have come here to be relieved against this Conveyance, so may his Devisee; tho' urged that if these Deeds had been unduly obtained, (which was denied) yet this Devise was but in Nature of a Right of Action, which was not assignable; and therefore the Creditors could have no Benefit of it, *Hil. 1700. Blake and Johnson, Prec. in Chan.* 142.

6. *A.* for a certain Sum had articulated with the City of London to lay a Pipe, which should not convey less than 19 Tun of Water an Hour to Stocks Market and Cheapside; Defendants and one *Houghton*, who was no Party to the Bill, and others, who were not brought to Hearing before the Pipes laid, employed *Houghton* to take a Lease from the City of these Waters to himself, but they had agreed among themselves

there is the same Reason that a bad Bargain if fair and without Fraud should be decreed, as if it had been a good one; and it is plain here was no Fraud nor Surmise in this Case, for the Indenture between *H.* and his Assignees bears Date the same Day with the Lease, and recites it, and what the Fine and Rent was, and then agrees

selves that there should be 900 Shares of that Lease, and that *Houghton* agrees to divide it into 900 Shares, should have 300 Shares to himself, and the other 600 Shares were to be to the other Parties in other Proportions. *Houghton* took a Lease accordingly for 51 Years at 2600 *l.* Fine, and 700 *l.* per Ann. Rent, and covenanted for himself and his Assigns to pay the Rent, &c. by Indenture of same Date with the Lease, and made between *Houghton* and four others, (two of which were only brought to Hearing). *Houghton* assigns this Lease to those four Persons, in Trust for himself as to 300 Shares, and for their own Benefit as to 600 Shares. *A.* lays the Pipe, which did not carry above five Ton of Water per Hour, and the Lease proved a very hard Bargain; and *Houghton* failed. The City brought their Bill against the Assignees of the Lease to pay the Rent in Arrear, and the growing Rent, and to perform the other Covenants in the Lease; and as against *A.* it was that if *Houghton* had not fully performed his Articles with the City, he might do it, that the other Defendants might have the Benefit of them. Lord Keep. decreed the Assignees to pay the Rent for the Time past, but would make no Decree that they should continue the Payment of it during the Term, for they are chargeable no longer than the Privy of Estate continues; and if they can assign it over, that Ground of the Charge is gone. *Easter* 1701. *City of London and Richmond, Aldersey, & al'*, *Prec. in Chan.* 156.

*Said per Lord Keeper. Ibid. 157.— 2 Vern. Rep. 421. Easter. 1701. S. C. states it thus: That the City articulated with A. to lay a Pipe as afore-said, and that while this was doing they treated with H. and granted him a Lease of this Water, in Consideration of 2750 *l.* Fine, and 700 *l.* per Ann. That H. assigns over the Lease to Defendants R. D. G. and B.*

but it did not appear that *G.* and *B.* accepted the Assignment, which was in Trust for such Persons as should buy Shares, the Whole being divided into 900 Shares, valued at 10 *l.* each Share. That the Pipe would not discharge above six Tun per Hour, so instead of being a beneficial Bargain, it would not produce above 300 *l.* per Ann. *H.* being insolvent, and Rent in Arrear, the Bill was brought against the Assignees of the Lease, as also against several who had bought Shares, to have the Arrears of Rent paid, and the growing Rent, and the Performance of the Covenants in the Leases. 1st, It was allowed that *H.* ought to be a Party, but that all the Sharers ought not, the Assignees by dividing of it into so many Shares, having made it impracticable to have them all before the Court. 2^{dly}, That possibly the Assignees might not be liable at Law, if it was an incorporeal Inheritance, for they had no Privy of Estate, yet enjoying the Thing demised ought in Equity to answer the Rent: But it was agreed the Decree ought only to be for the Arrears of Rent, since the Assignments, and what should incur and become due whilst they should continue the Possession; but if they should get rid of it by assigning over, they were not to be prevented from so doing in Equity, or to be decreed to pay the Rent during the Residue of the Term, or longer than they continue the Possession; and how far an Assignee named or not named is bound to perform Covenants in a Lease, the Case of *Spencer*, 5 Co. 16. a. was cited. It was objected that the Rent reserved being 700 *l.* per Ann. and the real Value not 300 *l.* per Ann. it was against the Rules of Equity not to decree in Specie such a hard and unreasonable Bargain; to which Lord Keep. answered, as a beneficial Bargain will be decreed in Equity, so if it happens to be a losing Bargain, for the same Reason it ought to be decreed. It was objected that the Assignees in this Case were but in the Nature of Trustees for the other Sharers, and Equity ought to decree against the Cestuy que Trust, and not against the Trustees; *sed non allocatur.* *Ibid.* 422, 423.

7. One having a Bond, receives the Money due upon it, and afterwards assigns it as a Security for a just Debt; the Assignee cannot set up this Bond in Equity, which being satisfied before, can receive no new Force from the Assignment. *Said per* the Master of the Rolls, in the Case of *Turton and Benson*, *Mich.* 1718. 1 *Will. Rep.* 497. *Vide Lucas's Rep.* 450.—and *Prec. in Chan.* 525.

It is incumbent on the Assignee of a Bond to be informed by the Obligor concerning the quantum due upon such

Bond, which if he neglects to do, it is his own Fault, and he shall not afterwards take Advantage of his own Laches. *Said per* his Honour, 1 *Will. Rep.* 497.

8. A Guardianship is not assignable. *Per* Lords Commissioners, *Sed vide Tit. Guardian, P. Hil.* 1722. in the Case of *Eyre and Lady Shaftsbury*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 121.

9. Tenant for Life with Power to make a Jointure of 500 *l.* per Ann. in Consideration of Marriage and 10000 *l.* covenants to make such Jointure, but dies without doing it. It was held, that the Articles are a Lien on the Estate, and that by the Execution of them the Covenantor became a Trustee for the Feme, and that such Trust is deviseable

devisable and assignable in Equity. *Mich. 1722. in the Case of Lady Coventry and Lord Coventry, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 19.*

2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 83. S. C. and Decree, says, on reading the Proofs it appeared that there was no more than 20 *l.* paid to Plaintiff as a Consideration for said Assignment, and that the Benefit thereof was worth more than 200 *l. per Ann.* to *Hoskins* the Father; and that twelve Years of the old Lease was unexpired at the Time the Plaintiff executed this Assignment; and that it appeared by a Letter (which was proved to be written by Defendant *Hoskins's* Father to Plaintiff purporting) that he and the Plaintiff were to pay 250 *l.* to the City for a Fine, on renewing the Lease, when they were to pay only 20 Marks, and no more; and

10. *A.* by Licence from King *Henry 8.* granted certain Lands to the Mayor, &c. of *G.* in Trust that whenever the Lease made by her to *P.* and *B.* his Wife should determine, that they the Mayor, &c. would make a new Lease to them the said *P.* and *B.* or to the Heirs of the said *B.* at any Time; on Request on Payment of 20 Marks, and under the yearly Rent of 20 Marks, for the Term of 31 Years, with the same Covenants; &c. as in the old Lease; and upon the Expiration of the said Term, the Mayor, &c. were at any Time, on the Request of the Heirs of the Wife, to grant a new Lease to them in the same Form. The Plaintiff and *H. Hoskins* (Defendant *Hoskins's* Father) were Coheirs of *B.* and in 1712. *Hoskins* the Father got an Assignment from the Plaintiff of his Right for 20 *l.* Consideration only, when the Lands appeared to be of the Value of 200 *l. per Ann.* Therefore Plaintiff brought his Bill against Defendant *Hoskins* (Son and Executor of said *H. Hoskins*) to set aside this Assignment as obtained by Fraud and Imposition, by misinforming the Plaintiff of his Right, and against the Mayor, &c. to have a Lease made to Plaintiff and Defendant *Hoskins* as Coheirs to *B.* and according to the Covenants in the original Lease. The Defendants by their Answer acknowledge that Plaintiff and Defendant *H.* are Coheirs to *B.* and that *A.* made such a Grant, &c. and that Leases have been made of those Lands according to the Covenants in the original Lease: That Plaintiff for 80 *l.* paid him by Defendant's Father, assigned all his Right in the said Lease to him, and by another Deed covenanted that he (Defendant's Father) might make Use of his Name in taking a new Lease, &c. and that his Name might be inserted in such new Lease, in Trust for Defendant: And that the City accordingly made a new Lease to Defendant's Father, (according to the Covenants in the original Lease) without naming the Plaintiff and Defendant *Hoskins*, and denied Fraud, &c. The Court set aside the Assignment, and decreed a new Lease to be made to the Plaintiff, and to the Heirs of *Hoskins* (the Father) according to the Covenants in the original Lease made by *A.* and Defendant *Hoskins* to account for a Moiety of the Profits, &c. during his Father's Life, and since his Death, and to pay Costs. *Hil. 10 Geo. 1. Evans and Hoskins and the City of Gloucester, MS. Rep.*

all that the Defendant *Hoskins* proved was, that the Lands were not of so great a Value at the Time of the Assignment as they were now, and that the City insisted on 150 *l.* Fine, which was true; but the Reason was, because *Hoskins* the Father would have a Lease made to him exclusive of the Plaintiff. *Ibid. 85.*

Future contingent Interests are no more assignable in Equity than at Law. Said by his Honor in S. C. *Ibid. See vide the following Cases.*

11. *A.* being bound to pay *J. S.* a Sum of Money in a Year after his Death, gave a Note by way of collateral-Security, that the Money should be paid out of such Arrears of Rent as should be due at his Death; the Benefit whereof Plaintiff now prayed by the Bill. But the Master of the Rolls said, this Assignment or Agreement is utterly void, for it cannot create any specifick Lien, because the Thing itself, viz. the Arrears, was not then in Being, nor is it to take Effect till *A.'s* Death, and then it is too late, for the Arrears then become Part of his Assets liable to his Debts generally; and this differs from the Case of Off-reckoning or of Pay, due or to become due, &c. (which Cafes

That a Possibility of a Term is assignable for a good Consideration, was (inter alia) determined in the Case of *Theobald and Diffay in Dom. Proc.* in March 1729-30. 1 *Will. Rep. 574. in a Note.*

Cases were objected) because in those Cases the Thing assigned is certain, and the Assignee has a certain Interest, but notwithstanding the Assignment or Agreement, he (A.) had it still in his Power to receive all the Arrears, and so defeat his own Assignment. *Mich. 1730. Lady Gray and Dutchess of Hamilton, Viner's Abr. Tit. Assignment, (D) Ca. 28.*

12. A Chose in Action though not assignable at Law, yet is so in Equity, where the Husband may assign it alone, as he may any other Part of the Wife's personal Estate: So may a contingent Interest which the Husband has in Right of his Wife; or a Possibility of a Term; as appears from the Case of *Theobald and Diffay*, decreed first by Lord *Macclesfield*, afterwards affirmed by Lord *Chan. King*, and last of all by the House of Lords; which though not good strictly by way of Assignment, yet will operate as an Agreement, where for a valuable Consideration. 2 *Will. Rep. 608.*

Wife, and also the Trust of such a Term. *Vide Parker and Wyndham, Tit. Baron and Feme, P. C.*

13. If A. devises 1000 l. to B. payable at her Age of 25. Then B. intermarries with J. S. who together with his Wife then an Infant (a) assigned over the said 1000 l. Legacy to W. for a valuable Consideration. *King Lord Chan.* held this Assignment to be good, and that W. was intitled thereto, with Interest from the Time the Wife came to the Age of 25. *Easter 1731. Duke of Chandos and Talbot, 2 Will. Rep. 601, 609.*

much more remote Possibility than that in the principal Case; and yet Lord *Macclesfield* established it by a Decree. *Trin. 1723.*—Where the Husband may assign the Wife's Legacy, payable out of an Estate in Reversion, *vide the Case of Atkins and Dawbury, Mich. 1 Geo. 1. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 88. and 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 45. C. 9. S. C.* (a) Though the Wife was an Infant when the Assignment was made, yet that could not be material, for if she had been of Age, and joined, the Deed as to her would have been void, and she might have pleaded *Non est factum*; but being a personal Thing, the Husband alone might have assigned it. 2 *Will. Rep. 608.*

14. A contingent Interest or Possibility, and which may be released by the Bankrupt, is assignable by the Commissioners. Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, *Mich. 1731. Higden & al' and William-son, 3 Will. Rep. 132.*

and *Williams, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 54. Ca. 7. cites it as a MS. Case.*—S. C. 1 *Will. Rep. 382.* more fully reported.

15. If a Man in his own Right be intitled to a Bond, or other Chose in Action, he may assign it though without any Consideration; *locus* where the Husband is possessed of a Chose in Action in Right of his Wife only, in which Case he has no absolute Title to it (b), but only a Right to endeavour to reduce it into Possession, if he can, during the joint Lives of him and his Wife, which if he does not do, and he dies, the same will remain as it was only in the Wife. Admitted per Counsel, on all Sides, and *King Chan.* was of the same Opinion. *Trin. 1733. in Casu Lord Carteret and Paschal, 3 Will. Rep. 197, 199.*

C. (b) A Chose in Action will not vest absolutely in the Husband by the Marriage. Per Lord *Chan. King*, and *Raymond C. J. in Casu Jones and Com' Stafford & al', Mich. 1730. 3 Will. Rep. 87.*

16. But Baron possessed of a Chose in Action, as he may release or forfeit it, so if he should assign it for a valuable Consideration, it would be good (c). Agreed in the said Case of *Lord Carteret and Paschal, 3 Will. Rep. 199.*—*Secus*, as it seems, if there be no Consideration. *Vide P. C. and the Notes there.*

If a Judgment be given to A. in Trust for a Feme Sole, who marries, and by Consent of her Trustees is in Possession of the Land extended, the Husband alone may assign

17. If a Feme Sole has a Decree to hold and enjoy Lands till a Debt due to her is paid, and she is in Possession of the Lands under this Decree, and marries, and then the Husband and Wife continue in the Possession, &c. till the Baron's Death; the Husband alone in his Life-time may assign it, for this is an equitable Extent, and to be taken as it would be were it a legal Extent; in which Case it is plain that the Husband alone may assign the extended Interest. *Vide the Case of Lord Carteret and Paschall, Tit. Baron and Feme, P. C. 1733.*

over this extended Interest, as he may the Trust of a Term to which his Wife is intitled, according to Sir Edward Turner's Case, (1 Vern. 7.) cited by King C. in the Case of Lord Carteret and Paschall, Trin. 1733. *Vide this Case, Tit. Baron and Feme, P. C. And also Packer and Wyndnam, P. C. Vide same Tit. 1 Vol. Ab. Eq. P. 58. C. 4. Tudor and Samyue.*

18. 3000 l. was to be raised by a Trust-Term in a Marriage Settlement for Portions of Daughters as should be living, and not advanced by the Father at his Death. There being several Daughters, B. one of them, after she came of Age, in the Life-time of her Father, and whilst she was unmarried, releases all her Share in the 3000 l. to the Owner of the Inheritance. B. marries, the Father dies, and a Bill is now brought by her as in her Right to have her Share, &c. Defendant pleads the Release in Bar, and insisted, that this Share of B. though a Possibility only at the Time of the Release, was assignable in Equity, tho' not at Law; and by the same Reason might be released in Equity, and that Possibilities are assignable in Equity; and cited Higden and Watkinson, Tibbals and Dufay, Cases in Parliament, 16 March 1729. Lord Chan. said, that Choses in Action, and Possibilities, are assignable in Equity, if made upon Consideration (a), but here no Consideration appears; and at Law a Possibility may be released; but this is a Demand in Equity under a Trust, and therefore shall be supported by a Consideration; and ordered the Plea to stand for an Answer. Hil. 1734. *Robinson and Bavafor, Viner's Abr. Tit. Assignment, (D) Ca. 29.*

(a) *Quod Nota.*
—*Vide C.*

P. and the Notes there. *Vide also the Notes to the Case of Lady Gray and Dutcheffs of Hamilton, P. 88. C. 11.*

Vide Tit. Baron and Feme, P.

C A P. XI.

Award.

(A) Award, for what Causes set aside;—
 And here concerning Submission and Awards made pursuant to a Rule of Court, according to the Stat. W. 3. (a)

(a) The Stat.
 of 9 & 10 W.
 3. cap. 15.

sect. 1. enacts, That after the 11th of May 1698. all Merchants and others desiring to end any Controversy (for which there is no Remedy but by personal Action, or Suit in Equity) by Arbitration, may agree that their Submission of the Suit to the Award or Umpirage of any Persons shall be made a Rule of any of his Majesty's Courts of Record, which the Parties shall chuse, and may insert such their Agreement in their Submission, or the Condition of the Bond or Promise: And upon producing an Affidavit of such Agreement, and upon reading and filing such Affidavit in the Court so chosen, the same may be entred of Record in such Court, and a Rule of Court shall be thereon made that the Parties shall submit to, and finally be concluded by, such Arbitration or Umpirage; and in Case of Disobedience thereto, the Party neglecting or refusing shall be subject to all the Penalties of contemning a Rule of Court, and Process shall issue accordingly, which shall not be stopped or delayed by any Order, &c. of any other Court, either of Law or Equity, unless it appears on Oath that the Arbitrators or Umpire misbehaved themselves, and that such Award was corruptly or unduly obtained.

sect. 2. Any Arbitration or Umpirage procured by Corruption or undue Means shall be void, and set aside by any Court of Law or Equity, so as such Corruption or undue Practice be complained of in the Court where the Rule is made for such Arbitration, before the last Day of the next Term after such Arbitration made and published to the Parties.

1. **B**ILL to set aside an Award made pursuant to a Rule of Court in B. R. for *Misbehaviour in the Arbitrators* upon this Case. The Plaintiff and Defendant entred into an Arbitration Bond, and submitted to make it a Rule of Court, and an Award was made pursuant to the Submission by Rule of Court, but the Plaintiff not liking the Award applied to the Court of B. R. to set it aside, and made several Objections to it; and the Court being divided in Opinion, a Rule was made to hear Counsel why the Award should not be set aside; and afterwards the Rule was discharged; but the Court being divided in Opinion, the Plaintiff could not obtain a Rule for an Attachment for Non-performance of the Award, and therefore brought an Action upon the Arbitration Bond, and got Judgment, and then Ward, the Defendant at Law, brought his Bill to be relieved against the Award. The Question was, whether the Plaintiff at Law, not having pursued the Method prescribed by Stat. 9 W. 3. cap. 15. by Attachment, but has brought an Action upon the Arbitration Bond at Common Law, and has not pleaded the Statute to the Jurisdiction of this Court, whether upon these Circumstances the Court may not proceed to examine the Award, &c. The Defendant's Counsel insisted that the Award being made by Rule of Court pursuant to said Statute, and set out to be so made by Defendant's Answer, and the Defendant ought to have the Benefit of the Statute as well as if he had pleaded it; and the Parties to the Award have no Remedy but by Application to the Court

Court where the Rule was made; that this Statute was pleaded to the Jurisdiction of this Court *tempore Cowper C.* and the Plea was allowed. Ordered that the Master should make a State of the Case for the Resolution of the Court. *Easter 6 Geo. 1. in Canc. Ward and Periam & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Arbitrement, (H. a.) Ca. 18.*

2. When Submission to an Award is by Bond, which is afterwards made a Rule of Court, the Court will allow the same Objection to the Award as they would do when the same came before them on an Action on the Bond; otherwise there might be a Contradiction; but when a Submission is only by Rule of Court, that Court will not receive Objections to it, for it is the same as if the Whole had been in the Rule; and the Court will not relieve when the Matter has been examined by another Court that had Jurisdiction, unless the Equity be that some Matter of Fraud in the Award had come to the Knowledge of the Party since the former Examination, which did not appear before the other Court. Per Lord Chan. who (as Mr. Viner says) had taken formerly the same Distinction in *B. R. Ibid. Ca. 19.* cites it from a MS. Rep. as the Case of *Coxeter and Anderson.*

3. A hard Award made without hearing one of the Parties, was denied to be set aside, because he had Notice, and might have been heard if he pleased; and as to the Hardship, the Court said the Arbitrators were Judges of the Parties own choosing. Bill dismissed with Costs. *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. Waller and King, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 63.*

4. Bill was for an Account, and to impeach an Award between Plaintiff and Defendant B. touching a Partnership in buying and selling Diamonds in France in 1719. and the Bill was against the Arbitrators as well as the Parties; Defendant B. (the Party) as to the Account, &c. pleads the Award, &c. and the Arbitrators as to a Discovery of several Particulars prayed by the Bill, and as to any Relief against them, plead the Submission, and that by Consent it was made an Order of this Court, &c. Lord Chan. allowed B.'s Plea to the Account, &c. but over-ruled the Arbitrators Plea, as covering too much, i. e. several Particulars, which might tend to shew a Partiality, &c. in their Proceedings. Note; In Debate of the Case it was argued, that an Award made upon a Submission pursuant to the Statute *W. 3.* could not be set aside but for Partiality or Corruption in the Arbitrators complained of within two Terms after the Award

(a) The Act made (a), and in the present Case, though the Act of Parliament was says, before not particularly relied upon, yet it appeared that the Submission was the last Day of made an Order of this Court, and that was said to be sufficient to the next Term bring it within the Statute; but the Bill was filed within a few Days after such Arbitration made after, so that no Advantage could be taken of not complaining according to the Act within two Terms, &c. And it was urged, that and published to the Parties. though the two Terms do elapse before any Complaint, yet that does not oust this Court of Jurisdiction and Power to set aside the Award

at any Time for Misbehaviour, &c. And a Case of *Ward and Walker*

(b) Mr. Viner (b) was cited by Mr. Attorney General, of an Award so set aside by in his Notes Lord Macclesfield, which had been made under a Submission, made a upon this Case Rule of Court. But Lord Chan. seemed to doubt, as thinking the says, Quære Statute giving two Terms, &c. concluded all Courts and all Manner of the Case of Equity, &c. *Godfrey and Boucher, 4 Geo. 2. Viner's Abr. Tit. Arbitrement, (J. a.) Ca. 38.* *Ward and Walker*, if the Bill there was not brought

within the two Months (c).—*Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 152. East. 2 Geo. 2. Alarides and Cambel and Williams in Scacc. says, the Opinion of the C. B. was, that Courts of Equity are not confined to allow of Exceptions to Awards within the Time prescribed by the Stat. W. 3. as Courts of Law are; and that Hale and Comyns agreed, but that Cartur B. differed. (c) Terms.*

5. The Bill was to set aside an Award: There were several stated Accounts between Plaintiff and Defendant, whereby considerable Sums were due from Defendant, but the Arbitrator, without Regard to any of these stated Accounts, made up an Account his own Way, bringing in the Plaintiff indebted to Defendant 25 *l.* and awarding the Plaintiff to assign over to Defendant a Mortgage which he had on the other's Estate, upon which mutual Releases were to be given. Plaintiff, *about two or three Days before the Time for making the Award was expired*, sent to desire the Arbitrator to defer making his Award until he should talk with him about his Demands, to support the stated Accounts, and know what Objections were made against them, which the Arbitrator would not comply with. The Submission (*after the Award was made*) was confirmed by an Order of this Court. It was insisted for the Defendant, that this Submission being confirmed by an Order of Court, pursuant to the Statute, it could not be set aside but for *Corruption*, or some other *undue Means*; and that in Point of Time the Party was confined to make his Complaint even as to that before the End of the next Term after the Award was made. It was held by Lord Talbot, 1st, That within the Act of 9 & 10 W. 3. c. 15. the Confirmation must be prior to the making of the Award. 2dly, That with Regard to the Time within which the Complaint was to be made, it was in this Case *impossible* for the Party to apply within a Term after the Award made, because the Submission was not confirmed till the End of the next Term after making the Award. 3dly, It was acting *unduly* to proceed in making the Award when the Plaintiff had desired to be heard against the Arbitrators determining in Contradiction to so many stated Accounts. Award set aside *with Costs*, notwithstanding the Plaintiff's Application to the Arbitrator was not till within two or three Days before the Time for making the Award was out, there appearing to be just Ground for the Plaintiff to desire to be heard, and in Regard it would be difficult to assign a Reason for rejecting so many stated Accounts so lately allowed and passed between both the submitting Parties. *Trin. 1735. Spettigue and Carpenter, 3 Will. Rep. 361.*

6. One of the Parties to an Award having made a Submission in Court, pursuant to the Statute, dies before the Money paid; no *Sci. Fa.* can issue against the Heir or Executor to enforce Payment for the Award, though established by the Court, is not in Nature of a Judgment or Decree to be prosecuted, but of a Contempt, which dies with the Person. So held all the Judges, they being consulted in this Matter as a Matter concerning all the Courts. *Prec. in Chan. 223. — Vide the Case of Webster and Bishop, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 51. Ca. 1. 4th Edit.*

7. Where Arbitrators direct that an Application shall be made to Parliament to confirm their Award, such Award is not binding unless an Act of Parliament be applied for and obtained pursuant to such Direction. *Per Lord Chan. Easter 1741. Gibson and Smith, MS. Rep.*

Where a Bill in Equity lies to compel a specifick Performance of an Award, vide the Case of Hall and Hardy, P. 28. C. 35. — Vide the Case of South-Sea Company and Bumstead, P. 80. Ca. 8. concerning Pleading, &c. to a Bill to set aside an Award.

C A P. XII.

Bankrupt.

- (A) Who may not be a Bankrupt; — What will amount to an Act of Bankruptcy.
- (B) Concerning suing out a Commission of Bankruptcy; — And what is a Dealing in such Commission within the Statute.
- (C) Concerning the Commissioners.
- (D) Concerning the Assignees; — And what Acts or Agreements of the Bankrupt will bind them.
- (E) Concerning the Clerk to the Commission.
- (F) Who are allowed to come in as Creditors under the Commission (a); — And here of contingent and future Debts.
- (G) In what Cases Interest shall be allowed to a Creditor.
- (H) Who are obliged to come in as Creditors.
- (I) Concerning joint and separate Commissions, and Creditors coming in under such Commissions.
- (K) What shall be sold the Bankrupt's Estate, or such an Interest in him as may be sold, assigned, &c. under the Commission, & econ't.
- (L) Of Distribution, &c.
- (M) Cases relating to Purchasers.
- (N) Concerning Assignments made by a Bankrupt just before his Bankruptcy, in order to give Preference to some of his Creditors.
- (O) Of setting off mutual Debts.
- (P) Bankrupt arrested, in what Case discharged.
- (Q) Concerning Bankrupt's Certificate, and the Allowance thereof.
- (R) In what Cases a Commission of Bankruptcy may be superseded.

(a) *Vide* (L)
P.

(A) Who

(A) Who may not be a Bankrupt;—What will amount to an Act of Bankruptcy.

1. **H**AVING *East-India* Stocks, or the Dealing in them, will not make a Man liable to Bankruptcy, nor do they seem to be Wares, Goods or Merchandizes, within the Intent of the Clause of the Statute of 13 & 14 Car. 2. cap. 24. (a). Said *per King C. Mich. 1725.* in the Case of *Colt and Nettervill*, 2 Will. Rep. 308. (a) Before the making this Statute Sir

John Wolfenholme, who was an Adventurer in the *East-India* Company, and by Reason of his having a Share in the Stock of that Company, and selling for Money Part of the Return which he had in Specie there for his said Adventure, was adjudged to be a Bankrupt, though he had a great Estate in Lands, and did not get the most Part of his Living by Buying and Selling. *Vide Nelf. Abr. 336. Ca. 8.—Hughes's Abr. 315. Ca. 7.*—But now by the said Act, Sect. 3. No Person who shall adventure any Money in the *East-India* Company, or *Guinea* Company, or any joint Stocks of Money by them raised for carrying on the Trade by the said *East-India* Company, or *Guinea* Company, to be managed, or who shall adventure any Money in any Stocks for managing the Fishing Trade, or the Trade called the Royal Fishing Trade, and shall receive their Dividends in Fish, or Merchandizes in Specie, and shall sell or exchange the same, shall by Reason of such Adventure, Selling or Exchanging, be adjudged a Merchant within any Statute for Bankrupts.—Sect. 4. Provided that every Person who shall trade in any other way than in the said Royal Fishing Trade, or the Trade managed by the said *East-India* Company, or the *Guinea* Company, shall, by Reason of the said Trading and Merchandizing, be liable to Commissions of Bankrupts as fully as if this Act had never been made.

2. A Person being under the Age of 21 bought Goods, and after the Age of 21 committed an Act of Bankruptcy, in Respect of those Goods, on which a Commission issued. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* doubted whether he might not be a Bankrupt; but King C. was clear of Opinion he could not; and said, if Commissioners find a Man a Bankrupt who is not so, Action will lie against them. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1.* in *Whitlock's Case*, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 46.

3. No Member of the Bank of England shall be adjudged a Bankrupt by Reason of this Stock in the Bank, by Stat. 8 & 9 W. 3. cap. 20. sect. 47.

4. So of the *South-Sea* Company, by Stat. 8 Geo. 1. cap. 21. sect. 12.

5. So of the Royal Exchange and London Assurances. *Vide Stat. 6 Geo. 1. cap. 18. sect. 10.*

6. So of Persons circulating Exchequer Bills. See the Statute relating thereto.

7. A. had a running Account with B. a Banker, and had 3000 l. in his Hands; B. paid A. 1000 l. for which A. instead of a Receipt gave B. a promissory Note, who assigned it to H. and then B. became a Bankrupt. H. sued the Note, and A. not being able to prove on the Trial that B. was a Bankrupt at the Time of the Assignment, H. recovered, then A. brought a Bill for an Injunction, and to have a Discovery, whether the Assignment was not made after the Time it bore Date. No Proof was made of the Bankruptcy at the Time of the Assignment, only that he could not pay it, but never kept out of the way. King C. that does not amount to an Act of Bankruptcy; and if People are so careless to give Notes instead of Receipts, it is more fit they should suffer than innocent Persons, who know nothing of their Transactions. Bill dismissed. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Parkenham and Bland and Hoskins*, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 42.

It was insisted that though this was a promissory Note, it should be considered only as a Receipt, A. having at

that Time Money in B.'s Hands, and it could not be imagined A. intended to be liable on the Note at the same Time that so much Money was due to him; and if so, then the 1000 l. should be taken as so much Money paid, and deducted out of the 3000 l. so he should come in for his distributive Share of 2000 l. of the Bankrupt's Estate, and not be a Creditor for 3000 l. and pay the 1000 l. Note; But held as above. *Ibid. 43.*

8. *L.* having two promissory Notes signed by *A.* payable to *L.* or Order, four Months after Date; *L.* when about three Months was to run, endorsed them to *M.* for Goods then delivered; and *A.* absconding about one Month after, *L.* on *M.*'s going to him, procures himself to be denied, and then *M.* sues out a Commission of Bankruptcy against *L.* who petitioned to supersede the Commission. By a late Statute (a), a Creditor by Note payable at a future Day may sue out a Commission as well as come in as a Creditor; but the Debtor's denying himself to such a Creditor is not an Act of Bankruptcy, it must be a keeping House, &c. in order to defeat or delay Creditors of their Debts, which could not be here, because *M.* had then no Debt due to demand, so Commission superseded. It was objected, that *L.* was Debtor to *M.* immediately upon the Goods delivered; *sed non allocatur*; for per Lord C. it was Part of the Contract that *M.* would stay for the Money till the Notes became due. *Mich. Vac. 1733. Ex parte Levi, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (B) Ca. 14.*

(a) 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 22. which enacts, That it shall be lawful for any Persons taking Bills, Notes or other Security for Money payable at a future Day, to petition for a Commission, or join in petitioning.

9. *B.* was arrested for 28*l.* and though he had Money sufficient to pay the Debt, yet chused rather to go to Prison, in order, as he declared, to force his Creditors to come to a Composition. And per Lord Chan. this is an Act of Bankruptcy within 1 Jac. 1. though without such Intent; yielding himself to Prison was not, unless he lay there two Months; otherwise where the Party procures himself to be arrested upon a sham Debt; and that by the Statute of Eliz. is immediately an Act of Bankruptcy. *Trin. Vac. 1734. ex parte Barton, Ibid. Ca. 15.*

(B) Concerning suing out a Commission of Bankruptcy; — And what is a Dealing in such Commission within the Statute.

1. *B.* Gave *J. S.* two Notes, the one for 50*l.* and the other for 53*l.* payable at different Times. Before the Day of Payment of the second Note, *J. S.* took out a Commission of Bankruptcy against *B.* who was really a Bankrupt, but petitioned to set this Commission aside, as irregularly taken out, it being taken out at the single Petition of *J. S.* to whom only 50*l.* and not 103*l.* was then due. And *Harcourt C.* superseded the Commission (b), but denied to assign the Bond, the Commission not appearing to be taken out maliciously or fraudulently, which are the Words of the Act. *Trin. 1714. Ex parte Mackernefs, 1 Will. Rep. 260.*

(b) His Lordship said, that in a late Case the Lord C. J. Parker was of the same Opinion; and that Lord Trevor, discoursing with Lord Parker and himself, seemed to concur in such Opinion. — Vide the Notes to the following Case.

The Statutes of 7 Geo. 1. cap. 31. sect. 1. and 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 22. have altered the Law in these Points, for by the former Statute Creditors on Securities payable at a future Day, are admitted to prove their Securities as if they were payable presently, and are intitled to a proportionable Part of the Bankrupt's Estate, though they must not join in suing forth the Commission till such their Debts become payable. But by the latter Act, Persons having Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money, payable at a future Day, may petition for a Commission, or join in petitioning.

2. It was resolved by Lord Chan. Parker, that if a Creditor by Bond before the Day of Payment sues out a Commission of Bankruptcy against the Obligor in the Bond, it is irregular, and that the Commission ought to be superseded; for though it be *debitum in presenti*, yet it cannot be so much as put in Suit, much less can there be a Com-

Commission of Bankruptcy taken out on such a Bond, whereby all the real and personal Estate of the Bankrupt is (as it were) seized in Execution. *Hil. 1719. Ex parte James. Ibid. 610.*

3. An *Indorsee* of Notes (to the Amount of 100 l.) purchased in at an under Value, i. e. at 10 s. in the Pound, petitioned for a Commission against the *Drawer*. Objected, that such Creditor who came by his Debt in this Manner was not intitled to sue out a Commission. And his Lordship held, that though they had been given without any Consideration, yet they are now his Debts, and the legal Right vested in the Indorsee; *secus* in Case of an Assignment of a Bond, for as much as such Assignee, not being the legal Creditor, could not have taken out a Commission;— Had the *Indorsement of the Notes* in the principal Case been made after the Bankruptcy, it might be a *Quere* whether such Indorsee would be intitled to a Commission, as not being a Creditor for 100 l. or capable of taking out a Commission at the Time of the Party's becoming a Bankrupt. *Per his Lordship. Ibid.*

4. Defendant became indebted to Plaintiff in 1730. and afterwards committed an Act of Bankruptcy, upon which Plaintiff (being the petitioning Creditor) took out a Commission against him, in order to overreach and make void as many of his Conveyances and Settlements, &c. as possible. The Creditors on a Bill filed endeavoured to prove him a Bankrupt as far backward as they could, and did actually prove to the Satisfaction of the Court, that he committed an Act of Bankruptcy in the Year 1726. Then it became a Question, whether the Commission of Bankruptcy, and all that was done under it, was not wrong, in Regard that the Debt of the petitioning Creditor, on which it was grounded, was contracted subsequent in Time to the first Act of Bankruptcy. After arg' and Time taken to consider, Talbot C. dismissed the Plaintiff's Bill without Prejudice (a). *Mich. 1734. De Gols and Ward, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 243.*

5. Stat. 1 Jac. 1. cap. 15. sect. 17. enacts, That if after any Commission of Bankruptcy sued forth and dealt in by the Commissioners, the Offender happen to die before the Commissioners shall have distributed the Goods, or any of them, the Commissioners shall in that Case proceed in Execution upon the Commission for the Offender's Goods, Lands and Debts, as they might have done if the Party were living.

6. A Commission of Bankruptcy issued against H. at eleven of the Clock in the Morning; at three in the Afternoon the Commissioners declare him a Bankrupt, and execute an Assignment at six, and then have Notice that the Bankrupt died at ten of the Clock that Day; this is a Dealing within the Act of 1 Jac. 1. cap. 15. sect. 17. and the Proceedings shall stand. *Per Lord Chan. Hil. 1735. Warrington and Norton, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 184.*

him a Bankrupt was the Act meant, but that Declaration of the Commissioners being only discretionary and for Caution, and not at all binding to any Body, it is not probable that the Act should intend that only a Dealing which it has not any where given the Commissioners Power to do; whatever is done in Pursuance of the Commission is a Dealing in it, if never so minute; and the rather, for these being remedial Laws, are to be beneficially construed in Favour of the Creditors; and said, he could not therefore put a narrow constrained Construction upon the Words dealt in, in order to overthrow this Commission, and all the just Right of the Creditors claiming under it. *Ibid. 186.*

(a) But this Decree was reversed in the House of Lords by the Opinion of all the Judges, Feb. 17, 1737. His Lordship said, he knew no particular Act as distinct from another which can be called a Dealing. It has been said, that the declaring

(C) Concerning the Commissioners.

1. Commissioners of Bankrupts issued their Warrant to seize Goods of a Bankrupt on Board twelve Ships in Topsham Bay; the Goods were consigned to Persons in Holland, who had not paid the Bankrupt for them. The Masters refused to deliver the Goods notwithstanding the Warrant; and this occasioned the Commissioners themselves to demand the Goods in Person, which were still refused. The Court on Motion for an Order upon the Masters for their Contempt, ordered them to deliver the Goods upon Payment of the Freight Money; and they to be indemnified by the Creditors against the Bill of Lading, which was sent to the Consignees. Mich. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.

2. The Commissioners cannot examine the Wife of a Bankrupt against her Husband touching his Bankruptcy. By the Common Law (a) 1 Inst. 6. b. she cannot be a Witness for or against her Husband (a); and though 2 Vern. 79. the Statute of 21 Jac. 1. authorizes the Commissioners to examine the Wife touching any Concealment of his Goods or Effects, yet neither (b) 5 Geo. 1. does that or the late Statute (b), extend to examine the Wife touching the Bankruptcy of her Husband, or whether he had committed any Act of Bankruptcy, and how and when he became a Bankrupt. Per Parker C. Hil. 1719. Ex parte James, 1 Will. Rep. 610, 611. cap. 24.

3. And if the Commissioners commit the Bankrupt's Wife, and the Warrant of Commitment mentions it to be as well for refusing to discover the Goods and Effects of the Bankrupt, as to discover the Time and Manner of his Bankruptcy, the Wife being to continue in Prison till she should make this last Discovery; the Commitment is illegal, and she shall be discharged. Held per Lord Chan. Ibid. 611.

4. Till the Statute of 5 Geo. 1. cap. 24. the Commissioners could not examine the Bankrupt himself touching his Bankruptcy. Said per Lord Chan. Ibid.

5. By 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 43. The Commissioners shall not be capable of acting until they respectively shall have taken an Oath to the Effect following, viz. I A. B. do swear that I will faithfully, impartially and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute the several Powers and Trusts reposed in me as a Commissioner in a Commission of Bankruptcy against and that without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice.

So help me God..

6. Which Oath any two of the Commissioners are empowered to administer to each other, and they are required to keep a Memorial thereof, signed by them, among the Proceedings on each Commission.

7. On a Petition (in Feb. 1739.) in the Case of Haliday a Bankrupt against several of the Commissioners for taking more than 20s. a-piece at each Meeting, and likewise ordering great Sums of Money to be charged for their eating and drinking. Lord Chan. declared them incapable, by Virtue of the Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 42. (c) to be any longer as Commissioners in the Execution of the said Commission, and that no further Proceedings ought to be had thereupon, and that all

(c) This Statute enacts, that there shall not be paid out of the Estate of the Bankrupt

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any Monies for Expences in eating or drinking of the Commissioners, or of any other Person at the Times of the Meeting of the Commissioners or Creditors; and if any Commissioner shall order such Expence to be made, or eat or drink at the Charge of the Creditors, or out of the Estate of such Bankrupt, or receive above 20s. each Commissioner for each Meeting, every such Commissioner shall be disabled to act in any Commission of Bankrupts.

all further Proceedings be stayed; that Petitioners be at Liberty to apply by Petition to have said Commission renewed and directed to such *new* Commissioners as his Lordship should think fit, and Petitioners and Assignees Solicitors respectively to leave with the Secretary of Bankrupts the Names of five Persons whom they shall propose for his Lordship's Consideration, in order that proper Persons may be appointed Commissioners in such renewed Commission; and that the present Assignees be removed; and after the Commission shall be renewed, an Advertisement is to be published in the *Gazette*, appointing a Meeting of the Creditors for choice of new Assignees, and that after such Choice, the surviving Commissioners in the present Commission, or any three of them, and the Assignees so removed, do join with the major Part of the Commissioners, to be named in the renewed Commission, in making an Assignment of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects to the new Assignees, and that forthwith after the Execution of such Assignment, the *old Assignees* do deliver over to the *new* all the Effects of the Bankrupt remaining in *Specie* in their Hands, Custody or Power, and all Books, &c. upon Oath, and that they do deliver Possession of the Bankrupt's real Estate to the *new* Assignees; and that the *old Assignees* (a) petitioned against do, out of their own Pockets, pay the Costs of the *Petitioner's present Application*, and the Costs of renewing the said Commission, to be taxed by the Master, in Case the Parties shall differ about the same. *Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (O) Ca. 3.*

(a) 2. If it should not be Commissioners.

8. *A.* was declared a Bankrupt, and the Commissioners being informed that he was imbezilling and concealing his Effects, and fraudulently conveying away and alienating his Estate, thought it necessary to have him before them *before the first Day appointed in the Gazette for his Examination*; and accordingly, at the Request of the petitioning Creditor, they summoned him personally to attend them to be examined touching the said Complaint, and upon his refusing to comply with the Summons, they got a Judge's Warrant, and the Bankrupt, by Virtue thereof, was committed to *Newgate*, and upon his being brought before the Commissioners, pursuant to their Warrant directed to the Keeper of *Newgate*, and refusing to be examined, they recommitted him to *Newgate*, *there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, according to the Intent of the Statutes in that Case made and provided.* And upon the Bankrupt's Petition, the Commissioners *Right of committing the Bankrupt was* (inter al') *contested*: But upon great Debate of this Matter, Lord Chan. was *clearly* of Opinion that the Commitment by the Commissioners was legal; and therefore his Lordship ordered that such Part of *A.*'s Petition as *prayed to be discharged out of Prison* should be *dismissed.* 1742. *Ex parte Lingood, MS. Rep.*

For Commissioners Power in assigning Bankrupt's Estate, vide post.
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(D) Concerning the Assignees ;— and what Acts or Agreements of the Bankrupt will bind them.

It was objected that this was a fraudulent Deed, and within 1 Jac. 1. c. 15. because made so near the Act of Bankruptcy ; but his Lordship said, the out. *East. 8 Geo. 1. Cock and Goodfellow, Lucas's Rep. 489, 498.*

1. **M**R S. Cock about two Months before her Bankruptcy having Trust Money in her Hands belonging to her Children, makes a Deed, declaring the Trust of what belonged to her Children respectively. Upon the Bankruptcy of the Mother the Children bring their Bill to have this Deed established, and to have the Preference of their Mother's other Creditors. The Creditors would have set this Deed aside, but Parker (a) C. calling it an honourable Deed, established it through-ship said, the out. *East. 8 Geo. 1. Cock and Goodfellow, Lucas's Rep. 489, 498.*

Deeds meant
by that Statute are Deeds made to defraud Creditors, whereas this is a Deed made to secure a just Debt. *Ibid. 496.*
— 2 Will. Rep. 430. Mich. 1727. S. C. cited per Master of the Rolls in the Case of Small and Oudley & al, Mich. 1727. says, the Deed of Assignment was made by Mrs. Cock in Contemplation of her Bankruptcy, and in Trust for her own Children, and as to Part it was but a Direction to her Trustees to assign her Stock in the Bank, &c. And Lord Macclesfield declared that this was so far from being an Act of Fraud in Mrs. Cock, tho' it was for her own Children, that it seemed to be just and commendable. *Vide the Case of Small and Oudley & al, P. C. and Jacob and Shepherd.* (a) It should be Macclesfield.

2. Assignees can take nothing but what the Commissioners can assign ; and the Commissioners can assign nothing but what the Bankrupt could honestly assign to them. Said per Lord Macclesfield, *East. 8 Geo. 1. in the Case of Cock and Goodfellow, Lucas's Rep. 497.*

3. Defendant made a Lease of an Inn to A. for Years, with a Proviso that the Lessee, his Executors or Administrators, should not assign the Term without Lessor's Consent under his Hand in Writing, with a Power of Re-entry in such Case to the Lessor, and that the Lease should be void. Lessee dies, and his Executor enters and enjoys the Premises, and then becomes a Bankrupt. The Commissioners assign (b) this Lease to the Assignees chosen by the Creditors, and afterwards in Consideration of 50*l.* they (the Assignees) assigned it to Plaintiff, who brought this Bill to be relieved against this Proviso, and to stay Proceedings in an Ejectment brought by the Lessor against him upon this Proviso. Defendant by his Answer insists upon the Forfeiture at Law, and that the Proviso ought not to be set aside in Equity. Lord Chan. held clearly, that the Assignment by the Commissioners (being done by Authority of a Statute, which will supersede any private Agreement between even the Parties) and the Assignment over by the Assignees was no Breach of the Condition ; ergo decreed Plaintiff to hold and enjoy, and an Injunction to stay Proceedings at Law. On an Appeal to Lord Macclesfield from a Decree of Dismissal at the Rolls. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Goring and Warner, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (R) Ca. 9.*

(b) The first Assignment by the Commissioners is not a perfect and compleat Assignment within the Meaning of the Statute, and passes only the legal Interest, subject to a Trust, to be sold and disposed of for the Benefit of the Rest of the Creditors ; and the Disposition is not compleat till sold by them for the Benefit of the Creditors ; such Assignment is only formal, and in Ease of the Commissioners, and in order only to make a Sale thereof for the Benefit of the Creditors, the Commissioners Assignees stand in the Bankrupt's Place, and are in Effect his Assignees ; and it is unjust that such a Proviso should frustrate and overthrow the Intent of a Statute made in Favour of honest Creditors, and deprive them of the Advantage they may make of a beneficial Lease ; and this Case is an Exception out of the general Rule, (and which holds true generally), that the Commissioners nor their Assignees can be in no better a Condition than the Bankrupt himself (c), and consequently cannot assign over without Licence. Said per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* (c) *Vide 3 Will. Rep. 144. Mich. 1732. where it was held clearly per King C. that the Assignees cannot be in a better Case than the Bankrupt. Vide the Case of the South-Sea Company and Wymondsell, P. C. and also C. 5. P. 101.*

But it afterwards appearing that the Paper, in which he charged the Diamonds at a less Value than what he sold them for, was not delivered to Mr. Pitt, it was looked upon not as an actual Fraud, but only a Preparation to it, of which he might have repented, so no Costs against the Assignees. *Ibid.*

4. J. S. had Diamonds consigned to him by Governor Pitt to sell for his Use ; he charged them fraudulently at a less Price than he charged

charged them for, and after became a Bankrupt. Upon which a Question arose, whether the Assignees under the Commission should pay Costs; and resolved *they should out of the Estate*; for if the Bankrupt had been here himself, he must have paid Costs, and the Assignees stand in his Place as to his Estate. Per Commissioners Gilbert and Raymond, Trin. 1725. Child and Pitt, Sel. Ca. in Canc. 16.

5. The Assignees are bound by all Acts done by the Bankrupt before he became so, whether of a legal or equitable Nature, if they were done upon a valuable Consideration and without Fraud; and whatever Disposition of his Estate he makes, that will affect himself, does equally conclude the Assignees who stand directly in his Place. MS. Notes.

every Particular, and any Agreement entered into shall bind them; and though there may not be the same Remedy against them, that is not from the Nature, but the Necessity of the Thing; for he shall make an adequate and compleat Satisfaction as far as his Fortune in the Hands of the Assignees will admit of. Chief J. Raymond and Baron Comyns, assisting the Lord Chan. King—Trin. 2 Geo. 2. in the Case of——— and Du Rhone, Sel. Ca. in Canc. 77.

6. The new Assignees under a Commission of Bankruptcy petitioned that J. S. the Administrator of D. who was the surviving Assignee (of the former Assignees) under the Commission, might account before the Commissioners for the Effects of the Bankrupt come to his Hands, suggesting that he (the Administrator) had confessed that he believed his Intestate kept the Bankrupt's Money in a separate Bag, with a Note in it shewing it to be such. But the Administrator denying this upon Oath, and that he did not believe the Fact to be so, and likewise swearing that his Testator died indebted by Specialty several thousand Pounds beyond all his Assets; King C. ordered the Petition to be dismissed, and directed a Bill to be brought. Trin. 1729. Ex parte Markland, 2 Will. Rep. 546.

tor. Said arg' and admitted per Lord Chan. Ibid. 547.

7. Though the Assignee of the Effects of a Bankrupt claims under the Act of Parliament, yet as the Statute of Limitations might be pleaded against the Bankrupt, by the same Reason it is pleadable against such Assignee. Said per King C. Mich. 1732. South-Sea Company and Wymondsell, 3 Will. Rep. 144.

8. John Savage was seised of Copyhold Land within the Manor of Whitchurch and Dodington, the Custom of which Manor is, that the first Wife shall have her Free-Bench in all the Land the Husband was ever seised of during the Coverture, that the second Wife should have a Moiety, and the third a third Part, so long as she kept her Husband above Ground. J. S. in Consideration of Marriage with Elizabeth the Daughter of A. covenanted within two Months after the Marriage to settle all his Lands to the Uses following, viz. For the one Part to him and his Wife for Life, Remainder to his first Son in Tail Male, &c. Remainder to the first and every other Daughter in Tail Female, Remainder to his own right Heirs; as to the other Moiety to himself for Life, Remainder, *ut supra*, to the Issue, &c. provided that the Lands not settled in Jointure on his Wife should be charged with the Payment of 300 l. for younger Childrens Portions; provided also that the Lands settled on the Wife should be in Lieu of her customary Estate. By Indorsement on the Articles of the same Date with them, it was mutually agreed by all the Parties, that J. S. should have a Power to charge the Land not settled in Jointure with 300 l. for the Payment of his Debt. J. S. became a Bankrupt,

and died without performing the Articles, or executing the Power; and the Assignees brought their Bill against the Heir and the younger Children of J. S. to have 300 l. which J. S. might have raised for the Benefit of Creditors; and the younger Children filed their Bill against the Heir, the Mother, and the Assignees, to have their Fortunes raised: And on this Case the Points following were determined by King Lord Chan. 1st, As the Jointure settled on the Wife is not made expressly in Lieu of her Free-Bench, but only mentioned in the Proviso; and she being an Infant at the Time of making the Articles, and not Party to them, whether she should be excluded from claiming her Free-Bench; and it was held she should, and be obliged to abide by her Jointure. And the Case of *Vizet v. Longdon* was cited, where a Sum of Money was settled on a Woman before Marriage for her Provision and Maintenance; and the Master of the Rolls was of Opinion, she should have both that and her Dower; but the Chancellor reversed the Decree, and confined her to her Settlement. 2dly, Whether the Settlement should be carried into Execution; and resolved it should, for as it must have been specifically executed against the Covenantor if he had not become a Bankrupt, so the Assignees who stand in his Place shall make it good. 3dly, Whether the Power of charging the Land with Debts was vested in the Assignees; and it was compared to a Power of Revocation which a Man leaves unexecuted, and for which his Creditors shall have Remedy against the Heir. By my Lord Chan. decreed that the Assignees, who were in Possession of the Land, should account for all the Profits; for as to the Money chargeable on the Estate, he said the charging it was a personal Act, which not being done, he would not supply the Defect. The Court decreed the Settlement should be strictly executed, and the Reversion in Fee to the Assignees. *Mich. 6 Geo. 2. Jordan and Savage & al', and econt', MS. Rep.*

9. J. S. makes Payment of a Debt to a Creditor soon after he becomes a Bankrupt, and the Creditor had no Notice of the Bankruptcy at the Time he received the Money; the Assignees under the Commission shall not be allowed to recover the Money back again in an Indebitatus Assumpsit, but only in an Action of Trover; and the Reason is, that they cannot insist upon having the Money by way of Contract, but as a Tort. Per Lord Chan. *Mich. 1740. Bourne and Dodson, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 207.*

In general no Person shall be allowed to come into Equity for a Redemption but he that has the legal Estate of the Mortgagor, according to the Rules laid down in the Cases of Bickley and Dorington, and Monk and Pomfret, both of them lately determined by

Lord Chan. *Hardwicke.* So if an Executor is willing to get in the Debts of his Testator, there is no Foundation for a Creditor to bring his Bill for that Purpose; and therefore where there are proper Persons to get in the Estate of another, a Court of Equity will not suffer either the Creditors of the Testator, or the Creditors of a Bankrupt, to bring a Bill in order to get in that Estate. But if an Executor, or Assignees under a Commission, will collude with a Debtor, there is no Doubt but a Creditor may bring his Bill in order to take Care of that Estate, and charge the Assignees or Executors with such Collusion. Per Parker J. *Ibid.*

10. A Question arising, whether an Assignment of a Term by a Bankrupt was to be considered as an absolute Sale, or by way of Mortgage only? At a Meeting of the Bankrupt's Creditors the Matter under Consideration was, whether the Assignees should bring a Bill in order to be let into a Redemption of this Leasehold Estate, or not, and the Majority of the Creditors were against such Bill. The Assignees thereupon could not bring it, being disabled by the 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 38. which enacts, that no Suit in Equity shall be commenced by the Assignees without the Consent of the major Part in Value of the Creditors present at a Meeting, pursuant to Notice in the London Gazette.—Whereupon the Rest of the Creditors who were for the Bill, brought a Bill in their own Names against the supposed Mortgagee, and

and also against the Commissioner's Assignees, praying to be let into the Redemption of this Leasehold Estate. The Assignees by their Answer said, that they were desirous it should be redeemed, but the supposed Mortgagee opposed it, and insisted that it was an absolute Purchase. The Question now was, whether this Bill was well brought? And Mr. J. Parker, who sat for the Lord Chan. was of Opinion that it was, and that if the Assignees refuse to bring a Bill that is for the Benefit of the Bankrupt's Estate, any Creditor has a Right to bring such Bill under Peril of Costs; and decreed that the Assignees in the first Place shall have Liberty to redeem, and in Default thereof that the Plaintiffs shall have this Redemption. *East. 1740. Franklyn and Fern, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 30, 33.*

11. Where a Creditor neglects to receive of the Assignees his Dividend, and they afterwards break with the Money in their Hands, such Creditor shall not be allowed to come upon the Bankrupt's Estate for that Money, but must take his Remedy against the Assignees. *Vide (L) P. C. 9.*

(E) Concerning the Clerk to the Commission.

1. **T**HE Clerk to a Commission of Bankruptcy, in the Presence of the Person at whose Instance he issued out the Commission, no other Person being by, took away a Scrutore, and opened it, in which were all the Papers of the Bankrupt, and made a pretended Sale by an Appraiser. On Petition he was ordered to be examined, on Interrogatories, as to the real Value of the Goods, and to pay the Value, and all Costs occasioned by this Irregularity; and all the Goods not disposed of to be delivered over; and to be removed from the Clerkship. *King Lord Chan. Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Mozene, &c. Creditors of Abraham, Sel. Ca. in Canc. 45.*

2. Johnson was both Clerk and Commissioner to a Commission of Bankruptcy, by which Means he had Fees for both, and thereby four Commissioners were always present, including the Clerk, whereas three are sufficient. On Petition he was removed, *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Wood's Case, Ibid. 46.*

3. By Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 46. All Bills of Fees or Disbursements demanded by any Solicitor employed under any Commission of Bankrupts, shall be settled by one of the Masters in Chancery, and the Master who shall settle such Bill, shall have for his Care in settling the same, as also for his Certificate thereof, 20 s.

4. The Clerk to a Commission may be discharged by the Assignees, for they are Trustees for the Creditors, and may employ whom they please; and therefore the former Clerk was ordered to deliver up all Papers on being paid his Bill. 23 December 1728. *Anon. King C. Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (G. a.) Ca. 2.*

(F) Who are allowed to come in as Creditors under the Commission ;—And here of contingent and future Debts.

1. *A.* Lends Money to *B.* and *C.* on their Bond; *B.* becomes a Bankrupt, and the Commissioners assign his Estate in Trust for his Creditors; *A.* sues the Bond against *C.* and getting Judgment takes him in Execution; and *C.* thereupon paid *A.* 24 *l.* but *C.* being old and very poor, *A.* consented to discharge him out of Custody. Harcourt C. decreed *A.* the Petitioner (and the Obligee in the Bond) to come in as a Creditor for a Moiety of what remained due on the Bond; for the Execution against *C.* being subsequent to the Assignment of the Bankrupt's Estate, shall not (at least in Equity) discharge *A.*'s Demand out of the Bankrupt's Estate. — But in Regard each in Equity was liable but to half the Debt, and *C.* was not the original Debtor for the Whole, *A.* shall only have Relief for a Moiety (a) of his remaining Debt against the Assignees. — But his Lordship said, had the Bankrupt been the original Debtor, and had borrowed all the Money, then *A.* should have come in before the Assignees as a Creditor for all his Debt. *Trin.* 1713. *Ex parte Smith*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 237.
- (a) 2. Why should not the Petitioner in this Case be allowed to come in for the Remainder of his whole Debt out of the Effects of the Bankrupt, since each of the Obligers was liable to him for the Whole? *Ibid.* 238. in a Note by the Editor.

2. If a Man trade with a Bankrupt between the Act of Bankruptcy and the Commission sued out, whether by Delivery of Goods, or Payment of Money, without Notice of the Act of Bankruptcy, the Bankrupt keeping open Trade, such Person shall come in as a Creditor. *Trin.* 1716. *Crosby's Case*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (H) Ca. 6.

3. On a Petition praying to be admitted a Creditor on a Note, payable at a future Day, given for Goods sold and delivered, the Commissioners having refused to admit the Petitioner as such, in Regard the Bankruptcy was between the Date of the Note and Time of Payment. But Parker C. said, that this came improperly before him for his Determination on a Petition; that he had nothing to do in such Cases but to direct and see that the Commissioners do their Duty, and cannot order them to admit any one Creditor. But said, he might stay so much Money in Commissioners Hands as will answer the Proportion of the Debt in Case it should be allowed of; and that a Bill might be brought for that Purpose in order to determine it. Objection, That Bankrupt might plead Certificate and Discharge at Law, if an Action were brought on such a Note. But *per Cur'*, That is not so, because the Cause says, *Causa actionis* accrued before the Bankruptcy, which cannot be in this Case till the Money is payable; and why may not such a Note for a precedent Debt be said *debitum in præsenti & solvendum in futuro*? as to the Honesty of the Note, that may be inquired into, and will be no Objection, because the Honesty of the Judgment, Bond, &c. are liable to the same Inquiry; and though this Note was given to *S.* who is now abroad, yet it being now assigned to another, there is no Occasion for an Inquiry on what Terms it was given him, and to call him to be examined to it, because *prima facie* it

it carries the Face of Truth. It is usual not to grant a Commission on (a) *Vide the Act 7 Geo. 1. cap. 31. post.*
the Petition of Creditors on such Notes till the Day of Payment comes (a). *Trin. (b) 6 Geo. 1. Burdock's Case, Viner's Abr. (H) Ca. 7.*

4. A Trader contracted with the East-India Company at one of their Viner's Abr. Sales for a Purchase of a Parcel of Goods to be paid for at a future Day, and before the Day of Payment he became a Bankrupt; this is (H) in the not within the Statute of 7 Geo. 1. cap. 31. because the Goods were not delivered,—nor was the Contract signed by the Party. King C. 7. S. C. says, in Mich. Vac. 1726. the East-India Company, 2 Will. Rep. 396.

Company prayed by Petition to be admitted as a Creditor on a Sale of their Goods at a future Day, but refused, being a Case not within the Stat. 5 Geo. 1. c. 31. and Petition dismissed without Prejudice to their seeking to recover at Law.—And Mr. Viner by way of N. B. says, the Company in this Case insisted on several Allowances, as Interest, Warehouse Room, &c. but not allowed—for even in the Case of a Bond no Consideration shall be had or Allowance made for Interest after the Time of the Bankruptcy.—If a Bond or Note be given upon a Contingency, and before it happens the Obligor or Giver of the Note becomes a Bankrupt, and then the Contingency happens; this is not within the Stat. 7 Geo. 1. cap. 31. neither shall the Debt arising after the Bankruptcy be satisfied under the Commission. Per King C. 2 Will. Rep. 397. Ex parte East-India Company.—— But if the Contingency happens before the Bankrupt's Estate be fully distributed, such Creditor shall come in pro rata. Vide Ex parte Caswell, &c. P. 106. C. 9.

5. Formerly in Case a Trader contracted a Debt payable at a future Day, and afterwards (but before the Day of Payment) became a Bankrupt; this not being a Debt until after the Bankruptcy, at which Time the Bankrupt could not do any Act to alien or lessen his Estate to the Prejudice of his Creditors, such Contract was held void, and the Creditor not allowed to come in for a Satisfaction under the Commission. And in some Cases it was thought hard that if one on the Buying of Goods, or for other valuable Consideration, should give a Bond or Note under his Hand, payable at a future Day, and actually had the Goods delivered to him, or the Money lent him, and before the Day of Payment the Debtor should become a Bankrupt; that in this Case the Creditor could not come in under the Commission; wherefore for the Remedy of this the said Statute of the

7 Geo. 1. cap. 31. (c), was made, which, sect. 1. enacts, That every (c) A Creditor on a Bond with Condition to pay Money at a future Day, subsequent to an Act of Bankruptcy, could not before the making of this Statute be admitted to prove such Debt, or to have any Dividend before such Security became payable; and this Act recites it to have been a Q. for Remedy whereof it was made. And so was the Opinion of all the Judges, Mich. 2 Geo. 2. B. R. in *Cosby Tully and Sparkes*, 2 Ld. Raym. Rep. 1549.—But then no such Creditor can petition, or join in a Petition, for a Commission by Virtue of the said Act; though now by the Statute of the 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 22. Persons taking Bills, Notes, or other Securities for Money payable at a future Day, may petition for a Commission, or join in petitioning.

6. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 26. The Commissioners shall forthwith, after they have declared the Person a Bankrupt, cause Notice thereof to be given in the Gazette, and shall appoint Time and Place for the Creditors to meet, (which Meeting for the City of London, and all Places within the Bills of Mortality, shall be at Guildhall) in order to choose Assignees; at which Meeting the Commissioners shall admit the Proof of any Creditor's Debt, that shall live remote from the Place of such Meeting, by Affidavit or solemn Affirmation, and permit any Person duly authorized by Letter of Attorney, (Oath or Affirmation being

made of the Execution thereof, either by an Affidavit sworn, or Affirmation made before a Master in Chancery Ordinary or Extraordinary, or before the Commissioners viva voce, and in Case of Creditors residing in foreign Parts, such Affidavits or Affirmations to be made before a Magistrate where the Party shall be residing, and shall, together with such Creditor's Letter of Attorney, be attested by a Notary Public) to vote in the Choice of Assignees in the Place of such Creditor.

7. E. by Marriage Articles in 1716. covenanted to pay Trustees 4000 l. in Case he should die, leaving a Son and other Children who should arrive to 21, to be equally, &c. E. becomes a Bankrupt, and has a Son and four other Children, all Infants, who petition, praying that sufficient Part of the Estate might be set apart in order to be divided when, &c. Lord Chan. dismissed the Petition, not being within the 7 Geo. 1. (a), it being uncertain whether ever any Thing will become due. Objected, that this Demand will be discharged by Certificate by Stat. 5 Geo. 2. But per Lord Chan. that Clause only relates to inrolling Proceedings; and this is not a Debt due or arising at the Time of the Bankruptcy. Trin. 1734. *Ex parte Jefferies, Viner's Abr. (J) Ca. 7.*

(a) Before the making of this Statute it was a Question, whether Bonds or promissory Notes payable at a future Day, though certain in all Events, could be let in; and the Difference now in such Cases is to be adjusted by Rebate of Interest, but in the principal Case how is it possible to adjust the Difference upon a Contingency which may never happen? Per Lord Chan. who allowed the Case upon *Bottomree* (b) Bonds, where Contingency had happened before a Distribution actually made. *Ibid. (b) Vide Ca. 10.*

This Case wholly depends upon the Deed of Distribution made by the Commissioners ascertaining the Dividend; for if no Deed of Distribution had been made, Chan. Rep. 419.

8. Commissioners of Bankruptcy appoint a Dividend to be made of the Bankrupt's Estate; A Creditor under the Commission neglects to receive of the Assignees his Proportion of that Dividend; the Assignees afterwards break and run away with the Dividend that was in their Hands; the Creditor shall not be allowed to come upon the Bankrupt's Estate for that Money, but must take his Remedy against the Assignees as well as he can. Cited per Lord Chan. as a Case that had been put in the Case of *Smith and Duke of Chandos, Hil. 1740. Barnard.*

the Creditor would have been allowed to have come upon the Bankrupt's Estate, and would not have been confined to have taken his Remedy against the Assignees. Said per Lord Chan. *Ibid.*

It was objected, that the Bond would be barred after the Bankrupt's Certificate allowed, which would not be, unless it were to be looked upon as then due. Sed per Cur, This cannot be if the Obligor is careful in declaring upon this Bond; indeed if the Party declares upon the Bond only, he shall be barred: Secus if he sets forth as

9. Before the making of the following Act, if an Obligor in a Bottomry Bond became Bankrupt before the Return of the Ship, and the Ship did not return before the Distribution made, the Obligor could not have the Benefit of the Distribution upon the Commission. Held per King C. Mich. 1728. *Ex parte Caswell, Ex parte Cagaler, Ex parte Bateman, 2 Will. Rep. 497, 499.*—But now by the Statute of the 19 Geo. 2. reciting, That whereas Merchants, and other Traders, frequently lend Money on Bottomree, or at Respondentia, and in the Course of their Trade frequently cause their Ships or Vessels, and the Goods and Merchandizes loaded thereon, to be insured; and where Commissions of Bankruptcy have issued against the Obligor in such Bottomree, or Respondentia Bond, or the Under-writer, or Assurer in such Assurance, before the Loss of the Ship or Goods, in such Bond or Policy of Insurance mentioned, hath happened, it hath been made a Question, Whether the Obligor or Obligees in such Bond, or the Assured in such Policy of Insurance, should be let in to prove their Debts, or be admitted to have any Benefit or Dividend under such

well the Condition as the Bond in the Declaration, for then it must appear that the Cause of Action did not arise at the Time of the Obligor's becoming a Bankrupt. *Ibid. 499.*

such Commission, which may be a Discouragement to Trade: It is enacted, *That from and after the 29th Day of October 1746. the Obligee in any Bottomree, or Respondentia Bond, and the Assured in any Policy of Insurance made and entered into upon a good and valuable Consideration, bona fide, shall be admitted to claim; and after the Loss or Contingency shall have happened, to prove his, her, or their Debt and Demands in respect of such Bond or Policy of Insurance, in like Manner as if the Loss or Contingency had happened before the Time of the issuing of the Commission of Bankruptcy against such Obligor or Insurer; and shall be intitled unto, and shall have and receive a proportionable Part, Share and Dividend of such Bankrupt's Estate, in Proportion to the other Creditors of such Bankrupt, in like Manner as if such Loss or Contingency had happened before such Commission issued; and all and every Person or Persons against whom, from and after the said 29th Day of October, any Commission of Bankruptcy shall be awarded, shall be discharged of and from the Debt or Debts owing by him, her or them, on every such Bond and Policy of Insurance as aforesaid, and shall have the Benefit of the several Statutes now in Force against Bankrupts, in like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Loss or Contingency had happened, and the Money due in respect thereof had become payable before the Time of the issuing of such Commission.*

10. Upon a Treaty of Marriage between the Plaintiff's Nephew and the Defendant's Daughter, a Settlement was agreed upon, and Articles entered into between Plaintiff and Defendant; and also before the Marriage the Plaintiff, by a separate Writing signed and sealed, reciting, that a Marriage was intended, &c. and in Consideration thereof he promised to pay Defendant 40l. per Ann. by Quarterly Payments during Plaintiff's Life; but if the intended Husband and Wife, or either of them, should die during Defendant's Life, then the Annuity to cease. The Marriage was had; Plaintiff soon after became a Bankrupt, and obtained his Certificate; Defendant did not come in under the Commission, but afterwards for two Years and Half's Annuity accrued since the Bankruptcy, brought an Action of Covenant. Plaintiff pleaded the Bankruptcy and Certificate. Ch. J. King was of Opinion, that this Agreement was not within the Statute of 7 Geo. 1. cap. 31. because of the Impossibility of setting a Value on this Annuity, being on three Contingencies; and Verdict for the now Defendant; and upon arguing this Point in C. B. all the Judges were of the same Opinion.—Plaintiff now brought a Bill for an Injunction, suggesting that the Agreement was a Fraud, being private, and not in the Articles; and that the Verdict was against Conscience, for that the now Defendant ought to have come in under the Statute, being within the said Act of 7 Geo. 1. But the Master of the Rolls, on Motion for continuing the Injunction, said, had it been *Res Integra* he knew not what he might have done; but now the Point was determined at Law, so disallowed the Cause, for that there was no Fraud. *Trin. 1723. Fletcher and Bathurst, Viner's Abr. (J) Ca. 4.*

Note; This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

Vide Distribution, &c. P.

(G) In

(G) In what Cases Interest shall be allowed to a Creditor.

1. **I**F a Trader being indebted on *simple Contract* pledges Goods for the Payment, and promises Interest, such Creditor shall have Interest even between the Act of Bankruptcy and the Commission. *Trin. 1726. Crossly's Case, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (B. a.) Ca. 1.*
2. And for Debts on Specialty, the Creditor shall have Interest as well between the Act of Bankruptcy as before. *Ibid.*
3. A Mortgagee shall have his Interest run on upon a Bankrupt's Estate, because he hath a Right in Rem; but as to other Interest, it ceaseth on the Bankruptcy. *Per King C. 18 July 1729. Ibid.*

(H) Who are obliged to come in as Creditors.

1. **A.** By Articles was to build Houses. B. furnishes him with Materials, and takes an Assignment of the Articles for his Security, but before the Assignment A. was a Bankrupt. B. has a special Equity, in as much as by what he advanced A. was enabled to perform his Agreement to the common Benefit of the Creditors; and therefore B. shall have all his Money he advanced after he had a specific Interest in the Articles; but as to what he gave Credit for before, he trusted as another Creditor. *East. 1715. decreed per Lord Chan. on a Rehearing, Langton and Hall, Viner's Abr. Creditor and Bankrupt, (K) Ca. 4.*
Lord Chan. put the Case of A. in building a Ship, who becomes a Bankrupt, and after B. furnishes Materials to finish it, B. shall have all his Money, and not come in Average with the other Creditors. Ibid. in S. C.

2. A. a Trader, seized of Lands in Fee, borrowed Money of B. on a Judgment, and afterwards articted with C. to sell the Lands to him for 5000 l. to be paid down, and 650 l. to be paid at Christmas following; then A. becoming a Bankrupt, B. brought his Bill against C. A. and the Assignees under the Commission, praying the 650 l. remaining unpaid, might be paid to him towards Satisfaction of his Judgment: And it was decreed at the Rolls, that the Assignees convey the Premises to C. as the Bankrupt had articted to do, they standing in his Place, and thereupon C. to pay the Assignees the 650 l. for the Benefit of the Creditors, and B. the Judgment Creditor to come in for a Proportion (a) only with the Rest of the Creditors. *Mich. 1721. Orlebar and Fletcher and Duke of Kent, 1 Will. Rep.*

(a) By the Statute of 21 Jac. 1. cap. 19. sect. 19. Creditors by

Judgment, Statute or Recognizance, whereof no Extent is served or executed, on a Bankrupt before his Bankruptcy, shall not be relieved for more than a ratable Part of their just Debt; and accordingly it has been determined at Law, that where a Judgment was not served or executed, the Commisee thereof should only come in pro rata with the other Creditors of the Bankrupt. Cited per his Honour, *Ibid.* 739.—In the principal Case it was insisted upon that though B. the Judgment Creditor could not come in upon the Bankrupt's Estate for any more than his Proportion with the other Creditors, yet he would be at Liberty to extend his Judgment against the Purchaser who bought the Land prior to the Bankruptcy; and this, as the Reporter says, seemed to be admitted.—But that C. could not be deemed a Purchaser till he had paid the Remainder of the Money, which was Part of the personal Estate of the Bankrupt, and must be liable to his Creditors; and that C. was not compellable to pay it, unless upon his having a good Title, which was to be made him by the Assignees, who had the legal Estate of the Premises assigned to them by the Commissioners. *Per his Honour, Ibid.* 739.

3. On a *Distress for Rent* Goods were sold, and 77 l. remained in the Constable's Hands, who became a Bankrupt. The Tenant dies, and his Executor prays to be paid this Money by the Assignees in Preference to other Creditors. Obj. This comes to the Constable's Hands by due Course of Law; and cited March 9, 1721. *Ex parte Peirson*, before Lord Macclesfield, where was cited *Wright and Dixon*, Mich. 6 Geo. 1. C. B. Goods taken in Execution by Wilcox, Bailiff of Westminster, and he died; Judgment and Execution set aside; and ruled by B. R. that the Widow and Executrix of W. should refund the Money, though she alledged she had not Assets to pay Specialties. But per Lord Chan. both the Cases cited are against Executors; and though the Law makes a Difference between one Creditor and another, yet in Case of Bankruptcy all Creditors are upon an equal Foot; if any Thing remained in Specie it might be otherwise, but here the Money is imbeziled by the Constable; Petitioner to come in as a Creditor with the Rest. Mich. Vac. 1733. *Ex parte Dobson*, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (K) Ca. 7.

4. An Attorney had been employed by one who became a Bankrupt; Assignees petition to have up Papers, and that the Attorney might come in for his Demands *pari passu* with other Creditors. Per Lord Chan. The Attorney hath a Lien upon the Papers in the same Manner against Assignees as against the Bankrupt; and tho' this doth not arise by any express Contract or Agreement, yet it is as effectual, being an implied Contract by Law. But as to Papers received after the Bankruptcy, they cannot be retained; and therefore, if the Assignees desire it, the Bill may be taxed, and upon Payment, Papers delivered up; and although the Attorney had come in and proved his Debt, yet a Creditor, who hath a Security, may come in and prove his Debt, because possibly his Security may prove deficient. Mich. 1734. *Ex parte Bush*, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (K) Ca. 8.

(1) Concerning joint and separate Commissions, and Creditors coming in under such Commissions.

1. TWO joint Traders becoming Bankrupts, a joint Commission is taken out against them, upon which the Commissioners assign the real and personal Estate of them, or either of them; afterwards the separate Creditors take out separate Commissioners against both, and the Commissioners on the separate Commission assign over the separate Estate and Effects to other Assignees. Upon Petition by the separate Assignee for Liberty to sue at Law for the separate Estate, King C. was of Opinion, that the first Assignment passed as well the separate as the joint Estate of the two Partners the Bankrupts, and consequently that the Conveyance under the second Commission was void, and that the second Assignees could do nothing at Law; and his Lordship said, he would not suffer them to spend and waste the Estate in vexatious Suits at Law, but would not hinder their joining in a Bill for an Account of the separate Estate. Mich. 1728. *Ex parte Cook*, 2 Will. Rep. 500.

But in this Case, for the Ease of both Parties, his Lordship ordered it to be referred to a Commissioner in each of these Commissions to take an Account of the whole Partnership Effects, and also of the separate Effects of each of the Partners; and if the Commissioners find any Thing different, they were to be at Liberty to state it specially; and with Regard to the Surplus of the Partnership Effects beyond what will pay the Partnership Debts, and also touching the Surplus of the separate Effects, if there shall remain any over and above what will pay the separate Debts, each Side to be at Liberty to apply to the Court concerning any of the said Surplusses. *Ibid.* 501.

2. *A.* and *B.* joint Traders, become bound in a Bond jointly and severally to *J. S.* and afterwards become Bankrupts, and there are joint and separate Commissions taken out against them, that there may be an Equality. *J. S.* may chuse under which Commission he will come, but shall not come under both at the same Time; and in the principal Case *J. S.* having received a Dividend under the joint Commission whilst this Matter was in Suspense, shall not bind him; for provided he brings that back again, he may come in for a Satisfaction out of the separate Effects. Ordered by Talbot C. *on Debate*, Hil. 1735. *Ex parte Rowlandson*, 3 Will. Rep. 405.

3. If *A.* and *B.* are joint Traders, and *J. S.* owes *A.* and *B.* on their joint Account 100*l.* and *A.* owes *J. S.* 100*l.* on his separate Account, *J. S.* cannot deduct so much as *A.*'s Proportion of the 100*l.* comes to out of the joint Debt; for that the Co-Partnership Debts of *A.* and *B.* are to be (a) first paid before any of the separate Debts; but if there be a Surplus beyond what will pay the Partnership Debts, then out of *A.*'s Share of the Surplus *J. S.* may deduct the separate Debt of *A.* Cited *per* Lord Chan. Cowper in the Case of Lord Lanef-joint Traders *borough & al'* and *Jones*, Trin. 1716. 1 Will. Rep. 325, 326.

(a) It is settled, and is a Resolution of Convenience, that in Case of joint Traders becoming

Bankrupts, the joint Creditors shall be first paid out of the Partnership or joint Effects, and the separate Creditors out of the separate Estate of each Partner. And if any Surplus of the Partnership Effects after all the Partnership Debts paid, the separate Creditors to come in—and if there be a Surplus of the separate Estate, beyond what will satisfy the separate Creditors, it shall go to supply any Deficiency that may remain as to the joint Creditors. Cited *per* Lord Chan. King, Mich. 1728. *Ex parte Cook*, 2 Will. Rep. 500. — Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 55. Ca. 6.

Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 283. S. C. cited *arg'* *per* Mr. Fazakerly, (East. 4 Geo.

4. On a joint Commission the joint Creditors are first to come in on the Partnership Effects, and if there remains a Surplus, then the separate Creditors are to be admitted. King C. 22 April 1729. *Horsey's Case*, 3 Will. Rep. 23, 25.

2. in B R.) as the Case of *Horsey & al'* against *Heyham & al'*, says, it was ordered (22 April 1729.) that the joint Estate should go to the joint Creditors, and the remaining Part of the joint Estate which respectively belonged to each, should go to their respective Creditors upon a joint Commission sued out against the then Defendants.

5. The Plaintiff's Bill set forth, that in November 1725. Plaintiff and *A.* and *B.* became Partners in Trade, and that they all then being at *Holland*, did according to the Custom there execute before a Notary Articles of Co-Partnership, and did jointly and severally declare that each had advanced 24600 Guilders, which Sum was to pay the Debts particularly mentioned in the Inventory annexed to the said Articles; but no other Debts were to be paid, nor any Debts which any of the Co-Partners might contract on their own private Account. That by the Articles it was further agreed, that a certain Sum therein mentioned should be allowed for Maintenance, &c. and that all Loss and Gains should be equally shared and borne. The Partnership was carried on till the 12th of May 1728. when *A.* quitted, and for 1227*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* released his Claim to Plaintiff, and *B.* and they carried on the Partnership according to the said Articles, and *B.* was intrusted with the Partnership Goods, and which he imbeziled and applied to his own Use, and suffered the Partnership Debts to be unpaid, and having contracted private Debts on his own Account became a Bankrupt, and 30 November 1733. a separate Commission of Bankruptcy was taken out against him. That the Commissioners Assignees took Possession of the Partnership Effects, and have received several of the Partnership Debts, and intend to apply the same to the

separate Creditors, whereas these Effects ought to be applied to pay the Co-Partnership Debts, and to make the Plaintiffs Satisfaction for what the Bankrupt had imbeziled to his own separate Use, and the Residue to be divided into equal Parts, viz. Two Thirds to the Plaintiffs, and one Third to B. to which Third he is intitled, and is to be *Part of his separate Estate*; and the Bill prayed that the Defendant may be restrained from selling any Part of the said Effects. The Assignees by their Answer admit the Bill to be true, and that they sold some of the Stock, with Plaintiff's Consent, to the Amount of 6500 l. and submit to apply the Bankrupt's Estate as the Court shall direct. Decreed by Lord Talbot, That the Master should take an *Account of the Partnership Debts received by Plaintiffs in Holland, and of the Partnership Estate in England received by the Assignees, and of the Partnership Debts owing by the Bankrupt and the Plaintiffs.* That the *joint Creditors of the Bankrupt and the Plaintiffs come in and prove their Debts* before the Master. That an Account be taken what *Imbezilment the Bankrupt has made of the Co-Partnership Estate, and in taking Accounts, Plaintiffs and Defendants* to be examined on Oath, to produce all Books, &c. and to have all just Allowances. That what the Master shall certify the *Co-Partnership Debts shall amount to, shall in the first Place be paid by the Plaintiffs and Defendants to the joint Creditors* in Proportion to their Debts, and as far as the *Copartnership Estate* in their Hands will extend. That if it shall appear any of the *Partnership Estate remains in the Plaintiffs and Defendants Hands* after the Partnership Debts are paid, *then the Master to divide the same into three Parts, and the Plaintiffs are to take two Thirds, and out of the Bankrupt's third Part they are to take what it shall appear the Bankrupt has imbeziled of the Partnership Effects;* and if there shall be any Residue of the *Bankrupt's third Part after the Partnership Debts and the Imbezilments of the Bankrupt are satisfied,* then the same is to be paid or retained by the *Assignees for the Benefit of the Bankrupt's separate Creditors.* That the Master may state any Thing specially, and *all Parties are to be paid their Costs of Suit out of the Co-Partnership Estate.* 1734 or 1735. *Gros & al' and Dufresnay & al', Assignees of Prevost, MS. Rep.*

6. *A. and B. were Partners, but the Partnership being dissolved, and A. setting up for himself, became a Bankrupt, and a Commission issued out against him; and then B. failed, and a Commission issued against him; the joint Creditors were admitted to prove their joint Debts under the separate Commissions.* Cited per Mr. Fazakerly, (*East. 4 Geo. 2. in B. R.*) as the Case of *Stephens v. Brown and Adlamb,* 22 January 1728. in *Canc. Gitz-Gibb. Rep. 283.*

7. On 11 Sept. 1742. a joint Commission was taken out against *A. and B. and the Commissioners Assignees* possessed themselves of all the *joint and separate Estate of the Bankrupts.* J. S. a *Creditor of the separate Estates of both the Bankrupts, and T. L. a separate Creditor of B. one of the Bankrupts,* on Behalf of themselves and *all the separate Creditors of the said Bankrupts,* by Petition set forth, that before the Date of the Commission the Bankrupt *A. owed the Petitioner J. S. 50 l. by Bond, and 29 l. for Goods sold on his separate Account, and that the Bankrupt B. also owed him 30 l. for Goods sold on his separate Account, and that B. owed the Petitioner J. L. 60 l. on his separate Account, by two Notes of Hand which were then due.* That the Petitioners had applied to the Commissioners to be admitted

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Creditors under the said Commission, which they had refused, insisting it was a *joint Commission*; ergo they prayed that they and the *separate Creditors* might come in and prove their Debts under the Commission, and that the Commissioners might take joint and separate Accounts of the joint and separate Estates, and that what should be found on such Accounts to belong to the separate Estates, might be applied towards Satisfaction of the respective separate Creditors, and that they may be paid their Costs of Application. Ordered, that the major Part of the Commissioners in the said Commission, by Notice in the Gazette, appoint a Time and Place for the separate Creditors of each of the Bankrupts to come in and prove their Debts under the joint Commission. That the Commissioners take separate Accounts of the joint and separate Estates of the Bankrupts come to the Hands of the Assignees, or of any others by their Order, or for their Use, distinguishing joint and separate Estates of each Bankrupt from the other. That what on such Account shall appear to belong to the Bankrupts joint Estate, shall be applied by the Assignees towards Satisfaction of the joint Creditors; and in Case there shall be any Surplus of the joint Estate after all the joint Creditors shall be paid their whole Demands, then the Moiety of the Surplus is to be carried to the Account of the separate Estate, and to be applied to satisfy the separate Creditors; and if there is any Surplus of the separate Estates, after all the separate Creditors shall be paid their whole Demands, then such Surplus of the separate Estates, or either of them, shall be carried to the Account of the joint Estate, and to be applied towards Satisfaction of the joint Creditors, and the respective separate Estates to bear a proportionable Part of the Charge of suing out the Commission and executing it, to be settled by the Commissioners; and the Costs of this Application to be paid by the Assignees out of the Bankrupts separate Estate; to be taxed by a Master, if the Parties cannot agree. Lord Hardwicke C. December 1742. *Ex parte Powel and Powel Bankrupts*, MS. Rep.

Vide Distribution, (L) P.

(K) What shall be said the Bankrupt's Estate, or such an Interest in him as may be sold, assigned, &c. under the Commission, & econt.

Prec. in Chan.
275. *Mich.*
1713. *Brander and Bales*,
S. C. in totidem verbis,
says, it was urged for Defendant that this was more than a Pledge of the Deeds, for that an Assignment was intended to be made; that if it had been made, the Court

I. **J.** S. was Assignee of Commissioners of Bankruptcy issued out against B. who had contracted with Defendant for as much Salt Petre as came to 244 l. but not having ready Money to pay for the same, proposed to mortgage to him an Estate he had in his own Possession, by way of Security for the Money, and accordingly left with the Defendant the Title Deeds to get the Assignment drawn, but before the Assignment was perfected, B. became a Bankrupt. J. S. brought his Bill to have the Deeds delivered up for the selling of the Estate to satisfy the Creditors. Decreed that the Deed be brought before the Master, and delivered by Schedule to the Plaintiff with Costs; though no Reason was given for this Decree. *Mich.* 10 *Ann.* *Brander and Robs*, *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 35. The Reporter adds, *Sed hoc Durum à multis habebatur.* *Ibid.* 36.
would not have taken it from him without Payment of the Money; though its not being made was owing to the Death of the Attorney, who was to have drawn the Assignment, which was an Accident; and this Court often relieve Accidents, and therefore the Deeds ought not to be delivered up without Payment of the Money. But decreed as above, without giving any Reason for such Decree.

2. A.

2. A. made a Bill of Sale of Leases and personal Estate to B. and C. in Trust to pay A.'s Debts; at first B. acted in the Trust, but afterwards C. took the Whole into his Possession, and acted alone, and became a Bankrupt. Upon a Bill brought by A. against C. and the Assignees under the Commission, for an Account of the said Trust Estate, Cowper C. at first doubted by reason of the 21 Jac. 1. cap. 19. sect. 11. (a), but afterwards held this Case not within this Statute, in regard this Assignment to B. and C. was with an honest Intent, viz. For the Payment of the Debts of A. Ergo decreed the Assignees under the Commission against C. to account for all the Estate of A. and that the same should not be liable to the Bankruptcy of C. Trin. 1716. Cope-
man and Gallant, 1 Will. Rep. 314, 321.

It was argued, that if a Factor becomes a Bankrupt, the Goods bought by him as Factor shall not be subject to his Debt. Lord Chan. asked if there was any Case of that? and said, that if a Factor continues a long

Possession of Goods, by which they are taken as his own, and Credit given to him on that Account, it would alter the Case; for if Possession and Disposition be given to a Person that becomes a Bankrupt, tho' no Intent of Fraud appear, yet if it gives a false Credit, there is the same Inconvenience as if Fraud was intended; for if the Bankrupt appears the visible Owner, so as to gain a false Credit, there is the same Inconvenience, and it matters not whether it was by Fraud, or only by Neglect, or out of Humour. Vinor's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (T) P. 89. Trin. 1716. in S. C. cites it as from a MS. Rep. (a) This Statute enacts, that if at any Time hereafter any Person or Persons shall become Bankrupt, and at such Time as they shall so become Bankrupt, shall by the Consent and Permission of the true Owner or Proprietary have in their Possession, Order and Disposition, any Goods or Chattels whereof they shall be reputed Owners, and take upon themselves the Sale, Alteration or Disposition as Owners, that in every such Case such Goods shall be liable to the Bankrupt's Debts, as if they had been the proper Goods of the Bankrupt. — In Mich. Term. 1708. an Action of Trover for a Parcel of Diamonds was brought against the Assignee under Levi's Commission, to whom before the Bankruptcy the Plaintiff had delivered the Diamonds to sell; but it appearing upon the Trial before Holt C. J. that the real Property of the Diamonds belonged to the Plaintiff, the above Clause of the 21 Jac. 1. was insisted upon by the Defendant's Counsel; and this seeming an Hardship upon the Plaintiff, it was made a Case in B. R. where on Argument it was adjudged that these Jewels being originally the Plaintiff's, and the Bankrupt having no more than a bare Authority to sell them for the Plaintiff's Use, were not liable to the Bankruptcy. Cited arg' in the Case of Copeland and Gallant, as the Case of L'Apstre v. Le Plaisirier, 1 Will. Rep. 318.

3. A Feme Sole Mortgagee in Fee marries, and her Husband becomes a Bankrupt, and the Commissioners assign over all his real and personal Estate; afterwards the Bankrupt dies; the Widow brought a Bill against the Assignees for the Writings relating to the Mortgage, and to have the Benefit of the Mortgage. The Master of the Rolls at first delivered his Opinion solemnly for the Widow, but afterwards gave his Opinion for the Assignees, that they were intitled to the Mortgage; for here being in the Mortgage Deed a Covenant to pay the Money to the Wife, this Debt or Chose in Action was well assigned by the Commissioners to the Assignees, and vested in them, like the Case of Miles and Williams, Trin. 1714. in B. R. 2 Will. Rep. 249. Where a Bond made to a Wife dum sola was adjudged to be liable to the Husband's Bankruptcy, and assignable by the Commissioners; but said, that if there had been any Articles before the Marriage that this Money should continue to the Wife as her Provision, or should be assigned in Trust for her; they (the Articles) would have been a specifick Lien upon the Mortgage, and have preserved it from the Bankruptcy. Trin. 1718. Bosvil and Brander, 1 Will. Rep. 458.

And his Honour said, that if the Assignees had been Plaintiffs in Equity, and desired the Aid thereof to strip the Widow of all that she had in the World, Equity would hardly have lent any Assistance against her, because the Assignees claiming under the Bankrupt Husband could be in no better Plight than the Husband

would have been; and had he in Equity sued for the Money, or prayed a Foreclosure, Equity (probably) would not have compelled the Payment to him without his making some Provision for his Wife, or at least upon her Application against the Husband and the Mortgagor, might have prevented the Payment of the Money to the Husband, unless some Provision was made for her. Ibid. 459.

4. In the above Case another Point was, viz. as to 200 l. Part of the Wife's Portion, on a Note given by the Husband at his Marriage, signifying his Consent that the Wife should have this 200 l. The Court held the same was specially bound thereby, and so the Plaintiff with respect to this only was relieved. Ibid. 461.

5. A Trader in London having Money of J. S. (who resided in Holland) in his Hands, bought South-Sea Stock as Factor for J. S. and took the Stock in his own Name, but entred it in his Account-Book as bought for J. S. after which the Trader became Bankrupt. *Determined* that the Trust Stock was not liable to the Bankruptcy. By Lord Parker, who said, *it would lessen the Credit of the Nation to make such a Construction.* Trin. 1721. *Ex parte Chion*, 3 Will. Rep. 187. in a Note by the Editor.

6. J. S. devises Lands to his Daughter, being a *Feme Covert*, for her *separate Use* exclusive of her Husband, and that he should not be Tenant by the Curtesy, nor have these Lands for his Life in Case he survived his Wife, *but that they should upon her Death go to her Heir; but J. S. appoints no Trustees*, J. S. dies, and then the Husband becomes a Bankrupt. The devised Premises shall not be subject to the Bankruptcy, for as the Testator had a Power to devise the Premises to Trustees for the separate Use of the Wife, *Equity will supply the want of them, and make the Husband Trustee*; and the Assignees were decreed by the Master of the Rolls to join in a Conveyance for the *separate Use of the Wife.* Mich. 1725. *Bennet and Davis*, 2 Will. Rep. 316, 319.

7. Where a Bond was given by the Husband for Payment of a Sum of Money to his Wife in Case she survived him, and he after became a Bankrupt. King C. held, that no Part of the Estate should be deferred from being distributed, the Act ordering a Distribution to be made within a limited Time; especially here being neither *debitum in præsenti*, and perhaps might never be *debitum in futuro*, for the Wife might die in the Life-time of the Husband;—Besides, after Certificate allowed, the Bankrupt might trade again and become solvent and able to pay the Bond.—But though the Debt was contingent when the Obligor became a Bankrupt, yet if the Contingency happened before the Distribution made, then such contingent Creditor should come in for his Debt.—So if such Contingency happened before the second Dividend made, the Creditor should come in for his Proportion thereof though after the first Dividend. Per King C. Mich. 1728. *Ex parte Caswell*,—*Ex parte Cazalet*,—*Ex parte Bateman*, 2 Will. Rep. 497, 499.

3 Will. Rep. 132. S. C. states it, That A. seized in Fee of a Copyhold Estate, surrendered it to the Use of his Will, and afterwards devised it to his Daughter for Life, then to Trustees to be sold, and the Money to be divided a-
8. An Estate was devised to be sold, and the Monies arising from such Sale to be divided amongst such of the Children of A. as should be living at A.'s Death. B. one of A.'s Children, became a Bankrupt, and the Commissioners assigned over his Estate, after which B. got his Certificate allowed, and then A. died. Decreed that this Share of the Money, which on A.'s Death belonged to B. should be paid to the Commissioners, for that not only the latter Statutes relating to Bankrupts mention the Word *Possibility* (a), but also because 13 Eliz. cap. 7. sect. 2. impowers the Commissioners to assign all that the Bankrupt might depart with; and here B. in the Life-time of A. might have released this contingent Interest.—Besides, the 21 Jac. 1. sect.

mongst such of his Daughter's Children as should be living at the Time of her Decease. The Testator died, and the Daughter had Issue (*inter al'*) a Son, who being a Bankrupt, the Commissioners assigned over all his Effects. The Bankrupt got his Certificate, and then his Mother died. On a Bill brought by the Assignees for the Bankrupt's Share of the Money arising by the Sale, it was decreed for the Plaintiffs, (*for the Reasons above*) distinguishing the principal Case from that of *Jacobson and Williams*, (1 Will. Rep. 385.—*Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 140.—1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 54. C. 7.) for there the Husband the Bankrupt could not have come at his Wife's Portion by the Aid of Equity without making some Provision for her; and it was not reasonable the Assignees, who stood but in his Place, and derived their Claim from him, should be more favoured. (a) The Words of the Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. are, *all such Effects of which the Party was possessed or interested in, or whereby he hath, or may expect any Profit, Possibility of Profit, Benefit or Advantage whatsoever,*

sect. 19. enacts, that the Statutes relating to Bankrupts shall be construed in the most beneficial Manner for Creditors. Higden and Williamson, first heard at the Rolls, Mich. 1731. and afterwards affirmed by King C. in Mich. 1732. 1 Will. Rep. 385. in a Note by the Editor.

9. J. S. by Will gives to his Daughter A. (then Wife of B.) his Gold Watch, Jewels, China and Household Goods, to be at her Disposal, and to do therewith as she should think fit. Testator dies, the Daughter's Husband becomes a Bankrupt: This is a Devise to the separate Use of the Wife, and not assignable by the Commissioners. Decreed for the Wife at the Rolls, 1733. Kirk and Paulin, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (T) Ca. 43.

her separate Use, but only for her Use and Benefit, it was the Husband's. But his Honour said, he was very much dissatisfied with that Determination; and said, in the principal Case the Intent appears to give it to the separate Use of the Wife. Ibid.

10. Where a Merchant beyond Sea consigns Goods to a Factor in London who receives them, the Factor in this Case being only a Servant for the Merchant, can have no Property in such Goods; neither will they be affected by his Bankruptcy. Per King C. in the Case of Godfrey and Furzo, Trin. 1733. 3 Will. Rep. 185.

11. J. S. not in Debt, nor then a Trader, makes a voluntary Settlement on a Child, and afterwards becomes a Trader, and about sixteen Years after became a Bankrupt. Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, held, that this Settlement was not within the Stat. 1 Jac. I. cap. 15. sect. 5. (a), and therefore not liable to the Bankruptcy, the Party not being a Trader when he made the Settlement (b). Trin. 1734. Lilly and Osborn, 3 Will. Rep. 298.

Opinion, that this Case came exactly within the Words of the Act, being a Provision for a Child, and merely voluntary, as against Creditors. Ibid. 299. (a) This Statute says, That if any Person which hereafter is or shall be a Bankrupt shall convey, or procure or cause to be conveyed, to any of his Children, or other Persons, any Manors, Lands, Goods, or transfer his Debts into other Mens Names, except the same be purchased, conveyed or transferred, for or upon Marriage of his or her Children, (both the Parties married being of the Years of Consent) or some other valuable Consideration, it shall be in the Power of the Commissioners to sell or dispose of the same in as ample Manner as if the Bankrupt had been actually seized or possessed thereof. (b) In the Case of Crisp and Pratt, the Person at the Time the Settlement was made not being in Debt, but a clear Man, nor then so much as a Trader, and the Settlement being two Years before he was concerned in Trade, and six Years before any Act of Bankruptcy committed by him, was the Reason why three Judges against one held the Settlement not within this Act. 3 Will. Rep. 299.

12. Stat. 19. Geo. 2. made for amending the Laws relating to Bankrupts, enacts, That after the 29th Day of October 1746. no Person who is or shall be bona fide a Creditor of any Bankrupt for or in Respect of Goods really and bona fide sold to such Bankrupt, or for or in Respect of any Bill or Bills of Exchange really and bona fide drawn, negotiated or accepted by such Bankrupt, in the usual and ordinary Course of Trade and Dealing, shall be liable to refund, or pay to the Assignee or Assignees of such Bankrupt's Estate, any Money which, before the suing forth of such Commission, was really and bona fide, and in the usual and ordinary Course of Trade and Dealing, received by such Person of any such Bankrupt, before such Time as the Person receiving the same shall know, understand, or have Notice that he is become a Bankrupt, or that he is in insolvent Circumstances.

(L) Of Distribution, &c.

1. *7.* S. seised of Lands in Fee owes a Debt by Statute, and afterwards becomes a Bankrupt, and the Statute Creditor extends the Lands, then a Commission of Bankruptcy issued out, and whether the Lands should be liable to the Statute Creditor, was the Question. And all the Judges of C. B. (upon a Reference to them by Lord Chan.) held, that the Clause of the Statute of 21 Jac. 1. cap. 19. sect. 9. (a), was full and plain, that all the Bankrupt's Creditors, unless where there was a Mortgage, should be equally paid. — And Trevor Ch. J. said, A Judgment or Recognizance did no more bind the Land than the Teste of a Fi. Fa. bound the Goods at the Time of making this Statute; and it was plain, if the Fi. Fa. was not served and executed, such Creditor, notwithstanding his suing out his Fi. Fa. should only come in *pro rata* with the Creditors even by simple Contract. East. 1706. Sir George Newland and Beckley v. — 1 Will. Rep. 92, 93.

(a) By this Statute it is enacted, That the Commissioners may examine upon Oath, or by any other Ways, any Persons for the Discovery of the Debts owing to all such Creditors as

shall seek Relief by such Commission, and every Creditor having Security for his Debts by Judgment, Statute, Specialty, or other Security, or having no Security, or having made Attachments in London, or other Place, of the Goods of such Bankrupt whereof there is no Execution or Extent served and executed upon any Lands, Goods or Estate of such Bankrupt, before such Time as he shall become a Bankrupt, shall not be relieved upon any such Judgment, Statute, Specialty, Attachments, or other Security, for any more than a ratable Part of their Debts with the other Creditors, without respect to any Penalty contained in such Judgment, Statute, Specialty, or other Security.

It is material whether this Payment of 40 l. per Cent. made by the Assignees under C.'s Commission was out of the Effects which A. had in C.'s Hands; for if so, it would be as if paid by A. herself, and then there can be but 60 l. per Cent. due, and A.'s Creditors shall come in for no more. — But if the 40 l. per Cent. was paid out of C.'s Estate, then his Estate is a Creditor for this 40 l. and A.'s Creditors must come in Creditors for the Whole 100 l. and be taken as Trustees for the 40 l. Debt paid out of C.'s Effects. Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 90, 91.

2. A. draws a Bill of Exchange in England, payable to B. or C. in Holland for 100 l. C. accepts this Bill; afterwards A. and C. become Bankrupts, and 40 l. per Cent. was paid out of C.'s Effects to his Creditors, and now B. and the Rest of the Creditors of A. would come in for the Whole 100 l. alledging that though this should be granted them, yet the Effects of A. would not extend to satisfy them their just Debts of 100 l. even including the 40 l. per Cent. which they had received out of C.'s Estate. Macclesfield C. directed that the Creditors of A. come in for 60 l. per Cent. only, and if the 40 l. per Cent. should appear to have been paid out of C.'s own Effects, then the Creditors of A. to come in for the Whole 100 l. out of which they must answer 40 l. per Cent. to the Creditors of C. Hil. 1722. Ex parte Ryfwicke, 2 Will. Rep. 89.

But if the 40 l. per Cent. was paid out of C.'s Estate, then his Estate is a Creditor for this 40 l. and A.'s Creditors must come in Creditors for the Whole 100 l. and be taken as Trustees for the 40 l. Debt paid out of C.'s Effects. Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 90, 91.

3. If A. was Principal in a Bond, and B. Surety, for Payment of 100 l. and A. and B. becoming Bankrupts; A. had paid 40 l. the Creditors of A. or B. would come in only for the remaining 60 l. — But if B. the Surety had paid the 40 l. or if it had been paid out of his Effects, then B. or his Estate had been Creditor for this 40 l. and consequently the Creditors or Assignees under the Commission against A. the Principal, though the 40 l. had been paid by the Surety, must have come in for the Whole 100 l. and as to the 40 l. they must have been accountable to B. the Surety. Per Lord Chan. in the above Case, Ibid. 91.

4. A. gives a promissory Note for 200 l. payable to B. or Order; B. indorses it to C. who indorses it over to D. A. B. and C. become Bankrupts, and D. receives 5 s. in the Pound on a Dividend made by the Assignees under A.'s Commission; D. shall come in as a Creditor for

150 l. only out of B.'s Effects, and if D. paid Contribution Money for more than 150 l. it shall be returned. Ordered per Lord Chan. King, East. 1727. *Ex parte Lefebvre (or Lefebure)* 2 Will. Rcp. 407.

5. H. and D. May 1716. gave Bond to M. T. for Payment of 120 l. In 1727. M. T. assigned a Bond to R. her Daughter the Petitioner; H. and D. both died, H. died insolvent, D. left a considerable real Estate, which devolved to A. who entred and sold Part of the Lands, and after became a Bankrupt; and his Assignees were in Possession of the Lands unfold. The Petitioner prayed that these Lands might be liable to the Bond Debt of D. preferable to the general Creditors of A. It was insisted for the Petitioner, that since the Stat. 3 & 4 W. & M. cap. 14. of fraudulent Devises, Lands in Hands of Devisees are made liable to Bond Debts as in the Hands of the Heir; and here the Assignees stand in the Place of the Bankrupt, and subject to the same Equity; and the Bankruptcy and Assignment is no Alienation bona fide within the Exception and Intent of the Statute; and the Case of Executors becoming Bankrupts, having Assets remaining in Specie, is common, and always held the Creditors of Testator to have a Preference. But it was insisted upon econt', that there is no specifick Lien: The Assignment is an Alienation, and the Case of Executors differs; an Executor is looked upon as a Trustee. Lord Chan. said, this is a Point of too much Difficulty to determine in this summary Way; let the Petitioner bring a Bill by Easter Term, and stay sufficient of the Estate in the mean Time in the Assignees Hands. Trin. Vac. 1733. *Ex parte Warren & Ux'*, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (X) Ca. 12.

6. J. S. mortgaged Lands to W. for 1157 l. and afterwards mortgaged the same, together with other Lands, to H. as a collateral Security for 500 l. due by Bond, and about ten Days afterwards J. S. was declared a Bankrupt. Part of the Premises were sold for 1050 l. and the Money paid to W. but the Commissioners refusing to sell the Residue, and the Assignees refusing to satisfy the Demand of H. or to admit him to have any Share of the Bankrupt's Estate, he petitioned for a Sale to be made of the Rest of the mortgaged Premises, and the Money to be applied towards the Discharge of the Demands of W. and himself; and in Case of any Deficiency, then to be admitted a Creditor on the said Bankrupt's Estate for what should remain due after such Sale, and to stay any Dividend in the mean Time. Lord Chan. referred it to Commissioners to take an Account of what was respectively due to W. and H. on their respective Mortgages; and ordered the mortgaged Premises remaining unfold to be sold, and the Monies to be applied first in discharging of W.'s Mortgage, and then of H.'s, together with his Costs of this Application, to be settled by the Commissioners; and in Case Petitioner and Assignees should differ about the same, and if the same should not prove sufficient to pay Petitioner his Principal, Interest and Costs, then he to be admitted a Creditor for such Deficiency, and to a Dividend, &c. and that W. and H. be examined touching the Account, and to produce upon Oath all Deeds, &c. 31 May 1737. upon the Petition of William Holwell, Esq; Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (X) Ca. 13.

7. By Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 33. Persons chosen Assignees of the Estate and Effects of a Bankrupt, shall at some Time after the Expiration of four Months, and within twelve Months from the Time of issuing of such Commission, cause twenty-one Days Notice to be given in the Gazette, of the Time and Place the Commissioners and Assignees intend to meet, to make a Dividend or Distribution of such Bankrupt's

Estate and Effects; at which Time the Creditors, who have not before proved their Debts, shall then be at Liberty to prove the same; which Meeting for the City of London, and all Places within the Bills of Mortality, shall be at Guildhall; and upon every such Meeting the Assignees shall produce to the Commissioners and Creditors then present, fair and just Accounts of their Receipts and Payments touching the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, and of what shall remain out-standing, and the Particulars thereof; and shall, if the Creditors then present, or the major Part of them, require the same, be examined upon Oath or solemn Affirmation before the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, touching the Truth of such Accounts; and in such Accounts the Assignees shall be allowed and retain all such Sums of Money as they shall have expended about such Commission, and all other just Allowances; and the Commissioners shall order such Part of the neat Produce of the said Bankrupt's Estate, as shall appear to be in the Hands of the said Assignees, as they shall think fit, to be divided amongst such of the Bankrupt's Creditors who have duly proved their Debts, in Proportion to their respective Debts; and the Commissioners shall make such their Order for a Dividend in Writing under their Hands, and shall cause one Part of such Order to be filed amongst the Proceedings under the Commission, and shall deliver unto each of the Assignees a Duplicate of such their Order likewise under their Hands; which Order of Distribution shall contain an Account of the Time and Place of making such Order, and the Quantum of all the Debts proved, and the Sum total of the Money remaining in the Hands of the Assignees to be divided, and how much in the Pound is then ordered to be paid to every Creditor; and the said Assignees, in Pursuance of such Order, and without any Deed of Distribution, shall forthwith make such Dividend, and shall take Receipts in a Book from each Creditor for the same, and such Order and Receipt shall be a full Discharge to such Assignees.

8. Sect. 37. *Within eighteen Months next after the issuing of any such Commission, the Assignees shall make a second Dividend, in Case the Estate was not wholly divided upon the first Dividend, and shall cause a Notice to be inserted in the Gazette, of the Time and Place the said Commissioners intend to meet to make a second Dividend, and for the Creditors, who shall not before have proved their Debts, to come and prove the same; and at such Meeting every Assignee shall produce upon Oath or Affirmation his Accounts of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, and what upon the Balance thereof shall appear to be in his Hands, shall by the like Order of the Commissioners be forthwith divided, as aforesaid; which second Dividend shall be final, unless any Suit at Law or in Equity shall be depending, or any Part of the Estate standing out that cannot have been disposed of, or that the major Part of the Creditors shall not have agreed to be sold and disposed of, or unless some future Estate or Effects of the said Bankrupt shall afterwards come to or vest in the Assignees; in which Case the Assignees shall, as soon as may be, convert such future Estate and Effects into Money, and shall within two Months next after the same shall be converted into Money, by the like Order of the Commissioners, divide the same.*

His Lordship
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9. *Commissioners appoint a Dividend to be made of the Bankrupt's Estate, a Creditor under the Commission neglects to receive of the Assignees his Proportion of that Dividend. The Assignees afterwards ran away with the Dividend that was in their Hands. The Creditor shall*

not

made by the Commissioners ascertaining the Dividend, for if no such Order of Distribution had been made, the Creditor would have been allowed to have come upon the Bankrupt's Estate, and would not have been confined to have taken his Remedy against the Assignees. *Ibid.*

not be allowed to come upon the Bankrupt's Estate for that Money, but must take his Remedy against the Assignees as well as he can. Cited by Lord Chan. as a Case that had been put, in the Case of *Smith and Duke of Chandos*, Hil. 1740. *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 419.

Vide (J) P. and (K) P.

(M) Cases relating to Purchasers.

1. A Pretended Sale of Lands by Ward shortly before his Bankruptcy to his Brother, was set aside, on a Bill brought by the Assignees, on the Stat. 1 Jac. 1. cap. 15. whereby voluntary Conveyances by Persons who after become Bankrupts are void. — Obj. That such a Conveyance would be void at Law, and need not come into this Court to set it aside; sed non allocatur. Hil. 1733. *De Golls and Ward*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt*, (K. a.) Ca. 1.

2. A Bankrupt whose Estate is in Mortgage, conveys the Equity of Redemption to a third Person after an Act of Bankruptcy, but before the Commission issued; this shall not defeat the Assignees. — But where a bona fide Purchaser for a valuable Consideration, and without Notice, has a Contest with the Assignees, Equity will not take any Advantage from him, therefore not compel a Discovery. *Talbot C. Hil. 1734. Collet and De Golls and Ward, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 65. Vide this Case Tit. Notice, P. C. and Purchaser, and Vendee, P. C.

3. An Issue being directed to try the Bankruptcy of John Ward, upon Trial at Bar in B. R. he was found to become Bankrupt 26 Aug. 1725. and now upon the Equity reserved, Plaintiffs (Trustees for the South-Sea Company) prayed an Account, and to set aside Conveyances that John Ward had made since his becoming Bankrupt. The Nature of the Case (as stated by Lord Chan.) was of a Gentleman having a very great Estate, and not much indebted, except the Demand by the South-Sea Company. — By Deeds of Conveyance of 25 and 26 August 1725. and by subsequent Deeds, all the real and personal Estate of J. W. even to Household Goods, are vested in Trustees to pay pretended Creditors, the Son joining with the Father, but not one of the pretended Creditors; — and no Distress from any Creditor, &c. — Amongst other Trusts is the extraordinary Power in the Deed of Sept. 1725. for J. W. to charge any other Debts; and last of all the whole Surplus of all the Estates is vested in the Bankrupt's Son. — Then come the Marriage Articles in June 1729. and therein every one of the former Deeds are recited to be in Consideration of the Marriage of the Son with A. B. and 4000 l. Portion, (but not proved paid). The Surplus agreed to be subject to a Term of 200 Years, to pay 400 l. a Year to J. W. for Life, if he should particularly demand it, and then for his Son and his Wife: Then J. W. was to purchase Lands of 1000 l. per Ann. in Tail General to his Son, Remainder to his right Heirs, with Power as to Portions for Children, and Power for Trustees to provide Coach and Horses for J. W. — Then there is another Deed of sooner Date by the Son, subjecting the Manor of — to some Uses. — A Bill was brought by the Assignees to set aside these Deeds, &c. An Issue was directed, and the Jury find J. W. Bankrupt, 26 August 1725. being the Date of the first Deed of Re- Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (K. a.) Ca. 2. S. C. and Decree says, Lord Chan. said, this was an extraordinary Case, and he believed none like it before, and hoped never would again; and that therefore it was incumbent on the Court to do all they could to prevent the like; and observed, that here appeared a Scheme of Fraud thro' many Years to defraud just Creditors. Ibid. p. 122.

had told him that the Jury found John Ward Bankrupt from executing the Deed of 25 August 1725. and that no Act of Bankruptcy was proved before or after, but the Execution of that Deed, and no other Act of Bankruptcy till 1726. *Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt*, (K. a.) P. 121. Lord Chan. in S. C. declared, that he had spoke leave, with the C. J. of B. R. who

lease, by which that Deed is over-reached.—And the *Judges certify that this Deed was the Act of Bankruptcy, as being made to defraud his Creditors*—The Question is, what the Consequence of this Verdict is? 1st, In Law, and next how in Equity.—At Law this Deed, and all subsequent ones, are void. But it was objected from the *Stat. 21 Jac. 1.* that the Commission of Bankruptcy was not taken out till 20 November 1730. above five Years after the Act of Bankruptcy, and by a Clause in that Statute, Purchasers in such Case are not to be impeached, &c.—But his Lordship held, that this Clause only affects Purchasers *bona fide*, without Notice of the Fraud and Act of Bankruptcy;—and here the Son must have had Notice of the Act of Bankruptcy, so that the Son is not protected by this Deed.—Next here is Equity; and here his Lordship took Notice that there are Circumstances of actual Fraud, and that here appeared a long Series from 1725.—The Power in the Deed of September 1725. to charge the Estate with any other Debts is Fraud apparent, because it reserves in Effect the whole Estate in the Bankrupt himself, &c.—The next Consideration is how far the several Defendants are to be affected; this is to be considered in two Respects; 1st, Under the Deeds from 1725. prior to the Articles.—2dly, How upon the Marriage Articles? — 1st, As to the Deeds prior to the Articles, they concern the Trustees for the pretended Creditors, and those Creditors; but no Proof of any real Debts; and the first Deed for that Reason found void, and therefore this is out of the Case. Then the Question is under those Deeds how it stands with the Son; and his Lordship held, that he is affected with the Act of Bankruptcy, and Fraud, being Party to the first Deed, &c. and at best it is all voluntary as to him, and the Surplus in all the subsequent Deeds is reserved to him.—Next as to the Marriage; and here his Lordship said, was the only Appearance of Difficulty;—so as to the Persons provided for; and as to *J. W.* himself, he cannot partake of the Consideration;—all the Parties to be considered are *Ward's* Son, and his intended Wife and the Issue:—1st, As to the Son, his Case is not immediately the Marriage Articles, he had Notice of the Bankruptcy of his Father before. It was objected, that the Son is to be considered as a Purchaser by the Articles, and the Statute not mentioning Notice; and where the Commission is not sued out within five Years, &c. But his Lordship held, that *Articles in Equity are the same as actual Conveyances at Law, and no more to be impeached in Equity*; but held, that the Son could take nothing under the Articles but what he had before; but suppose it so, his Lordship said, the Clause in the *Stat. 21 Jac. 1.* not to be considered in the large Sense contended for, so as to extend to all Purchases; but held, that this Clause is to be compared to the Clause in the *Stat. 13 Eliz. cap. 7.* which provides against Purchasers having Notice of the Fraud. The *Stat. 21 Jac. 1.* takes Notice of the former Acts against Bankrupts, and is for further Provision for Creditors. Therefore his Lordship held this Case like the Case, and warranted by the Construction made on the several Statutes about Leases by Ecclesiastical Persons, 1 *Vent. 244. Bayly and Murin*, the last Resolution in that Case.—And so held that all the Statutes against Bankrupts are to be construed together, and to be considered all as one Statute,—and no Pre-
tence but that the Son had Notice, and therefore he (the Son) cannot protect himself under the Statute.—Next as to his Wife and Issue—The Son's Wife, for what appears, is an innocent Person;—no Evidence to shew her Father had any other Notice than what appears from

from the Deeds. But his Lordship thought Notice of the Deeds was no Notice of the fraudulent Intent of these Deeds, other than as to the Son, who was Party, &c. And if the Son's Wife had not Notice of the Bankruptcy, she cannot be affected in Equity by the Bankruptcy.—Next as to the Issue of the Marriage; 1st, As to the Heirs of the Body of the Son, that is an Estate-tail in him; and his Lordship agreed that in *Marriage Articles where the Limitation is to the Heirs of the Body by the Wife, there it shall be carried into strict Settlement*; but otherwise where the Limitation is general to all the Issue; and that this was the real Intent appears by the Provision of 6000*l.* which is expressly for the Issue of the Marriage, and extends to the eldest Son as well as to the Rest of the Children.—This 6000*l.* is secured by a Power and Trust; and his Lordship held, that the Issue are to be affected with the Notice to the Father and Mother and Trustees.—As to Plaintiff's Objection, that the Provision is of the Surplus only after the fictitious Debts paid; this would be strange, and their Provision ought to be what was really due. As to the Bankrupt's Power to charge other Debts, his Lordship held his joining in the Marriage Articles was an Extinguishment of that Power, and amounted to a Revocation.—*Ergo* decreed the Marriage Articles to be set aside as to all the Uses, except as to the Jointure of the Wife, and the 6000*l.* for the Issue.—*Mich. 1739. Read and Ward, MS. Rep.*

(N) Concerning Assignments made by a Bankrupt just before his Bankruptcy, in order to give Preference to some of his Creditors.

1. *J. S.* being indebted to *B.* in 180*l.* afterwards assigned over all his Effects, &c. except a few Shillings and some desperate Debts, to *C.* his Father-in-Law, towards Satisfaction of a pretended Debt due to him from *J. S.* *B.* brought an Action against *J. S.* and took him in Execution. After the making of the Act 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect.

10. (a), *C.* takes out a Commission of Bankruptcy against *J. S.* under which *B.* is prevailed on to come in, and be Assignee, being told that otherwise the Bankrupt's Father-in-Law would sink the Estate, and get him discharged. Then the Bankrupt petitioned that he might be discharged out of Execution, since *B.* had proved his Debt under the Commission. (b)——*B.* proposed to waive all Benefit under the Commission. *Parker Chan.* held the Commission to be plainly sued out fraudulently by the Bankrupt's Father-in-Law to discharge the Bankrupt out of Custody, and not for the Advantage of Creditors (c). That *B.*'s Proposal ought to be accepted, and that a Creditor cannot

(a) Whereby a Bankrupt in Case he surrenders himself, be examined, and four Fifths in Number and Value of his Creditors sign his Certificate, and testify their Consent, is to be discharged, &c. —Tit. Vide

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Certificate, P. (b) If Fraud appears on the Bankrupt's Side, and an honest Debt on the Creditor's, Equity ought not to interfere in Prejudice of the honest Creditor, and in Favour of the fraudulent Bankrupt.—And that it might be thought necessary that *B.* should prove his Debt under the Commission, in order to oppose the Bankrupt's Discharge. Said *arg'*, and admitted as reasonable, per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 561, 562.—The Reason of its having been frequently ruled, that a Creditor could not come in before Commissioners, and then detain the Bankrupt in Prison, was 1st, Because it would be unconscionable the Creditor should detain the Bankrupt for Non-payment of his Debts, and yet seize all his Estate wherewith he was to pay it. 2dly, Because by coming in under the Commission, the Creditor elected to have the Benefit of the Bankrupt's Estate towards satisfying his Debt, and therefore ought to waive his Execution of the Body. But in the principal Case there was no Estate left to seize, and therefore no Election could be made, in Regard all the Bankrupt's Estate had been before assigned away to the Bankrupt's Father-in-Law. *Ibid.* 562. (c) Rule 3 The Creditor's

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be said to elect to be satisfied out of a Bankrupt's Estate where there is none; which more particularly distinguishes this Case; *ergo* would not discharge the Bankrupt. *Trin.* 1719. *Ex parte Salkeld*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 560, 563.

2. A Goldsmith being greatly indebted shut up his Shop, and having a Stock likewise in Partnership in the Wine Trade, assigned *two Thirds* thereof, of about 300*l.* Value, to *J. S.* a Creditor, without the Knowledge of *J. S.* and never after opened his Shop, *but the next Day went off, and was after found to have become Bankrupt such a Day after the Day of the Assignment.* On a Bill by *J. S.* against the Assignee, and the Partner in the Wine Trade, the Master of the Rolls held the Assignment good; and held, that there might be just Reason for one becoming Bankrupt to prefer one Creditor to another; as where he was a *faithful Friend*, or *Money lent in Extremity without Profit*, and *all that such Creditor has to subsist upon*; whereas Dealers in Trade may have been Gainers; and that the Time of the Assignment, if made before the Bankruptcy, is not material, but the Justice of the Debt; and its being without Notice of the Creditor is no Objection, for this shews that there was no Fraud or Importunity; and if such Assignment to a single Creditor be a *Chose en Action*, he may apply for Relief here, for he can go no where else; *secus* if a legal Estate had been conveyed. His Honour cited the Case of *Cock and Goodfellow* (a), and the Case of *Jacob and Shepherd* (b), and Sir Stephen Evans's Case; and said, that though preferring some Creditors, in hopes of after Favours, may be of mischievous Consequence, yet by reason of the Precedents he must decree in Favour of the Assignment. *Mick.* 1727. *Small and Oudley*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 427.

(a) *Vide* (D) P. 100. Ca. 1. and the Notes there.

(b) *Vide* the following Case, and the marginal Note.

So likewise in Sir Stephen Evans's Case, who having executed a Deed immediately before his Bankruptcy, and with a View to give a Preference to some of his Creditors, the same prevailed. Cited by his Honour in the Case of *Small and Oudley*, *Ibid.* 431.

3. *J. S.* a Trader was just on the Brink of Bankruptcy, a Deed ready engrossed was brought to him, *which he executed a little before his Bankruptcy*, and in Contemplation thereof, *to give a Preference to some of his Creditors.* On an Appeal *Macclesfield C.* ordered a Trial, *to be informed when the Trader became a Bankrupt*; and the Execution of the Deed being found to have been before the Bankruptcy, it was decreed in Favour of the Deed. Cited by the Master of the Rolls in the Case of *Small and Oudley* above, as the Case of *Jacob and Shepherd*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 431.

(O) Of setting off mutual Debts.

1. IN the Case of *Lord Laneshorough & al' v. Jones*, *Trin.* 1716.

Lord Chan. Cowper said, that where there is mutual Credit between a Bankrupt and another only, the Balance shall be paid, and that the Clause in the Statute (c), is not to be construed of *Dealing in Trade only*, or in Case of *mutual running Accounts*, but also where one Credit is upon Mortgage and the other upon Note, and that it is natural Justice and Equity, in all Cases of mutual Credit, that only the Balance should be paid. 1 *Will. Rep.* 325, 326.

(c) 4 Ann. cap. 17. sect. 11.

2. *J. S.* in 1711. had 5000*l.* Stock in the *Hudson's Bay Company*, and was their Banker or Cashier, and upon that Account was indebted to the Company in 800*l.* and soon after became a Bankrupt. The Assignees bring a Bill against the Company to transfer the 5000*l.*

5000 l. to them with the Dividends. The Company by their Answer insist, that by Virtue of a By-Law the Stock and Dividend of each Adventurer shall be obliged to such Debts and Engagements as such Adventurer shall become engaged in to the Company, and that the Committee of the Company for the Time Being shall and may distrain the same until such Debts and Engagements are fully satisfied; that the Company is not obliged to transfer the Stock to the Plaintiffs until they pay the 800 l. due to the Company; and they also insisted upon the Clause in the Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 28. (a), of setting off Debt against Debt; and that J. S. having Credit in their Books for 5000 l. Stock, and the Company on the other Hand having Credit in J. S.'s Books for 800 l. they might deduct and have an Allowance of the 800 l. out of the 5000 l. Stock. Lord Chan. King was of Opinion, that the By-Law (b) was not good; but Raymond C. J. and Price B. who assisted his Lordship, thought it a good By-Law. But Lord Chan. thought this Case to be within the Clause of the above Statute, and therefore said, he needed not give any direct Opinion as to the By-Law, that here was mutual Credit given, and therefore decreed that the Company may retain the 800 l. out of the Dividends due to the Bankrupt's Estate, subsequent to the Bankruptcy, and shall not be obliged to come in as a Creditor under the Commission (c). Mich. 12 Geo. Gibson & al', Assignees of Sir Stephen Evans a Bankrupt, and Hudson's Bay Company, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (N. a.) Ca. 2.

(a) The Statute says, Where it shall appear that there hath been mutual Credit given, or mutual Debts between the Bankrupt and any other Person, the Commissioners or Assignees shall state the Account, and one Debt may be set against another, and the Balance of such Account shall be claimed or paid.

(b) His Lordship said it was assuming a Legislative Power, and altering the Law; it was different from an Agreement between private Partners in Trade; these Sort of Companies were of a publick Nature, all People were admitted into them, and great Part of the personal Estates of the Kingdom were invested in them; that it did not only make Debts by simple Contract equal to Specialty and Judgments, but gave them the Preference. It gave them a Power to attach their Creditors Effects, and to be their own Carvers; it subverted the legal Course of Administration, and was inconsistent with the Statute of Bankrupts, which makes all Debts equal. Lord C. J. Raymond and Mr. Baron Price said, this By-Law extends only to their own Members, and tends to the Benefit and Advantage of the Corporation. All By-Laws for the Benefit and Advantage of Trade are good, unless such By-Laws be unreasonable or unjust: That this in their Opinion was neither; not unreasonable, because it extends only to their own Members, whose Consent is implied in all By-Laws, and every Man that buys Stock must take it subject to the Engagements laid upon such Stock by the Company; it is not unjust, because the Stock is only to be retained as a Pledge till the Debt be satisfied, which every Debtor in Justice is bound to do; that the Assignees stand in the Place of the Bankrupt, and can be in no better Condition than the Bankrupt himself. Viner's Abr. Ibid.

(c) Mr. Viner in the Margin of this Case says, The Judges gave no direct Opinion as to the Point decreed, but seemed to agree with the Chancellor.

(P) Bankrupt arrested, in What Case discharged.

TWO Persons having Authority to seize the Effects of a Bankrupt, broke open a Closet where the Bankrupt was, to search for them; two Officers came soon after them, and took him in an Action, and threw him into the Compter, where he was served with several other Actions in Custody. Ordered that they (i. e. the Officers) at their own Costs should procure him to be discharged, or to stand committed, being an Abuse of the Process of the Court. Mich. 12 Geo. 1. Anon. Sel. Ca. in Chan. 64.

Vide (Q) P. C.

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(Q) Concerning the Bankrupt's Certificate,
and the Allowance thereof (a).

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1. **G.** Brought an Action for Rent against *B.* a Bankrupt, and obtained Judgment before Bankrupt's Certificate allowed, which not being allowed till after the Rules for Pleading were out, the Bankrupt had no Opportunity to plead it, and take the Benefit of the Act 4 & 5 Ann. c. 17. (b) — But in the *Sci. Fa.* against the Bail the Certificate was pleaded, and Plea over-ruled, so that the Bankrupt had no Relief but in Equity, or by *Audita Querela*, which is an equitable Remedy at Law. On a Motion for an Injunction, *Cowper* C. refused to grant one, though urged that there were several Precedents of this Sort, (but none ready to produce) because this was a merciful Law made in Favour of Bankrupts, and in Prejudice of Creditors; ergo not to be extended in Equity further than at Law. *Mich. 3 Geo. 1. Bagshall and Gore, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (S. a.) Ca. 5.*

prosecuted for any Debt due before, they shall be discharged on common Bail, and plead that the Cause of Action accrued before they became Bankrupts, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if Judgment be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall recover his Costs. — And by Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 7. it is enacted, That a Bankrupt who shall surrender and conform as by this Act is directed, and shall afterwards be impleaded for any Debt due before he became Bankrupt, such Bankrupt shall be discharged upon common Bail, and may plead in general that the Cause of Action did accrue before such Time as he became Bankrupt; and the Certificate of such Bankrupt's conforming, and the Allowance thereof, shall be sufficient Evidence of the Trading, Bankruptcy, Commission, and other Proceedings precedent to the obtaining such Certificate, unless the Plaintiff can prove the said Certificate was obtained unfairly, or make appear any Concealment by such Bankrupt to the Value of 10l.

2. Commissioners of Bankruptcy having made an Assignment of the Bankrupt's Estate, and the Bankrupt afterwards obtains his Certificate, cannot make a subsequent Assignment. *Vide the Case of Jacobson and Williams, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 4th Edit. P. 54. C. 7.* and the References there.

3. Though a Creditor comes in under a Commission of Bankruptcy and proves his Debt, and is prevailed upon to be an Assignee, (being informed that otherwise he should lose his Debt) yet if the Bankrupt has no Estate, the Creditor may take the Bankrupt in Execution, if he will waive any Benefit of the Statute. *Vide Ex parte Salkeld, P. C.*

4. *Hil. 1719. Ex parte James*, it was resolved by Lord Chan. Parker, that such of the Bankrupt's Creditors as came in under the Commission, by which all the Bankrupt's Estate both real and personal (by Means whereof he should pay his Debts) was seized, should not be allowed to imprison the Bankrupt for not paying those Debts; wherefore his Lordship said, he would order the Bankrupt to be discharged out of Custody, as to any Action brought by those who had come into the Commission of Bankruptcy, and had sought Relief thereby. And though it was objected, that the Bankrupt ought not to be discharged till he had perfected his Examination, yet his Lordship held the contrary; for it did not appear that the Bankrupt was in Contempt, or had refused to be examined; if he had, yet when the Commission was irregularly sued out, (as it was in the principal Case (c), there ought not to be any Proceedings upon it by way of examining the Bankrupt, or otherwise. *1 Will. Rep. 612.*

(c) *Vide (B)*
P. 96. C. 2.

5. A Creditor petitioned against the Allowance of a Bankrupt's Certificate, upon which the Bankrupt gave him a Bond for Payment of his whole Debt in Consideration of withdrawing his Petition; and afterwards the Bankrupt's Certificate was allowed, and the Creditor put the Bond in Suit against the Bankrupt, who pleaded the Clause in the Act, *and that the Bond was obtained in order to procure his Discharge*; and on a Verdict for the Plaintiff, the Bankrupt brought his Bill, *insisting that the Bond was obtained from him under his Necessities, and within the Reason of the Clause in the Statute, which makes Bonds void for consenting to the Bankrupt's Discharge (a).* But Parker C. refused to relieve the Bankrupt, and dismissed his Bill with Costs. *Easter 1720. Lewis and Chase, 1 Will. Rep. 620.*

Case if he hopes to succeed. That the Defendant could not be said to do amiss in petitioning the Great Seal against the Allowance of the Certificate, neither can it now appear what Success that Petition would have been attended with; he might have had just Cause to petition, and the Bankrupt no Right to have his Petition disallowed, and Plaintiff, if he had a fair Defence, ought to have made use of it against the Petition; but in Case of treating with the Defendant to withdraw it, he might insist upon reasonable Terms to have his just Debt. If the Bill were to be dismissed, the Plaintiff must only pay what he justly owes; but were he to be relieved, the Defendant would thereby be put into a worse Condition than any of the other Creditors, for the Bankrupt's Estate being distributed, he cannot now have his Proportion thereof, but must lose his whole Debt; and it is the Plaintiff's Fault to come so late, which makes the Case still the stronger against him. That the Law makes no Distinction whether the Bankrupt becomes so by his own extravagant way of Living, or by Misfortunes; and therefore he is the less to be favoured. That it is hard to bar Creditors of the full Remedy which the Law gives for the Recovery of their Debts; that where the Words of the Statute are plain, they must be submitted to; but then the Bankrupt ought in all such Cases to bring himself within it; and that it would not be fair to put the Defendant, who has the Law of his Side, in a worse Condition than any of the other Creditors, whose Debts are extinguished by the Statute; therefore decreed as above. *Ibid. 621, 622.*

(a) *Vide the Act 5 Geo. 2. P. 127. pl. 12.*

6. A Question was, concerning the *Form of Certificates* on the late Act. And *per Parker C.* the Commissioners are to certify one Day that the Bankrupt hath in all Things conformed, &c. and then the next Day the Creditors certify on the same Parchment their Consent, at the Foot of which the Commissioners are to certify that the Creditors had consented according to the Terms of the Act, *Trin. 6 Geo. 1. Burdock's Case, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (S. a.) Ca. 9.—Vide the Act 5 Geo. 2. P. 126. pl. 11. which takes in all the other Acts relating to Bankrupts Certificates.*

7. J. S. and B. his Surety entered into a Bond to C. for Payment of 120*l.* Afterwards in *March 1711.* B. became a Bankrupt, and was so found. In *Easter Term 1715.* C. sues B. on this Bond before his Certificate allowed, but he had surrendred his Effects, and submitted to be examined. B. (his Certificate not being allowed) pleaded *Non est factum* to the Bond, and Judgment was obtained against him, and he surrendred himself in Discharge of his Bail. B. afterwards obtained an Allowance of his Certificate, upon which the Court of King's Bench made a Rule *nisi* that B. should be discharged out of Prison, which was afterwards made absolute. In *Easter Term 1719.* the Obligee brought a *Sci. Fa.* upon the Judgment, and the Bankrupt pleaded the Stat. 5 Ann. and that the Cause of Action accrued before his Bankruptcy; and upon Issue joined, a Verdict and

His Lordship seemed to admit, that were the Case only Matter of Mispleading, Equity should not relieve; but said, it weighed with him that this Matter had been determined in *B. R.* and the Bankrupt discharged there.

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Bankrupt was one intended to be relieved within the Act; the Debt was incurred long before the Bankruptcy; though this being a *Sci. Fa.* upon the Judgment, the Judgment might be said in Law to be the Cause of the Action, and that was after the Bankruptcy. That the Certificate not being obtained and made absolute, when *Non est factum* was pleaded to the Bond, this might excuse such Plea, for it was objected that the said Act had prescribed in what Manner the Bankrupt was to take Advantage of his Discharge and Certificate, *viz.* by Pleading it, and if the Bankrupt had not pursued this Method, it was his own Fault. That here had been a long Acquiescence under the Discharge made by the Court of King's Bench. That it was of Weight that the Bankrupt had upon Oath given up his all; therefore what was the Obligee contending for? *Ibid. 72, 73.*

Judgment was given against the Bankrupt, he (as was alledged) not being able to get the Commission, or a Copy thereof, to produce at the Trial. The Bankrupt brought a Bill to be relieved against these Proceedings at Law, and Lord Chan. granted an Injunction, but the Master of the Rolls dismissed it, *in regard the Act touching Bankrupts, and their Discharge, was to be pleaded, and taken Advantage of at Law.* Upon Appeal Macclesfield C. reversed this Decree, and granted a perpetual Injunction against C. the Defendant. *Trin. 1722. Blackball and Combs, 2 Will. Rep. 70.*

But if such Creditor will waive any Benefit under the Statute, and stay a reasonable Time, and there is an Improbability of the Bankrupt's being able to gain his Certificate signed by four Fifths in Number and Value of his Creditors, or allowed by

8. *J. S.* a Creditor of B. a Bankrupt, came in under the Commission and proved his Debt, and afterwards arrested the Bankrupt, who now petitioned to be discharged. King C. said, it had been the Construction of the Court of Equity upon the Statute of 1 *Ann. cap. 12.* which discharges a Bankrupt of his Debts on a Certificate by four Fifths of his Creditors; and allowed by the Chancellor, that where a Trader becomes a Bankrupt, and any one of his Creditors comes in under the Commission to prove his Debt, though with Design only to oppose the Bankrupt's Certificate, yet this is an Election to take his Remedy for his Debt under the Commission, and if pending that the Creditor sues and arrests the Bankrupt, it is taken to be an Oppression; therefore ordered that the Creditor at his own Expence discharge the Bankrupt out of Custody. *Mich. 1726. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 394, 395.*

the Court; in such Case if the Creditor applies to the Court, declaring his Consent to waive any Right or Share of the Bankrupt's Estate under the Commission, and praying that he may sue the Bankrupt, his Lordship said, he thought it reasonable for the Court to give Leave to such Creditor to proceed at Law against the Bankrupt for his Debt. *Ibid.*

9. On a joint Commission of Bankruptcy against two Partners, the separate Creditors, though they have taken out separate Commissions, shall be at Liberty to come in to oppose the Allowing of the Certificate. *Per King C.* (on Time taken to consider, and on looking into Precedents.) 22 April 1729. *Horsley's Case, 3 Will. Rep. 23, 24.*

So on the other Hand, if there be two Parties and one of them becomes

10. Where two Partners are Bankrupts, and a joint Commission is taken out against them, if they obtain an Allowance of their Certificate, this will bar as well their separate as their joint Creditors. *Ibid. 24.*

a Bankrupt, and on a separate Commission sued out against him his Certificate is allowed, this does not only discharge the Bankrupt of what he owed separately, but also of what he owed jointly and on the Partnership Account; but by the Act of Parliament, the Bankrupt upon making a full Discovery, and obtaining his Certificate, is to be discharged of all his Debts. Now the Debts he owes jointly with another, are equally his Debts as what he owes on his separate Account, consequently he is to be discharged of both his joint and separate Debts. And so it has been determined by the Judges of B. R. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, 3 July 1721. Ex parte Yale, 3 Will. Rep. 24. in a Note.*

11. By 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 10. (which takes in all the other Statutes. (a) relating to the Bankrupt's Certificate) No Discovery upon Oath, &c. to be made by a Bankrupt of his Estate and Effects pursuant to this Act, shall intitle such Bankrupt to the Benefits allowed by this Act, unless the Commissioners, or the major Part of them, shall under their Hands and Seals certify to the Lord Chancellor or Keeper, or Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal, &c. that such Bankrupt hath made a full Discovery of his Estate and Effects, and in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of this Act, and that there doth not appear to them any Reason to doubt of the Truth of such Discovery, or that the same is not a full Discovery of such Bankrupt's

*Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, and unless four Parts in five in Number and Value of the Creditors of such Bankrupt who shall be Creditors for not less than 20*l.* respectively (a), and who shall have proved their Debts under such Commission, or some other Person by them respectively duly authorized thereunto, shall sign such Certificate, and testify their Consent to such Allowance and Certificate, and to the Bankrupt's Discharge, in Pursuance of this Act, to be also certified by such Commissioners: But the Commissioners shall not certify the same till they shall have Proof by Affidavit or Affirmation in Writing of such Creditors, or of the Person by them authorized, signing the said Certificate, and of the Power and Authority by which any Person shall be authorized to sign such Certificate for any Creditor, which Affidavit or Affirmation, together with such Authority to sign, shall be laid before the Lord Chancellor, &c. with the said Certificate, in order for the allowing and confirming the same; and unless such Bankrupt make Oath, or solemnly affirm in Writing, that such Certificate and Consent of the Creditors thereunto were obtained fairly and without Fraud; and unless such Certificate shall after such Oath or Affirmation of the Bankrupt be allowed and confirmed by the Lord Chancellor, &c. or by such two of the Justices of the King's Bench, Common Pleas, or Barons of the Exchequer, to whom the Consideration of such Certificate shall be referred by the Lord Chancellor, &c. and any of the Creditors of such Bankrupt are to be heard, if they shall think fit, against the making such Certificate, and against the Confirmation thereof; nor shall any Commissioner sign such Certificate till after four Parts in five in Number and Value of the said Creditors shall have signed the same as aforesaid.*

12. Sect. 11. Every Bond, Bill, Note, or other Security whatsoever given by any Bankrupt, or by any other Person to the Use of any Creditor as a Consideration to persuade him to sign such Certificate, shall be void, and the Party sued on such Contract may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence.

13. Sect. 13. If any Bankrupt who shall have obtained his Certificate shall be taken in Execution, or detained in Prison on Account of any Debts owing before he became a Bankrupt, by reason that Judgment was obtained before such Certificate was allowed, it shall be lawful for any one of the Judges of the Court wherein Judgment has been so obtained on such Bankrupt's producing his Certificate allowed, to order any Sheriff or Gaoler who shall have such Bankrupt in his Custody to discharge such Bankrupt without Fee.

14. Where a Bankrupt is in Execution before the Commission, and a Creditor comes in and receives a Dividend out of the Estate, the Court will put him to his Election either to discharge the Bankrupt or renounce the Dividend (b).—But where *A.* sued out a Commission of Bankruptcy against *B.* in 1726. and in 1727. received a Dividend of 2*s.* 6*d.* in the Pound, and now lately took *B.* in Execution for the Rest of his Debt; upon which *B.* petitions to be discharged, but was denied. *Per Lord Chan. Mich. Vac. 1733. Ex parte Blewin, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (S. a.) Ca. 17.*

Execution by *Fi. Fa.* because the Body is deemed a Satisfaction;—But otherwise if a Creditor takes a *Fi. Fa.* first, and levies short, &c. there he may take out a *Ca. Sa.* afterwards. *Ibid.*

15. Bankrupt in Prison on a *mesne* Process at the Suit of *A.* prayed that *A.* might make Election whether he would come in under the Commission, or take his Remedy at Law. *Per Lord Chan. A. may make*

(a) Though a Creditor of a Bankrupt under 20*l.* cannot assent or dissent to the Certificate, yet he hath a Right to petition and shew any Fraud against allowing it. *Per Lord Chan. Mich. 1734. Ex parte Allen, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (S. a.) Ca. 18.*

(b) And this in Conformity to the Law, where if the Creditor will take the Debtor in Execution, he cannot afterwards take

a *special* Election, to take his Remedy at Law, and to come in under the Commission, so far as to prove his Debt, and assent or dissent to Certificate, because that will (*not* *) affect his Remedy at Law, but he is to *waive any Dividend or further Benefit under the Commission*; and *A.* accordingly made his Election. *Mich.* 1734. *Ex parte Hosey, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (S. a.) Ca. 19.*

Settled on *great Debate*, that a Creditor is at Liberty to elect to proceed at Law, and notwithstanding may assent or dissent to Certificate. The Case of putting Creditors to Election is but modern in Favour of Bankrupts; but if that Election is made in general Terms, and in Consequence the Creditor is to be excluded from a Liberty of dissenting to the Certificate, the Rest of the Creditors are not only to take all the Rest of the Effects, but have it in their Power by allowing the Certificate to bar the other's Debt; so that permitting such Creditor to assent or dissent to the Certificate, is not to give him a Benefit, but to prevent his being hurt. And the late Statute (*a*) mentions four Fifts of Creditors who shall have proved their Debts, and not who proved, &c. and sought Relief; and it would be hard to put it in the Power of a few small Creditors, by consenting to the Certificate, to preclude the other of his Debts; and therefore as the Court by equitable Construction puts a Creditor to his Election of abiding by his Remedy at Law or coming in to have his Dividend under the Commission; so by the same Rule of Equity, such Creditor renouncing any Benefit under the Commission should not be hurt. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid.* (*a*) 5 Geo. 2. c. 30. sect. 10.

(R) In what Cases a Commission of Bankruptcy may be superseded (*b*).

(*b*) *Vide* the Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. sect. 23, 24, 45.

1. IF a Creditor by Bond before the Day of Payment sues out a Commission of Bankruptcy against the Obligor, it is irregular, and the Commission ought to be superseded (*c*); for though it be *debitum in presenti*, yet as it cannot so much as be put in Suit, or an Action commenced upon it, much less can there be a Commission taken out upon it, by which all the real and personal Estate of the Bankrupt is (*as it were*) seized in Execution. *Resolved per Parker C. Hil.* 1719. *Ex parte James, 1 Will. Rep. 610.*

(*c*) *Vide* the Statutes of 7 Geo. 1. cap. 3. and 5 Geo. 2. which have altered the Law in this Point. See *P.*

2. A Commission was taken out, and not sat on till three Months after; this plainly shews it was done to protect the Estate; the Commission shall be superseded for Example sake, that such Things should not be practised. *Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Comb's Case, Sel. Cases in Chan. 46.*

3. *A.* took out a Commission of Bankruptcy against *B.* and kept it for six Months without doing any Thing upon it, and then executed it, and *B.* was found a Bankrupt. King C. on a Petition superseded the Commission. *Trin. 1729. Ex parte Puleston, 2 Will. Rep. 545.*

Until *A.* had sufficient Proof of the Bankruptcy, (the want of which he alledged was the Reason he did not execute it sooner) he ought not to have taken out the Commission, which by having been kept so long in his Pocket, may have been the Means of drawing in People to give Credit to the Bankrupt, and of furnishing him with Opportunities of defrauding many. *Per Lord Chan.*—And it being insisted that the Expense of another Commission would be a fresh Charge upon the Bankrupt's Estate, his Lordship replied, he would take Care that the former Commission should not be at the Charge of the Bankrupt's Estate. *Ibid.*

4. Where a Debt is due to a *Wife as Administratrix*, the Husband alone cannot make Oath of this as a Debt due to himself in order for a Commission of Bankruptcy; therefore the Commission was *superseded*, and Restitution awarded. *Per Lord Chan. Mich. 1734. Ex parte Seaples, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (F) Ca. 10.*

C A P. XIV.

Baron and Feme.

- (A) Of what Things the Baron hath Power to dispose; and what shall be a Disposition.
- (B) What Acts of the Feme before Marriage the Baron shall avoid as done in Fraud, or in Derogation of the Rights of Marriage, & econt'.
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- (F) How far the Baron is chargeable with the Debts of the Feme contracted during the Coverture.
- (G) How far a Feme Covert shall be bound by the Acts in which she joined with her Husband.
- (H) What Contracts between Baron and Feme, tho' void in Law, yet in Equity are not dissolved by the Marriage.
- (I) What Right shall survive to the Baron or Feme, &c. by the Dissolution of the Marriage;—And in what Cases the Survivor, &c. shall be charged or benefited.
- (K) Of Suits and Proceedings by and against Baron and Feme;—And also inter se.
- (L) In what Cases the Baron must make a suitable Provision for the Wife when he sues for her Fortune.
- (M) What shall be said the Feme's separate Estate.—Where she reserves the Power of her own Estate, &c.—And here of Alimony or separate Maintenance.
- (N) Concerning the Wife's Pin-Money.
- (O) In what Cases a Will made by a Feme Covert is good.
- (P) Divorce; Cases in general relating thereunto.

(A) Of what Things the Baron hath Power to dispose ; — And what shall be a Disposition.

1. **T**HE Husband after Marriage purchased a Term for Years to himself and his Wife and the Survivor, and the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor, for the Residue of the Term. Afterwards he mortgaged the Term without his Wife's joining. Proviso that if the Husband and Wife, or either of them, or the Executors or Administrators of either, should pay the Mortgage Money, then the Mortgage should be void; and that until Default of Payment the Husband, his Executors or Administrators, should quietly enjoy The Husband seven Years after contracted Debts, and then died, leaving his Wife Executrix, and the Mortgage Money unpaid. The Master of the Rolls held this to be a voluntary Conveyance, and being only a Term for Years, that it was always in the Power of the Husband to forfeit or alien, and the Mortgage is an Alienation; for though if the Mortgage Money had been paid before the Day, the Mortgage would have been void, and all Things would have been in statu quo; yet being forfeited, the Equity of Redemption is become a Creature of Equity; and decreed it to be Assets to pay the Husband's Creditors. *Trin. 1726. Watts and Thomas, 2 Will. Rep. 364.*

2. A Term of Years was vested in the Husband in Right of his Wife; he made an Under-Lease for ten Years, and upon borrowing Money of the Lessee, covenanted to grant him another Lease after the End of the ten Years, and to continue during the Time he had any Right, &c. but died before he made such Lease. Decreed (at the Rolls) that this was a good Disposition of the Term in Equity, because the Husband had a Power to dispose it; and that the Cove-

(a) *Vide Poph. 4. 1 Vern. 396.* nant (a) was such a Lien as bound the Right in whose Hands soever it went. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Steed and Cragh, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 42.*

(B) What Acts of the Feme before Marriage the Baron shall avoid as done in Fraud, or in Derogation of the Rights of Marriage, & econt'.

In this Case it I. **A** Feme Sole possessed of a Term for Years, mortgaged it to T. for 100 l. and afterwards a Day or two before her Marriage with D. with his Privy, assigned her Interest to Trustees, in Trust for herself for her Life, and after for her Son by a former Husband, and then married D. D. paid off the Mortgage, and took an Assignment from the Mortgagee, and then surrendered his Lease to the Reversioner, and took a new Lease for the same Term, and then died. The Court held, that though the Estate in Law was wholly in the Mortgagee, for herself, that is clearly out of the Husband's Power, and he can neither dispose of nor release the Interest of the Wife; and if the Feme should join in the Grant it would not amend the Case. — But the Court seemed to incline, that if a Feme does secretly, without the Knowledge of her Husband, before Marriage, convey a Term for Years in Trust for herself; that this shall be in the Power of the Husband, so as he may either grant or release the Interest of the Wife. *Ibid.*

Mortgagee, and the Feme conveyed nothing but an Equity in Trust, yet when the Mortgagee assigned over to the Husband, he had it under the same Equity as the Mortgagee had, and is just in his Place; and no Act of the Husband can bar the Trustees for the Feme and her Children of their Equity. Decreed that this new Lease should be assigned over to the Feme or her Trustees, paying to the Husband's Executors the Mortgage Money. Hil. 1677. Draper's Case, 2 Freem.

29, 30.

2. If a Woman privately before Marriage gives a Bond without any Consideration to a third Person for 1000 l. and marries one who knows nothing of this Bond, surely Equity would relieve against such Bond. Said per King C. in Casu Cotton and King, Trin. 1726. 2 Will. Rep.

Vide King and Cotton, Ca. 4. at the Bottom of this Page.

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3. A Widow of a Freeman of London, who left Children and died intestate, was intitled to four Ninths of his personal Estate; and having by Deed assigned over the same to Trustees for her separate Use for Life, in Case of Marriage; and afterwards in Trust for such Purposes as she should by Deed attested by two Witnesses appoint; and for want of such Appointment to her Children by the first Marriage, but the Husband which she should marry, on his surviving her, to have 200 l. out of the four Ninths. The Widow, intending to marry a second Husband, by another Deed to which the intended Husband was a Party, and attested by two Witnesses, recites, that if she did not dispose of her four Ninths, the Husband would be intitled thereto; and then by this Deed assigns it over to Trustees, in Trust for the intended Husband during their joint Lives, but she to have the Ordering thereof during the Coverture, or by any Writing duly attested to appoint it over; and by the same Deed the intended Husband covenanted to settle a Leasehold Estate upon the Wife and the Issue of the Marriage. The Marriage was had, and the Wife dying without Issue by the second Husband, and without making any Appointment, the Question was, to whom the four Ninths should go, whether to the second Husband, or only the 200 l. to go to him, and the Residue to her Children, for want of an Appointment after the second Marriage. King C. (for the Reasons in the Margin) decreed the four Ninths to the second Husband, but at the same Time declared it to be clearly his Opinion, that if the second Husband had no Notice of the first Deed made by the Wife while she was a Widow, this would have been a void Deed, and fraudulent as against him. Trin.

His Lordship was in doubt for some Time in this Case, for that the second Husband had Notice of the Wife's first Deed; but be-

cause he was a Purchaser of these four Ninths, and it being recited in the last Deed, that in Case the Wife died without making an Appointment, the second Husband would be intitled thereto, which though but a Recital, yet shewed the Intention and Agreements of the Parties, and amounted to an informal Appointment; and as no strict Form is requisite to constitute such Appointment, and since the latter Deed varied the Power reserved to the Wife, the first Deed requiring that it should be by Writing attested by two Witnesses, and yet by the latter Deed the Power of Appointment being by any Writing duly attested, in which Case a Writing would have been duly attested though it had but one Witness: For these Reasons his Lordship, yet with some Hesitation, decreed as above.

4. Where a Widow conveyed Lands in Trust for herself until her second Marriage, and after in Trust for her younger Children respectively, and did this in a publick Manner, and before any Treaty for a second Marriage was begun, and also covenanted to transfer vide 2 Will. 1000 l. South-Sea Stock, of which she was possessed, to the like Uses, (but the Stock was never transferred) reserving to herself out of these voluntary Settlements her original Jointure of 420 l. per Ann. Rent-charge

Rep. 358. Cotton and King.

charge, and also a considerable Sum of ready Money, and afterwards marries J. S. who *had no Estate, &c.* J. S. preferred his Bill to set aside the Conveyance and Covenant to transfer as fraudulent. But King C. held the same good, and not avoidable by him; and that the Covenant to transfer the *South-Sea Stock*, though *no actual Assignment was made*, should bind him; and dismissed the Bill. (Note; *The Children not only recovered the Value of the Stock, but also the Dividends since the second Marriage*). *Trin. 1732. King and Cotton, 2 Will. Rep. 606.*—*Vide also Ibid. 358.*

(C) **What Acts of the Baron shall bind the Feme; — And in what Cases the Feme shall be charged after the Death of the Baron, & econt.**

Proc. in Chan.
325. *Povey v.*
Brown Am-
hurst & al',
Hil. 1711.
S. C. in toti-
dem verbis.

1. J. S. by Will gave 1000 l. Legacy to C. then a Feme Sole; afterwards on a Treaty of Marriage it was agreed by Articles that 700 l. of this Legacy should be applied towards Payment of the intended Husband's Debts. After the Marriage the Husband without his Wife assigned the remaining 300 l. to Plaintiffs, who were Creditors likewise, and they brought a Bill against the Husband and his Wife, and the Executors of J. S. to have a Satisfaction of their Debts out of this 300 l. Decreed that an Account should be taken, and that upon the Plaintiffs proving themselves to be real Creditors, and that the Assignment was *bona fide*, they were to have a Satisfaction *accord'*, and the Residue, if any, of the 300 l. to be put out for the Wife's Benefit. *Hil. 9 Ann. Povey and Brown v. Amburst & al', Gilb. Eq. Rep. 80.*

2. The Plaintiff was Solicitor, employed in a Suit by the Husband and Wife, for *(Recovery of *)* a Term of Years in Right of the Wife; the Husband died and left no Assets, and the Bill was to have a Satisfaction out of this Term so recovered and now enjoyed by the Wife. Lord Chan. decreed the Plaintiff a Satisfaction of his Demands out of the Profits of this Term, and he to be examined upon Interrogatories what he hath received, and Defendant to pay Costs. *East. 2 Geo. Sharston and Hipsley, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (Z) Ca. 18.*

* The Words *(Recovery of)* not in the Original.

His Lordship said, it was *strong Equity* that the Plaintiff should have a Satisfaction out of this Term so recovered by his Costs and Pains, since the Wife has the Benefit of it, and consented to it. *Ibid.* — *Vide the Case of The Dutchess of Hamilton and Incheion, P. C.*

3. No Agreement of the Husband to *part with the Wife's Inheritance* shall bind the Wife, or be carried into Execution. *February 9, 1721. Bryan and Wolley, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (J) Ca. 19.*

4. Baron in Right of his Wife was seised in Fee of a Share of the New-River Water; they both Mortgage this Share by Lease for 1000 Years by Deed without Fine, reserving a Pepper Corn Rent. The Baron died, upon which the Feme received the Profits and paid the Interest. The Mortgagee brought his Bill to Foreclose the Wife, insisting, that this Lease being not *actually void*, but only *voidable* by the Feme after the Baron's Death, and that her Payment of the Interest, when discoverd, affirmed the Lease; or that if the Mortgage was *not* affirmed, yet a Decree of Foreclosure would better his legal Title, and not prejudice the Feme. But the Master of the Rolls held,

held, that *this being the Inheritance of the Feme, there ought to have been a Fine (a)*;—That if it had been a Rent reserved, the Acceptance ^{(a) Vide P. Ca.} of it by the Wife when discovert would have affirmed the Lease; but here is no Acceptance, and the Lease is of an incorporal Thing out of which Rent could not well be reserved; wherefore the Lease expiring by the Husband's Death, the Mortgage is also thereby determined, and nothing remaining to foreclose; and though the Court will not narrowly look into the Title, yet all this being admitted on both Sides, and appearing upon the Opening, his Honour dismissed the Bill, but without Costs. *Easter 1723. Drybutter and Bartholomew, 2 Will. Rep. 127.*

5. If the Wife had recovered a Judgment at Law, and *Elegit* thereupon, the Husband would have had a Power to assign that Interest of the Wife, for or without Consideration, in Trust for himself, or as he pleased; so by Parity of Reason the Wife having a Decree of a Court of Equity for her Demand, and to hold and enjoy till Satisfaction, &c. the Husband has the same Right and Power to dispose of this equitable Interest of the Wife, as he would in Case of a Demand recovered at Law, and though after Marriage the Husband is to use the Wife's Name in the Proceedings in Equity in this and the like Cases, whereas he needed not at Law, that makes no Difference in the Thing, or in the Right, but in the Form and Manner of Proceeding, &c. Feb. 26, 1734. in the Case of *Paschall and Lord Carteret & al'*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (J) Ca. 20.* cites it as taken from Lord Hardwicke's MS. Rep.

(D) Where the Acts of the Feme during the Coverture shall bind the Baron.

1. **A** Feme Covert trades by her Husband's Consent, and gives Bills for Money, and he receives the Profits of her Trade; if she dies and leaves a Stock to her Husband, he shall be answerable for Debts contracted in the Trade; and in this Case the Suit being against the Husband after the Wife's Death for a Bill of 100*l.* which she had borrowed, an Issue was directed to try *whether the Money was borrowed for carrying on the Trade*; for if it was, the Husband shall be decreed to pay it. *Per the Master of the Rolls, Easter 1697. Bowyer and Peake, 2 Freem. Rep. 215.*

And per his Honour, a Feme Covert is not under a total Disability to contract, but if the Husband be assenting it is obligatory; and cited the Case in H. 8. that if a Wo-

man seals a Bond in the Presence of the Husband, and he stands by and doth not gainsay, it shall bind; which his Honour said, he believed might be taken out of the Book of Numbers, where it is said, *If the Husband be present, and doth not gainsay, it shall bind. Ibid.*

(E) For what Debts of the Wife contracted before Marriage the Baron is chargeable.

1. **A**LTHOUGH the Husband by Law cannot be charged with the Debts of the Wife after her Decease, unless Judgment be obtained in her Life-time, yet where she brought the Husband a sufficient Estate, a Court of Equity will make him answerable after her Death. So said, and seemed to be admitted in the Case of *Ball and Smith, Mich. 1698. 2 Freem. Rep. 230, 231.*

2. The Husband *during the Coverture* is answerable for the *whole* Debts of the Wife *though he had nothing with her*; and on the other Hand though he had a Portion in Goods, Jewels, or other personal Estate with his Wife, yet if he happens not to be sued for her Debts during the Coverture, he will not be liable afterwards. *Per Parker C. Trin. 1718. in the Case of The Earl of Thomond and the Earl of Suffolk, 1 Will. Rep. 466, 469.*

3. *A. marries a Feme Sole Trader, and she dies indebted*; it was insisted, that though the Husband in such Case be not liable at Law to the Debts, yet he ought to be so in Equity. But Lord Chan. *Parker* said, that this was a Question with him; for the Husband runs a Hazard in being liable to the Debts much beyond the personal Estate of the Wife; and in Recompence for such Hazard he is intitled to the Whole of the personal Estate, though exceeding the Debts, and discharged therefrom, and indeed is intitled to the same upon the very Marriage. *Ibid.*

4. A Woman entred into a Bond, and after married, *having brought her Husband a considerable Fortune*; the Husband constantly paid the Interest of the Bond during the Life of the Wife; now a Bill is brought against the Husband for Payment of the Bond, and the

(a) Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 160. Ca. 5. 4th Edit. Case of *Freeman and Goodham* (*a*) was cited; and that the Husband having paid the Interest, was a taking the Debt upon himself (*b*). Resolved that the Husband is only chargeable for what is sued for and recovered in the Life of the Wife; this is the *clear* Law of the Land, and unalterable but by Act of Parliament (*c*); and for that Reason no Room for Equity to interpose; let the Wife have brought ever so large a Fortune, the Husband is not liable either in Law or Equity. Bill dismissed, but with Costs. *Per King C. Trin. 11 Geo. I. Jordan and Foley, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 19, 20.*

(b) No Room for Equity to arise from the Husband's having paid the Interest, for during the Wife's Life he was obliged to have paid both Bond and Interest, and his paying one will not make him chargeable with the other. *Ibid. 20.*

(c) The Law is so, and the Alteration of it is the proper Work of the Legislature only. *Per Talbot C. in the subsequent Case.*

As on the one Hand the Husband is by Law liable to all his Wife's Debts during the Coverture, altho' he did not get one Shilling Portion with her, and that her Debts should

5. A Feme Sole gave a promissory Note for 50 *l.* to *J. S.* and afterwards married the Defendant, who had a Fortune of 700 *l.* with her, Part whereof consisted of Things in Action, some of which he received in her Life-time, and the Rest he took as Administrator to her. The Bill was for the Payment of this Note, upon Suggestion of his having received a great Fortune with her, and never having made any Settlement upon her. The Defendant insisted, that that Part of his Wife's Fortune which was not reduced into Possession by him during the Coverture, and which he received as her

amount to 2000 *l.* or any other Sum whatsoever; so on the other Hand it is as certain, that if the Debt be not recovered during the Coverture, the Husband is no longer chargeable as such, let the Fortune he received with his Wife be never so great. *Per Lord Chan.* His Lordship cited the Case of *Freeman and Goodland* (not *Goodham*) (*vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 4th Edit. P. 60. Ca. 5. and my Notes there*) and also the Case of *Powell and Bell*, (*vide said Book, Ca. 7, &c.*) where the Wife was Administratrix of her first Husband, and it did not appear what she had in her own Right, and what as Administratrix of her Husband; in which Case his Lordship said, the Marriage is no Gift in Law of the Goods which she hath in *Auter Droit*; and that upon this Reason only are founded all the Cases, where a surviving Husband has been charged with the Wife's Debts after her Death. *Ibid. 174, 175. — 3 Will. Rep. 409. Hil. 1735. S. C. accord'*, and says, the Case of *The Earl of Thomond and the Earl of Suffolk* (*above, Ca. 2.*) was cited as a Case in Point, where Lord Chan. *Parker* denied to relieve a Creditor of the Wife *dum sola* against the Husband who survived, and on the Marriage had sufficient personal Estate wherewith to answer her Debts. *Ibid. 412. — 1 Will. Rep. 470.* is a Note, that agreeable to the Resolution in the Case of *The Earl of Thomond and the Earl of Suffolk*, and on the Authority thereof, was the Case of *Heard and Stamford* determined in *Lincoln's Inn Hall March 8, 1735.*

Administrator, was not near sufficient to pay her Debts, and that he had already paid more than that Part amounted to. *Talbot C.* decreed an Account of what the Husband had received since his Wife's Death as Administrator to her, and that he should be liable for so much only; but as to any further Demand against her, he dismissed the Bill. *Hil. 1735. Heard and Stanford, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 173.*

(F) How far the Baron is chargeable With the Debts of the Feme contracted during the Coverture.

1. **I**F a Tradesman trust a married Woman for Necessaries, he shall recover against the Husband, so far as the Goods taken up appear to be necessary, according to the Degree and Quality of the Husband; but if a Man lends a married Woman Money to buy Necessaries, and she does so, he has no Remedy against the Husband; and this was agreed to be a settled Distinction in *Scot and Manby's Case*, and other Cases; and therefore the Plaintiff, who in this Case had supplied the Woman with Money in her Necessities, and now brought his Bill against the Husband's Executors for a Discovery of Assets, and a Satisfaction thereof of his Debt, could have no Relief, though the utmost unkind and cruel Usage of the Husband was proved, and that the Money lent was actually laid out and applied for Necessaries. But the Master of the Rolls said, the Plaintiff should stand in the Place of the Tradesmen of whom such Necessaries were bought. *Mich. 1718. Anon. MS. Rep.—Prec. in Chan. 502. Co. 312. S. C. accord.*

2. *J. S. had given his Wife the foul Distemper twice, upon which she left him, and borrowed 30 l. of A. to pay Doctors and Surgeons, and for Necessaries; afterwards Baron devised Lands in Trust for Payment of his Debts, and died; A. brought his Bill against the Trustees in order to be paid this Money as a Debt within the Trust.—* Admitting the Wife cannot at Law borrow Money, though for Necessaries, so as to bind the Husband, yet this Money being applied to the Use of the Wife for her Cure and for Necessaries, A. that lent this Money must in Equity stand in the (b) Place of the Person who found and provided such Necessaries for her. And therefore as such Persons would be Creditors of the Husband, so A. shall stand in their Place, and be a Creditor also. *Per the Master of the Rolls, who directed the Trustees to pay A. his Money and Costs. Mich. 1718. Harris and Lee, 1 Will. Rep. 482.*

(b) Vide the Case of Morlow and Pitfield, P. Ca.

(G) How

(G) How far a Feme Covert shall be bound by the Acts in which she joined with her Husband (a).

(a) Vide (C)
P. 132. Ca. 2.
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41. Mich.
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I. **A** Feme before her Marriage with A. conveyed (with A.'s Privity) Lands to Trustees in Trust to pay the Rents and Profits to her sole and separate Use for her Life, and after her Decease to such Uses as she, whether Sole or Covert, should by her last Will limit and appoint; and for want of such Appointment, then to her own right Heirs for ever. After the Marriage A. mortgaged Part of the Lands to B. for 1000 l. for 500 Years, and then a Fine is levied by Husband and Wife, who both declared the Uses, as to the mortgaged Premises, to be to the Plaintiff for securing the Principal and Interest. The Wife by Order of the Court answered separately, and insisted, that she was forced by Durefs to join in the Fine, and that the Mortgage was fictitious and in Trust for her Husband in order to defraud her. That there was no Power reserved to her in the Indenture of Bargain and Sale to dispose of her real Estate, or any Part thereof, but by her last Will; that she had no Estate in the Premises, but that the Fine and Mortgage were both void; and it was argued, that the legal Estate being in Trustees, the Parties to the Fine had not such an Estate in them whereof a Fine could be levied to bar the Wife's Right, and that this being a naked Power without any Interest, could not be barred by the Fine, but remained still in the Wife by Force of the Trust Deed. But Lord Chan. Talbot decreed the Trustees to convey to the Plaintiff the Mortgagee. Mich. 1734. Penne and Peacock, MS. Rep.

solemn an Act as a Fine might be affected by it. That it is very well known that the Operations of Fines and Recoveries is the same upon Trust Estates as upon Legal Estates; and if so, it must inevitably follow, that an Estate for Life limited to the Wife, and the Remainder limited to her own right Heirs in Default of any Appointment made by her last Will, are both disposed of by the Fine. And that if no such Remainder had been limited by it, as the Estate was the Wife's own, and moved originally from her, whatever was not conveyed would have remained in her, and consequently been barred. That this answers the Objection of its being a naked Power, or Power in Gross, and so not barred by the Fine; for how can that be called a naked Power which is to operate and take Effect on the Party's own Estate? It is certainly a Power coupled with an Interest, and annexed to her Inheritance, and so destroyed by the Fine; since that a Lease and Release, or any other Conveyance, will carry with them all Powers that are joined to the Estate: So Feoffment to the Use of her last Will, or the Surrender of a Copyhold to the Use of one's last Will, do still leave a Power in the Feoffor or Surrenderor to dispose of their Estate by a new Feoffment or Surrender. Decreed as above, but without Prejudice to any future Bill that may be brought for Discovery of the Fraud or Force. Ibid. 42, 43.—Note; The Case of Blackwood and Morris was cited pro Defendente, but that was in Case only of a Personalty. Ibid. 43.

Vide (C) P. 132. Sharston and Hipsley, Ca. 2. — Drybutter and Bartholomew, Ibid. S. P. Ca. 4. — The Dutchess of Hamilton and Inledon, Tit. Injunction, P. Ca.

(H) What Contracts between Baron and Feme, tho' void in Law, yet in Equity are not dissolved by the Marriage.

I. **A** Feme Sole being seised in Fee of Lands, gave Bond (Penalty 200 l.) to her intended Husband, that in Case of their Marriage, she would convey these Lands to him and his Heirs; they married, and the Wife died without Issue, and then the Husband died; the

the Bond *tho' void in Law*, yet is good Evidence of the Agreement in Equity, and the Husband's Heir shall compel a specifick Performance against the Heir of the Wife. *Macclesfield* (a) C. Mich. 1724. *Cannel* and *Buckler*, 2 Will. Rep. 249. (a) His Lordship held it unreasonable

that the Intermarriage, upon which alone the Bond is to take Effect, should itself be a Destruction of the Bond; and that the Foundation of the Notion is, that in Law the Husband and Wife being one Person, he cannot sue his Wife on this Agreement; whereas in Equity it is constant Experience that the Husband may sue the Wife, and the Wife the Husband, and he might sue her in this Case upon this very Agreement. *Ibid.* 244. Vide this Case, Tit. Articles, Agreements and Covenants, P. 23. Ca. 24. and the Notes there.

(I) What Right shall survive to the Baron or Feme, &c. by the Dissolution of the Marriage;—And in what Cases the Survivor, &c. shall be charged or benefited.

1. IF a Man marries a Feme who is the *Cestui que Trust* of a Term, if she dieth, this Trust will not survive to the Husband, but shall go to the Executor or Administrator of the Wife; and this was said to be *Witham's* (b) Case; and that this is the Difference where (b) 1 Inst. 351. the Wife has an Estate in Law in a Term, and where she has only a Trust. Said *per Winnington*, and not denied. Mich. 1680. *Hunt* and *Baker*, 2 Freem. Rep. 62.

2. Where the Trust of a long Term is limited to the Husband and Wife for their Lives, with a Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Wife; there after the Husband's Death the Wife hath the Disposition of the Trust of the whole Term, and after her Death her Executors or Administrators;—And where the Remainder was limited to the Heirs of the Body of the Husband, there the Wife being Administratrix to the Husband, had Power to dispose of the Trust of the whole Term. *Ibid.* Vide the Case of Peacock and Spooner, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. (4th Edit.) P. 362. Ca. 14. and my Notes there.

3. J. S. by Marriage Articles, in Consideration of 1200 l. paid by B. his intended Wife, in Part of her Portion, and also of 1200 l. more due to her by the Chamber of London, settles a Jointure on her of 240 l. per Ann. J. S. and B. intermarry, and then he dies, the 1200 l. Orphanage Money still continuing in the Chamber of London. This being a *Chose in Action*, it belonged to the Wife by Law, but if there had been any express Agreement, it would have belonged to the Husband altho' not recovered in his Life-time; and here was no express Agreement for that Purpose. Said *arg'*, and Lord Keep. was of the same Opinion; and his Lordship said, that altho' an Estate may arise by Implication in a Will, because the Party is supposed to be *inops consilii*, yet it will never arise by Implication in a Conveyance; and that what is said in the Deed imports no more than what the Law implied, viz. that the Wife had such a Fortune in the Chamber of London, and that if the Husband had recovered it out it was his, but if not, it remained a *Chose in Action*, and shall survive, &c. Note; The Reporter says, that most at the Bar differed from Lord Keep. in Opinion. *Ibid.*—MS. Rep. *Rudyard* and *Neirin & Ux'*, Mich. 1702. S. C. states it thus: A. on his Son's Marriage with H. in Consideration of 1200 l. paid or secured to be paid to the Father and Son, or one of them, in Part of her Portion, and of 1200 l. more due to H. by the Chamber of London, a Jointure was settled on her of 240 l. per Ann. That the Marriage was had, and the Son died intestate, and the Wife administers to him, and then intermarries with B. The Father died, having made his Wife Executrix, who never demanded this Debt, but died, having made her Will, and the Plaintiff her Executrix, who now brought her Bill against the Defendant for this 1200 l. in the Chamber of London, for that the Settlement did amount to an Agreement that the Father should have the Benefit of this Debt, the Settlement being made by him, and this being Part of the Consideration, and that therefore she as his Representative was intitled to the Benefit of it; or if it should be taken upon the Wording of the Deed that the Father and Son were jointly intitled to it, the Father would have the Whole by Survivorship; or if it were to go equally to the Father and Son, she as Representative of the Father would be intitled to a Moiety of it. But the Bill was dismissed, the Husband having done nothing to alter the Property in his Life-time. *Per Lord Keep.*—*Prec. in Chan. Rudyard* and *Neirin & Ux'*, Mich. 1702. S. C. and P. and says, The Defendant insisted that when he married his Wife he took this Debt to be his own; and that this did not amount to an Agreement that either Father or Son should have this Debt, otherwise than as it did belong to the Wife; and though the Husband might have disposed of it, yet having done nothing of this Kind, it now belongs to the Wife that has survived him; and Lord Keep. was of the same Opinion. Bill dismissed.

The Husband having done nothing to alter the Property, it is a Chose in Action, and shall survive to the Wife; and a Bill brought by the Husband's Executor for this 1200 l. was dismissed. Per Lord Keep. Mich. 1702. Rudyard and Nerne, 2 Freem. Rep. 262.

4. A Term for 99 Years determinable upon three Lives is assigned to A. and B. in Trust for C. who married, and died. The Question was, whether this Trust of a Term goes to the Husband who survived, or to the Wife's Administrator? Lord Chan. held clearly, that the Trust of a Term as well as the Term itself survives to the Husband,

(a) If a Feme Covert hath a Term for Years, and dies, the Lease is the Husband's, and he may maintain an Ejectment without taking out Letters of Administration, and then surely he need not in this Case, for Equity will consider this Trust as executed. *Ibid.*

and that he need not take out Administration (a).—It appearing that the Wife always received the Money of the Trustees; and the Bill being to have the Benefit of the Trust, and to have an Account against the Trustees, the Payments to the Wife were ordered to be allowed in the Account, it being by the Permission of the Husband. *Mich. 8 Ann. Pale and Mickell, MS. Rep.*

(b) This 5500 l. was the Husband's Money, and the Property absolutely vested in him by Law; and tho' the Court thought fit to lay their Hands on it, and had Power so to do, it being paid into the Master's Hands; yet that was only in the Nature of a Caution till the Husband should make some Provision for his Wife; but the Wife being now dead, and no Children to be provided for, the Reason of the Court's keeping the Money from him is at an end; and then *Æquitas sequitur Legem*, and must give it to the Husband's Representatives, to whom by Law it belongs. *Per Lord Chan. Trin. 1715. in S. C. Prec. in Chan. 418.—Gilb. Eq. Rep. 102. S. P. in S. C. in totidem verbis.*

5. Part of A.'s Fortune, viz. 5500 l. (b), was deposited in the Court of Chancery, and she married B. without Leave from the Court; first the Husband, and then the Wife died without Issue. Resolved by Lord Chan. Cowper, that this Money belonged to the Husband's Representatives, for the Money being in Court, it was always in the Husband's Possession, subject only to the Equity of the Wife and Children for a reasonable Provision for them, who failing, the Money belongs to the Husband's Representatives. *Trin. 1715. Packer and Windham, MS. Rep.*

Prec. in Chan. 419. Mich. 1715. S. C. and P. 6. An Assignment by the Husband of a Chose in Action will not prevent its surviving to the Feme, if she survives, because it is a Thing not assignable at Law. *Per Lord Chan. Mich. 1 Geo. 1. Packer and Windham, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 103.*

Cites Co. Lit. 351. 7. If a Wife be possessed of a Term for Years, and dies, the Husband shall have it by Survivorship, and not the Executor or Administrator of the Wife, for it is vested in the Husband in Right of his Wife, and therefore it cannot be divested by the Death of the Wife. But if the Wife had been dispossessed before Marriage, and no Recovery during the Coverture, the Representatives of the Wife shall have the Term, and not the Husband, because it is there a Chose in Action (a). *Gilb. Eq. Rep. 234. in tempore Geo. 1. in the Exchequer in Ireland, in the Case of Barnwell & al' and Russell & al'.*

(a) And goes according to the Contract to the Representative of the Wife.

8. Bill by the Heirs and Residuary Legatees of A. against his Wife and Executrix, to have an Account of Testator's Estate. It being proved that the Testator being very old and infirm for seven Years before his Death, did not receive Money himself, tho' he signed Receipts, and executed Leases, &c. but the Money was usually paid to his Wife. Cowper C. decreed the Wife to account for what Money she received for seven Years before her Husband's Death, but that the Master should be easy in taking the Account, and allow for House-keeping, &c. without Vouchers. *Mich. 2 Geo. 1. Buckle and Milman, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (E. a. 6.) Ca. 8.*

9. Baron and Feme having Issue one Daughter (*about ten Years old*) enter into an Agreement for the Sale of the Feme's Lands, and agree that 600*l.* Part of the Purchase Money, should be settled in Manner following, *viz.* "30*l.* a Year, the Interest whereof was to be paid the Husband during his Life, and after his Death to his Wife for Life, and after their Deaths the Interest to be paid to such Daughter or Daughters as shall be begotten between them till they shall attain their respective Ages of 21, or be married, and then the Principal Sum to such Daughter or Daughters; but in Case there shall be no Daughter, then to the Wife in Case she shall survive her Husband; but in Case he shall survive her, then to the Husband, his Executors and Administrators." A. married the Daughter, and in Consideration of this 600*l.* made a Settlement on her; the Daughter died in the Life-time of her Father and Mother, and then the Mother died without Issue. The Daughter's Husband is intitled to it as her Administrator; and decreed accord' with Costs. *East.* 1718. *Hewitt and Ireland, Prec. in Chan.* 489.

It could never be the Intent of this Settlement to provide for

Daughters which might probably be never *in esse*, (as was the Fact in this Case) and to leave a Daughter which was then ten Years old, never had disobliged her Parents, and was wholly unprovided for, without any Provision at all; that tho' the Words seemed to have a future Relation from the Time of the Settlement, yet the Intent was only futurely, as to those which should be begotten at the Death of the Father and Mother; that this Daughter came within that Construction; that it was like a Limitation to one and his Issue, *Procreatis*, or *Procreandis*; if it were *Procreatis*, it would take in those born after; if it were *Procreandis*, it would let in those born before; so here the Intention never was to exclude this Daughter. *Ibid.* 490.

10. Bond given to Husband and Wife during the Coverture; the Right of the Bond is in them both, and if the Husband dies without any Disagreement (a) to his Wife's Right in it, the Bond shall survive (a) The Baron may disagree to his Wife's Right to the Bond, and bring an Action on it in his own Name. *Ibid.* 497.

11. J. S. on his Marriage with F's Daughter settled 500*l.* per Ann. on her, and after surrendered Copyholds to the Use of his Will, and gave the same by Bill to his Wife. Her Father, a Freeman of London, died, whereby she became intitled to one Fifth of one Third of his personal Estate, and 1500*l.* was reported due to J. S. in Right of his Wife, for Payment whereof several specifick Securities of Stocks were transferred to him and her jointly. J. S. afterwards made a new Settlement (a), increased her Jointure 300*l.* per Ann. but never altered his Will. The Stocks undoubtedly belonged to the Husband; the only Question is, whether he has not done some Thing to alter that; an Husband may purchase to himself and his Wife, and here he takes to himself and his Wife, which is the same Thing; there is a considerable Accession of Fortune to the Husband; and as this came by her, it would be very hard by Equity to take from her what the Law gives her; ergo ordered so much of the Bill as sought to make the Stocks in their joint Names the Estate of the Husband to be dismissed. *King C. Trin.* 11 Geo. 1. (1725.) *Lannoy and Lannoy, Sel. Ca. in Chan.* 48. (a) The Settlement is a Revocation of the Will, for such Lands as are comprized in it, but the Copyhold is not, and therefore passes by the Will; so held per King C. *Ibid.* 49.

12. Baron and Feme bring a Bill to redeem a Mortgage; Defendants plead to the Bill, and the Plea over-ruled, and 5*l.* Costs is given to the Plaintiffs by the Course of the Court. The Baron dies; Lord Chan. King for some Time doubted, and asked the Register; but afterwards taking it to be as a joint Judgment for a Sum certain, determined that it did survive to the Wife, and Proceedings in the

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Cross Cause to stay till the Defendant in the original Cause should pay the 5 *l.* Costs. *Mich.* 1728. *Coppin* and — 2 *Will. Rep.* 496.

13. *A.* was Tenant for Life in Possession, and had a Power to make a Jointure of 100 *l.* *per Ann.* for every 1000 *l.* which any Wife he should marry should bring him as a Marriage Portion, and so for more, &c. *A.* on his Marriage with *B.* with whom he received 8000 *l.* made a Jointure of 800 *l.* *per Ann.* and covenanted to make her an additional Jointure of 100 *l.* *per Ann.* for every 1000 *l.* which he should receive or be intitled to by Virtue of *B.*'s Father or Mother's Will, and so in Proportion for any lesser Sum than 1000 *l.* *A.* died without Issue, *B.* being by her Father's Will intitled to one half of a Moiety of the Surplus of his personal Estate, and also by her Mother's Will having Right to some Lands in Fee, and *A.* dying much indebted, a Bill was brought by his Creditors to subject *B.*'s Share of her Father and Mother's Estate to the Payment of their Demands; and upon a Bill by *B.* that she might have an additional Jointure made to her in Proportion to such Share, pursuant to *A.*'s Covenant; but in Case she could not, then that no Part of her Estate should be taken from her. *King C.* thought that this could not be looked upon as bringing any further Portion to *A.* and that it was not reasonable that *A.*'s Creditors should have any Benefit of the Residue of *B.*'s Fortune, if ever that should be recovered, in regard she cannot have any Recompence in Consideration thereof, pursuant to the Articles for parting with it; *ergo* decreed that *B.* keep the Overplus of her Estate to herself, without having any additional Jointure, the Remainder-Man not being bound or affected by *A.*'s Covenant any further than the original Power warrants. *Mich.* 1731. *Holt* and *Holt*, and *Gibson & al'* Creditors, &c. and *Holt*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 648.

Vide Tit.
Power, P.
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14. 7th of October 1704. Sir Thomas Bromsall by Articles (in Consideration of a Marriage and a Fortune with *A.* his then intended Wife, and which Marriage was after had) covenanted with Trustees to settle an Annuity of 500 *l.* out of her Estate upon *A.* but died without executing the Articles, leaving several large Incumbrances on his Estate; after his Death *A.* brought her Bill against the Heir to Sir Thomas *B.* have with *M.* Articles were entered into, whereby he covenanted to settle 500 *l.* a Year on said *M.* his intended Wife for her Life for her Jointure; that Sir Thomas *B.* soon after the Marriage died, and his Lady brought her Bill to recover her 500 *l.* *per Ann.* and the Arrears and future Payments; and that whereas the Lady *B.* had agreed to buy in a Mortgage, or Part of the real Estate of Sir *T. B.* her Husband comprized in these Articles, on the 5th of March *septimo Annæ*, it was decreed by *Cowper C.* that the Possession of certain Lands mentioned in the Decree, Part of the real Estate of Sir Thomas *B.* and which was liable to a Mortgage before made thereof, should be delivered to the Lady *B.* and that the Tenants should pay their Arrears and future Rents to her, and that she should enjoy the same until she should be reimbursed what she should have paid towards the Mortgage on the Estate, with Interest, and also all Arrears of her Annuity or yearly Rent of 500 *l.* with Costs, and the Master to see what the same should amount to. That the Lady *B.* married Dr. *Hersbert*, whereupon the Suit being revived, the Master reported 4527 *l.* to be due for the Arrears of this Rent at Lady-day 1714. which Report was confirmed. That by Indenture dated 9 June 1729. the Dr. assigned the said Arrears of 4527 *l.* and all subsequent Arrears, together with all Benefit of the said Decree, and the Proceedings thereupon, to the Lord Carteret and Sir Clement Cotterell; and also demised the said Annuity for 90 Years, if the Dr. and his Lady should so long live. And by Deed Poll dated 12th said June it was declared, that the said Assignment was intended to vest the Property of the said Debt in the said Trustees, in Trust that after the Lady's Death, and not before, they should pay 500 *l.* due from the Dr. and his Lady to Sir Thomas Cross; and afterwards should pay to Lady Granville 3900 *l.* in full of all Demands due to her, and in Trust to pay the Residue to such Persons and in such Manner as the Dr. by his Deed or Will should appoint. In October 1729. the Dr. died, and on April 2, 1730. his Lady died; under this Assignment and Deed of Trust Sir Thomas Cross claimed his Debt of 500 *l.* upon a Bond due from the Dr. and Lady *G.* also claimed her 3900 *l.* as a Debt due from the Dr. and the Assignment being voluntary as to the Surplus, the Question was, whether the Administratrix of the Dr. or the Administratrix of his Lady, (both made Defendants) was intitled to this Surplus. And *King C.* was of Opinion, that Cross and Lady Granville, as they were just Creditors, and for a valuable Consideration, and in Trust for whom this Assignment was made, should be first paid their said Debts, and that the Surplus of the Arrears did belong to the Dr.'s Administratrix. Decree affirmed in the House of Lords in February 1734. *Ibid.* 201.

3 *Will. Rep.*
197. Lord
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have an Execution of the Articles, and the several Incumbrances being before the Court, it appeared the Estate was so entangled that she could not have a Settlement made in Pursuance of her Marriage Agreement; and therefore it was decreed in 1712. that Land of the Value of 4000*l.* should be appropriated to the Heir of Sir *Thomas*; that *A.* if she was minded to redeem the Incumbrances on her Husband's Estate, should be at Liberty to do it, and thereupon to hold and enjoy the Residue of Sir *Thomas's* Land till she should be satisfied the Money she should advance in paying off the Securities and all Arrears of her Annuity, and that she should be let into Possession of the said Lands; and it was referred to the Master to take an Account of the Debts on Sir *Thomas's* Estate.—Before the Master had made his Report, Dr. *Herbert* married *A.* and then the Suit was revived in the Name of him and his Wife, upon which and the Master's Report a final Decree was made, that the Doctor and his Wife should hold and enjoy the Lands, &c. and that the Doctor should be put into Possession. The Doctor immediately entred on the Estate, and took the Rents, and 9 June 1729. the Doctor, by Indenture setting forth his Intention to vest the Arrears and the Interest of the said Annuity absolutely in himself, assigned all such Arrears as were then due, as also all subsequent Arrears; and the 12 June 1729. by Deed Poll he declared the Trust of the Assignment to be, that upon his Wife's Death, and not before, the Trustees should be enabled to pay, first 3000*l.* to Lord *Carteret*, then 500*l.* to Sir *Thomas Crofs*, and in Trust to pay the Residue according to his Appointment by Deed or Will. The Doctor soon after died intestate, without making any Provision for his Wife, who survived him about six Months, and left the Defendants her Executors. Under this Assignment and Deed of Trust Lord *Carteret* claimed his Debt of 3000*l.* upon a Bond due from the Doctor; and Sir *Thomas Crofs* also claimed his Debt as due from the Doctor; and the Question was, (the Assignment being voluntary as to the Surplus) whether the Doctor's Administratrix, or his Lady's Administratrix, was intitled to this Surplus. And it was argued, that the Decree to the Doctor and his Lady was in Nature of a Judgment in Right of his Wife, which the Husband might execute by *Elegit*, and then the Land taken by the Execution would become absolutely his, and might be assigned to any Body. *Co. Lit.* 351. *a.* That the Doctor having received the Rents and Profits under the Decree, was as full an Execution of the Decree as the Nature of the Thing would permit, and so the Arrears in Equity were become vested in him as fully as a Term taken in Execution by an *Elegit* could. On the other Side it was said, that the Demand was in Right of his Wife; that the Decree did not change the Nature of the Demand, but only the Land to the Lady till she should be satisfied the Arrears and the Money advanced by her in Discharge of the Incumbrances; that the Decree made after the Marriage for the Doctor and his Lady to enjoy, &c. in which the Husband was only joined for Conformity, being founded on a former Decree made to her alone, would not alter the Case, no more than if Husband and Wife have a Decree for Money in Right of the Wife; as 1 *Chan. Ca.* 27. or recover Judgment on a Bond made to the Wife before Marriage, where the Decree and Judgment shall survive. So if Baron and Feme recover Land and Damages, the Feme shall have Execution of the Damages, and not the Baron. 48 *Ed.* 3. 13. 28 *Aff.* 45. For the Judgment arising out of the Property of the Wife, must follow the Nature of that from whence it springs, which is to survive to her, unless reduced

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into Possession by him; and as to the Objection, that the Decree is executed by the Husband taking Possession of the Land, and so the Arrears reduced into actual Possession, so far as the Thing will admit; it was answered, that if the Articles had been executed, the Lady would have had a legal Rent-charge, for which she might have distrained; and though because of the Incumbrances on Sir Thomas's Estate that could not be done, yet the Interest which the Wife takes under the Articles and Decree should be considered in the same Manner as if her Settlement had been literally executed; for the Decree was not designed to change the Nature of the Lady's Right, but to secure her in Possession of it in the best Manner Sir Thomas's Affairs would permit; so that considering the Arrears now due as Arrears of Rent, the Law is plain what will become of them. Before the 32 Hen. 3. cap. 32. the Husband had no Remedy for any Arrears grown due before the Marriage although he survived, so *favourable was the Law to the Wife*; and since then he hath not any Right, but only a Power over the Rents and other personal Chattels of his Wife that lie in Action, viz. he may gain Possession of them if he can, and so make them his own; but if he leaves them standing out at his Death, they remain over to the Wife, in whom the Property all along continued; for if the Property had ever vested in the Husband, the Thing would have been transmissible to his Representatives. *Co. Lit. 35.* And though he survives the Wife, yet he shall not by the Intermarriage have any Chattels real consisting merely in Action, unless he recover them in the Life of his Wife, as a Writ of Right of Ward, &c. *Co. Lit. 351.* And therefore *as Things in Action are not assignable*, such Disposition of the Husband is void at Law. But it may be said, Equity will execute such Assignments; as if the Husband assigns a Trust Term belonging to the Wife. Answ. That a Trust Term is in Equity considered as a legal one, over which the Husband has an equal Power, for he may receive the Rents of the one as well as the other, and so may dispose of it in the same Manner. 2 Vern. 270. But it will not follow from hence that Equity will oblige a Woman to become a Trustee for another without some Consideration, and against her Will; the Property, as was said before, of a *Chose in Action* always continues in the Wife, and the Husband has only a naked Power to recover, but cannot dispose of it without her Concurrence, for by Law it belongs to her, provided the Husband does not bring it into Possession; why therefore should a Court of Equity strip her of such Advantage: The Doctor who made the Assignment gave her nothing, so that it cannot be intended there was an Agreement that the Husband shall have the Wife's Fortune, as there might be if he had made a Settlement equivalent to her Portion. 2 Vern. 501.— and 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 70. *Cleland ver. Cleland*; and yet even in that Case, where Securities remained unaltered, it seems they are not to be taken from the Wife though in Favour of Creditors. 2 Vern. 68. *Lister ver. Lister.* And though the Wife agrees to subject her Fortune to her Husband's Debts, such Agreement will not bind. 2 Vern. 64. And yet the Deed of a Feme Covert is not always void; and it is unquestionably certain that no Assignment made by the Husband shall prejudice the Wife without an adequate Provision, not even in Favour of Children. *Barnet ver. Kinaston*, 2 Vern. 401. For such Assignment not passing a legal Right to any Thing in Action, but only declaring the Party's Intention to become a Trustee for another, (*which is agreeable to natural Equity*) hath been confirmed in Chancery against the Assignors, where the Assignment has been made upon

Consideration, because each Person may bind himself and his own Right, but the Property of a third Person, as the Wife's is in a *Chose in Action*, cannot be affected by such Act without making the Party Satisfaction. If Dr. *Herbert* had come before the Court for Assistance to get in any Part of his Wife's Fortune, a previous Settlement would have been required, 2 *Vern.* 294. — 1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.* 54. *Jacobson ver. Peere Williams*; for Equity will not aid in stripping a Woman of her Provision; wherefore supposing the Case stood singly on the Assignment, that being made only to give the Doctor an absolute Property over the Arrears, and wholly to divest the Wife without giving her any Recompence for them, there is no Room for this Court to interpose; but then it is objected, that the Assignment was made in Favour of the Creditors for a valuable Consideration; and so it must be in all Cases, or otherwise not to be carried into Execution, 3 *Chan. Rep.* 90. But how can this mend the Matter, are one Person's Debts to be paid with another's Money? and yet it is agreed on all Hands that every *Chose in Action* continues to be the Wife's Property; besides, admitting it to be otherwise, the Validity of the pretended Debts is not proved, so that for what appears the Declaration may be voluntary, and then not to be executed, 3 *Chan. Rep.* 90. and though it should be admitted to be on Consideration, yet how can that affect the Assignment, which is voluntary, and by which alone the Arrears are to pass. *King C. An Assignment of a Trust Term binds the Wife* in this Court as fully as an *Assignment of a legal Term*; these Arrears are not to be considered as *Choses in Action*, but as Things of which the Husband hath obtained Possession, which he has done by entering into Possession of the Lands under the Decree; from that Time this Interest became an equitable Chattel, as much vested in him as if he had sued out an *Elegit*, and taken a legal Term in Execution; so that here, when there is no Difference between *legal* and *equitable* Estates, this Assignment will bind the Wife as much as the Disposition of any other personal *Chose* of which he had corporal Possession; and therefore he decreed, that after Payment of the 3000 *l.* &c. the Representative of the Doctor was intitled to the Surplus of the Arrears. Affirmed, on Appeal to the House of Lords, *Trin.* 1733. *Lord Carteret, Sir Thomas Cross & al' and the Executors of Mrs. Herbert, MS. Rep.*

15. The Husband upon his Marriage with *A.* in Consideration of her Fortune, computed at about 500 *l.* gave a Bond to Trustees to pay her 10 *l.* per Ann. to her separate Use, and that she might dispose of 100 *l.* by Will in his Life-time, and if she survived him he was to leave her 200 *l.* and all her wearing Apparel, Plate, &c. Part of the Wife's Fortune was a Bond of 200 *l.* The Husband died, (the Bond being unpaid) but before his Death he made his Will, and thereof *C.* his Residuary Legatee. Then the Wife dies. This Bond shall go to the Representative of the Husband, he being a Purchaser of it by the Settlement made on his Wife. Decreed by *Talbot C. Hil.* 1735. *Adams and Cole, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 168.

the Husband on his Wife, whereby he became a Purchaser of her Fortune; and therefore as she was to have the Provision made by the Settlement, he ought to have her whole Portion: That in the principal Case indeed there is no Settlement of any Estate by the Husband upon his Wife, only a Provision that in Case she should survive him, then he should leave her 200 *l.* &c. Tho' here is nothing moving from the Husband, since the Whole that the Wife is to have will not amount to 500 *l.* yet this is still the Agreement of the Parties. Had there been no Agreement, the Law which gives her the Chance of *Survivorship* must have taken Place, but she has waived that Chance by her express Agreement of having so much at all Events, and the Husband's Departure from that absolute Right which the Law gave him over the Whole, either by reducing into Possession, or releasing this Debt, is of itself a sufficient Consideration. The Consequence of the Husband's not having this 200 *l.* would be, that he should be bound to leave her so much if she survived him, and she not bound at all. Per Lord *Chan. Ibid.* 170.

As the Testatrix made the Plaintiff Executrix and Residuary Legatee by her Maiden Name, not knowing her to be married at that Time, it would be hard therefore to say this 2000 l. did vest absolutely in the Husband, notwithstanding the Case, 3 Lev. 403. especially as by being Executrix she is chargeable with Debts.— As the Husband had it

16. *A.* devised the *Residuum* of her personal Estate (being about 2000 l. Value, and most of it *South-Sea Stock*) to *B.* by her Maiden Name (*not knowing her to be married*); and made her Executrix. The Husband agreed to settle it in Trustees in Trust for *himself and Wife and the Survivor*. A Transfer is made accordingly; the Wife's Trustee drew a Declaration of Trust, whereby this Stock was to be settled upon the *Husband and Wife for their Lives*, and for the Life of the longest Liver of them, then to the *Issue of the Marriage*, and for want of *Issue to the Wife*, her Executors and Administrators. The Husband objected to this Declaration, and by Letter directed to the same Trustee, he desired that the Trust might be declared jointly for *himself and his Wife for their Lives*, and after to their *Issue*, and then the Survivor to take the Whole; but before such Declaration was executed, the Husband died *intestate* without Issue, and his Wife administered. *Talbot C.* was of Opinion, that upon her surviving her Husband the Stock was become her sole and absolute Property, and decreed the Defendants, the Trustees of this *South-Sea Stock*, to be Trustees for the Wife in *her own Right*. *Hil. 1735. Fort v. Fort and Blomfield, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 171.*

fingly thro' his Wife, and made no Settlement upon her, it was but reasonable it should be settled upon her; the Agreement was compleat on both Sides, and the subsequent Transfer of the Stock to the Trustees must be taken to be done in Pursuance of that Agreement, and not to convey away all the Wife's Right; which was settled by the precedent Agreement to which this Transfer relates, and is a Completion of. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 172.*

17. A Legacy of 60 l. was devised to *B.* when she should attain twenty-one; she attained that Age, but before had married *J. S.* who died before the Legacy was payable; this Legacy is in Nature of a *Chose in Action*, and will survive to the Wife. *East. 13 Geo. 2. Brotherow and Hood in Scacc', Comyns's Rep. 725.*

(K) Of Suits and Proceedings by and against Baron and Feme ;— and also inter se.

1. **T**HE Court was of Opinion, that though a Man could not have a Bill against his Wife for *Discovery of his own Estate*, yet where before Marriage she enters into Articles concerning *her own Estate*, she has made herself as a *separate Person* from her Husband; and she was ordered to answer in a Week's Time. *East. 1691. Sir Robert Brooks and Lady Brooks, Prec. in Chan. 24.*

(a) Upon a Suggestion of ill Practice between the Husband and the Wife's *prochein Amy*, a new one was appointed upon his giving a Recognizance to pay the full Costs of any Award. *Halpin and Halpin, * MS. Notes. * 2. Term and Year.*

2. A Feme Covert may sue her Husband by *prochein Amy* (a); this agreed to be the Course of the Court. *Hil. 1708. in Casu Kirk and Clark, Prec. in Chan. 275.*

A Bill was brought by the Father of the Wife as her *prochein Amy* against her Husband

3. But none can bring a Bill in the Name of a Feme Covert as her *prochein Amy* without her Consent, (*as may be done in the Case of an Infant*) and if such Bill be brought, upon her Affidavit of the Matter, it will be dismissed. *Mich. 1713. Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 72. Ca. 6.*

without her Consent; and *per Harcourt C.* as the Wife disowns the Suit, it is not reasonable a third Person should bring a Bill in her Name without her Consent; and when she personally appears in Court and disavows the Suit, this tends to the sowing Division between Husband and Wife, and breeding Disputes and Quarrels in Families. Bill dismissed. *East. 13 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

4. Husband

4. Husband and Wife did, upon a valuable Consideration, by Lease and Release, convey the Wife's Land in Fee, and covenanted that the Wife should levy a Fine of the same to the Use of the Purchaser. She refused to levy a Fine. Plaintiff brought his Bill to have his Title perfected by a specifick Performance of the Covenant; and a Precedent was cited where a specifick Performance had been decreed in the like Case; but Lord Chan. would not decree a specifick Performance in this Case, because upon such a Decree the Husband could not compel his Wife to levy a Fine, and if she would not comply, Imprisonment would fall upon the Husband for Contempt, which was the ill Consequence of the Decree in the cited Case. *Mich. 4 Geo. 1. Otrread and Round, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (H. b.) Ca. 4.*

The Defendant by his Answer admits the Covenant, and is ready to levy a Fine himself, but says his Wife refuses to join with him, and he cannot persuade her to do it. *Per Cowper C. It is a tender Point to compel the Husband to pro-*

cure his Wife to levy a Fine, tho' there have been some Precedents in this Court for it; and it is a great Breach upon the Wisdom of the Law, (which secures the Wife's Lands from being aliened by the Husband without her free and voluntary Consent) to lay a Necessity upon the Wife to part with her Lands, or otherwise to be the Cause of her Husband's laying in Prison all his Days; and said, he did not think it proper in this Case to decree a specifick Performance of the Covenant, but the Defendant must refund the Purchase Money paid to him with Costs. *Mich. 4 Geo. 1. Outram and Round S. C. Ibid. (in the Margin) cites it as from another MS. Rep.*

5. A Feme Covert answers separately, but there being no Order for that Purpose, it was referred to the Master to state, whether her Answer was regularly put in or not; and he reported that she did advise about putting in of her Answer, and was fully apprised thereof, and did it with great Deliberation; and that it being put in separately, in her Favour, and at her Desire, and with the Consent of her Husband, and the Plaintiffs having replied thereto, he conceived it to be regular. And upon Exceptions to this Report, King C. and the Master of the Rolls, for the Reasons above, resolved, that the Answer was regularly put in; and held, that neither a Feme Covert, or any on her Behalf, can assign that which was done in her Favour, as an Irregularity. *Trin. 1726. Duke of Chandos and Talbot & Ux', 2 Will. Rep. 371.*

Sel. Ca. in Chan. 24. S. C. but only says, that a separate Answer put in by the Wife alone without Order of the Court for that Purpose is irregular.

6. On a Motion to suppress the Answer of the Defendant, for that she marrying after the Bill filed, and before Answer put in, had put in her Answer without her Husband. But per King C. Marrying pendente lite does not abate the Suit, and tho' there is no Charge in the Bill against the Husband, or Subpœna served on him, yet he must join in the Answer of the Feme for Conformity, for no married Woman can put in an Answer without her Husband, by the Rules of the Court, without special Leave of the Court, and an Order for that Purpose. *Hil. 4 Geo. 2. Abergavenny and Abergavenny, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (J. a.) Ca. 20.*

2 Will. Rep. 311. Mich. 1725. Abergavenny and Abergavenny is not S. P.

(L) In what Cases the Baron must make a suitable Provision for the Wife when he sues for her Fortune.

Prec. in Chan. 1. 367. *Greenhill and Waldoe, Easter 1713.* seems to be S. C. but this Point does not appear. *Gillb. Eq. Rep.* 31. S. C. in totidem verbis with *Prec. in Chan.*

THERE was a Trust Term in a Marriage Settlement to raise Portions for Daughters, payable at their respective Ages of 21, or Days of Marriage; proviso that if such Daughter or Daughters should happen to die before 21, or Day of Marriage, then such Daughter or Daughters Portion not to be raised, but the Trust Term to attend the Freehold and Inheritance. The Father by his Will gives 500 l. a-piece to his two Daughters, payable in the same Manner; one of the Daughters married during her Infancy; ordered that her Portion be raised and brought before a Master, there to remain till her Husband should make a Settlement suitable to her Fortune. *Per Harcourt C. East. 12 Ann. Greenhill and Waldoe, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (G. b.) Ca. 4.*

(a) *Vide Jacobson and Williams, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 54. Ca. 7.*

2. A Feme Sole is a Mortgagee in Fee for 800 l. and marries; if the Husband had in Equity sued for the Money, or prayed that the Mortgagor might be foreclosed, Equity (probably) would not have compelled the Mortgagor to pay the Money to the Husband without his making some Provision for his Wife (a), or at least the Wife, by an Application to the Court against the Husband and the Mortgagor, might have prevented the Payment of the Money to the Husband, unless some Provision were made for her. *Per the Master of the Rolls, in the Case of Bosvil and Brander, Trin. 1718. 2 Will. Rep. 459.*

3. The Court of Chancery will grant an Injunction to stay the Husband's Proceedings in the Spiritual Court for a Legacy given to his Wife, because that Court cannot oblige him to make an adequate Settlement on her. Cited as granted the last Seal, *per Lord Maclesfield, Mich. 1720. Prec. in Chan. 548.*

His Lordship said; he thought it extraordinary that this Court should interpose against the Husband in Cases where the Law gives him a Title to the Wife's personal Estate; and doubted Experience had shewn that such Interposition, unless where the Husband appeared to be profligate or extravagant, had been the Occasion rather of Mischief than good. *Ib. 642.*

4. A. marries an Infant intitled to a great personal Estate, pending a Bill for an Account of such Estate, and applies to the Court for his Wife's Portion. The Court directed him to make his Proposals before the Master as to what he would settle, whereupon he offered to settle 4000 l. Part of his Wife's Fortune, on him, her, and her Issue; and to covenant that in Case his eldest Brother, who had then no Issue, should die without Issue Male in his Life-time, to settle 500 l. per Ann. of the Family Estate upon his said Wife for her Jointure, alledging that he being a Freeman of London, the Custom of the City was alone a Provision for his Issue. King C. after Examination of the Wife in Court as to her Consent, (which she gave) and whether she understood the Proposals, which she repeated, and made it appear she did, (adding that A. had been put to great Charge, Trouble and Loss of Time in this Suit, for which Reason she desired that he might have the Remainder of her Portion, she being satisfied he had Intention to do more for her) recommended it to A. to add to his Proposals; but he answering that he could not conveniently do it, his Lordship said, the Covenant to make a Jointure of 500 l. when in Possession of the Family Estate, tho' contingent, was yet to be considered and valued; and therefore directed that A. entering into

into such Covenant, the Residue of the Portion, deducting the 4000 *l.* proposed to be invested in Land and settled as above, should be paid to him. *Mich.* 1731. *Milner and Colmer*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 639.

5. The Lady Shovel had devised 4000 *l.* in Trust for the *separate Use of a Feme Covert*; and upon a Bill brought by Husband and Wife against the Trustees, tho' the Wife was herself in Court, and consented that the Money should be paid to her Husband, yet the Master of the Rolls would not decree it, but dismissed the Bill. Cited in the Case of *Perne and Peacock & Ux'*, *Mich.* 1734. as the Case of *Blackwood and Norris*, heard some Time ago at the Rolls. *Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 43. — The Reporter adds, *This was the Case only of a Personalty* (a).

(a) The same was observed

by Lord Chan. (*Talbot*), that it was *only of a Personalty*, and *somewhat particular*. *Viner's Abr.* (G. b.) by way of Note to *Ca.* 12.

6. *A.* by Settlement after Marriage creates a Term, in Trust, by Mortgage or Sale, to raise 2000 *l.* for the Portion of each of his Daughters, *Provided they marry with their Mother's Consent*; and directs an yearly Payment out of the Rents until they marry; and if any of them die *before Marriage with such Consent*, her Portion to cease, and the Premises to be exonerated thereof; and if it be raised, to be paid to such Person to whom the Premises should belong; and by *Will* he creates another Trust-Term to raise by Sale or Mortgage 4500 *l.* whereof 2000 *l.* to be paid to each of his Daughters in Augmentation of their Fortunes, subject to such Condition as in the Settlement; and by a *Codicil* creates another Term for the better raising their Portions. *A.* dies, the Daughters marry *without Consent*. This *Proviso is only in Terrorem*; and *makes no Forfeiture*, and the Portions shall be raised; but the Husbands applying to the Court for Payment of their Portions, the Master of the Rolls ordered Proposals to be made before the Master as to the settling the Money. *Mich.* 10 *Geo.* 2. *Hervey and Ashton*, *Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 212.

(M) What shall be said the Feme's separate Estate; — Where she reserves the Power (a) of her own Estate, &c. And here of Alimony or separate Maintenance.

(a) If a Woman under a Power limits Money to her Husband after her Decease;

though he dies first, yet his Representatives shall take it. *MS. Notes.* *

* 2. Term and Year.

1. Plaintiff was the Widow of one *Harrison* deceased, who before her Marriage was seised of an Estate of 100 *l.* per *Ann.* and possessed of several Household and other Goods. *Harrison* before Marriage entered into Articles, wherein he covenanted with his intended Wife and Trustees, that she should receive the Profits of her own Estate to her separate Use, and that he would give Acquittances for such Receipts, and that she should have the Disposal of all her own by her *Will* or other Writing during the Coverture. He also covenanted to leave her a Legacy of 500 *l.* and to settle some Lands upon her in Tail, with a Remainder to her right Heirs. Both Parts of the Articles were put into the Hands of an indifferent Person; and soon after the Marriage *Harrison* demanding his Part, which was signed by his Wife and the Trustees, through a Mistake, that Part which was signed by himself was delivered to him. Then *Harrison*

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looking upon himself to be free from the Agreement, became a very bad Husband; and Differences some Times running so high between them, that tho' they agreed to live in the same House, yet they kept separate Tables, and both were maintained at the Expences of the Husband, who during the Coverture received the Profits of his Wife's Estate. Not long before the Husband's Death all Matters were made so easy, that the Wife was prevailed upon to join with her Husband in passing a Fine of some of her own Lands: Upon this Fine the Lands were mortgaged for Money which the Husband had borrowed, and then settled to the Wife in Tail, with the Fee to the Husband. The Mortgage Money was all repaid except a very small Sum. *Harrison* conveyed all the Land away that he had settled by the Articles upon his Wife; he made his Will, and died. The Bill was brought by the Widow against the Husband's Executors, to have an Account of the Profits during Coverture, and for a Satisfaction of the Goods the Husband consumed. Decreed, that no Account should be taken for the Estate of the Wife during the Coverture, nor for the Goods consumed by the Husband; but if the Master shall find any of the Goods claimed under the Articles, they to be delivered up to the Wife, because the Husband and Wife, notwithstanding the Differences, cohabited together; and no Complaint was ever made by the Wife unto the Trustees, nor any Step taken by her in order to remedy herself. Besides, she was maintained by her Husband, and the Differences had their Interruptions; for at the Time when the Fine was acknowledged she was well pleased with her Husband, and had forgot all former Feuds; therefore no Notice is to be taken of what was before, and there is no Proof of any Difference that arose afterwards. The Residue of the Articles are to be performed to the Widow; and because the Lands covenanted to be settled upon her are conveyed away, let Lands of equal Value be purchased, and the Husband's Assets chargeable. The Executors Counsel prayed a Direction as to the Wife's Estate which was mortgaged, and hoped the Wife should pay off what Mortgage Money remained undischarged. But the Husband being the principal Debtor, the Executors were decreed to pay it. *Easf. 8 Ann. Harrison and Constantine.*

2. A Widow having a Jointure, and being Executrix to her Husband, and Residuary Legatee with her Son, concludes on a Marriage with the Plaintiff; and by the Marriage Settlement he jointures several Lands upon her, and also (by the same Deed) the Jointure Lands by the first Husband, (which never vested in the Trustees) for her sole and separate Use and Disposal, and likewise all the personal and testamentary Estate which she had as Executrix to her first Husband. She had before those Articles laid out Part of the personal Estate of her first Husband in the Purchase of Lands for Years in her own Name, and afterwards she laid out more of the personal Estate in purchasing the Inheritance, which Purchase was in her Son's Name; the Question was, whether those Lands purchased with the personal and testamentary Estate of the first Husband, are to be accounted as a personal Estate, and so the Wife to have the sole and separate Use thereof, and exclude the Husband therefrom? Lord Chan. I will not account those Purchases as Part of the personal Estate within the Intent of the Marriage Articles; but if she had any Part of the personal and testamentary Estate of her late Husband's in her Hands at the Time of the Marriage Articles, that shall be reckoned Part of the personal Estate, altho' it was paid after for the Purchase of those Lands; for it was a personal Estate at the Time of the Articles. Indeed, if a
Woman

Woman by a Marriage Agreement is to have the separate Use of any Estate during the Coverture, she is to have that and the Produce of it after the Marriage; and if any of it is invested in a Purchase, this Court will follow it, looking upon it as the Produce of what she ought to have. *Eastley and Eastley*, Mich. 8 Ann. MS. Rep.

3. A. having a Daughter married to B. by Will devised his personal Estate to her, to hold to her, particular and separate Use, and died; afterwards B. (Part of this personal Estate consisting of a Mortgage) agreed by Writing under his Hand that the Wife should enjoy it to her separate Use; and whether the Wife (here being no Trustees, to whom the Devise was made) should enjoy this personal Estate without its being intermeddled with by B. (a), was reserved as a Case to be argued. But as to the Mortgage, where the Husband has contracted or declared under his Hand that he would not intermeddle with it; tho' such Declaration may be voluntary, yet it must be presumed to proceed from a Sense he had of the Testator's Intent that the Wife should enjoy this Mortgage separately; and to be founded on natural Justice, tho' not on Contract; for which Reason the Court was clearly of Opinion, that the Husband should be bound by this Agreement. (d) *Cowper C. Trin. 1710. Harvey and Harvey*, 1 Will. Rep. 125.

objected that the Testator had a Power to devise it so, and that his Intent was to make use of such Power; yet it being given to a married Woman, and no Contract precedent or subsequent from the Husband that he will not intermeddle with it, the Husband's Title to this Estate is subsequent to the Will, and the Intention being repugnant to the Rules of Law, viz. That a married Woman should have a Property in personal Goods (b); it seemed to his Lordship to have some Difficulty in it, wherefore reserved it, &c. 1 Will. Rep. 125. in S. C. (d) That if a real Estate were devised to a Feme Covert for her separate Use, and a Declaration that the Husband should not intermeddle with the Profits, but that the Wife should enjoy them separately; his Lordship doubted this would be a repugnant Clause, and the Husband would still enjoy them (c). *Ibid.* 126. in S. C. (c) It does not appear either by Mr. Peere Williams's Report of this Case of *Harvey and Harvey*, or by Mr. Vernon's Report of the S. C. nor even by the Register's Book, what was Lord Cowper's final Determination upon this Point; but the Case of *Bennet and Davis*, (vide P. Ca.) which was determined at the Rolls in December 1725. seems to have settled it. 1 Will. Rep. 126. at the Bottom. (b) Vide *Burton and Pierpoint*, 1 P. 108. Ca. 107. *Stratford and Co. v. Co. of London*, 1 P. 108. Ca. 107.

4. Covenant that the Wife shall dispose of her personal Estate, does not extend to what shall come to her after Marriage. 11 May 1711. *Pilkington and Cutborton*, Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Equity 122. Ca. 23. cites it as a Case before the House of Lords. Vide the next Case, and which is the S. C. but more full.

5. Covenant that the Wife shall dispose of her personal Estate; does not extend to what shall come to her after her Marriage. And she having Power to dispose of her personal Estate, which only comprehended the personal Estate which she had before Marriage, gets into Possession of a considerable personal Estate in a private Manner upon the Death of her Father, and conceals it from the Husband, and afterwards by Will disposes of it to Charities; yet decreed that what was so concealed from the Husband shall not be made good to him so as to disappoint the Charities. March 11, 1711. *Pilkington and Cutborton*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme*, (E. a. 7.) Ca. 7.

6. It being agreed before Marriage that the Husband should have only so much of the Wife's Estate, and that she should have Liberty B. should have and enjoy her Estate to her sole and separate Use, and that she should dispose of such Estate by any Writing under her Hand, &c. B. lays up a considerable Sum of Money out of her separate Estate, and buys Lands with it, and makes an Appointment pursuant to the Power, and disposed of the purchased Lands to a Stranger. After B.'s Death A. prefers his Bill to have these Lands; and Lord Jeffries decreed, that he should have the Lands as purchased with his Wife's Money; but this Decree was afterwards reversed in Dom' Proc', because bought with the Money raised out of the separate Estate of the Wife, which she had a Power by the Articles to dispose of. *Fowles and the Countess of Dorset* cites it as from a MS. Rep. as a Case in Lord Chan. Jeffries's Time, and as cited in the Case of *Petts and Lee*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme*, (E. a. 7.) Ca. 5.

to dispose of all the Estate besides, which she should be intitled to, by her last Will in Writing. It was resolved that 5000 *l.* which fell to her after Marriage by the Death of her Brother should not go to her Husband or his Executors, but that she should have the Power of disposing thereof, tho' at the Time of the Articles she had not any Right or Interest therein, and altho' at that Time she could not grant or release the same; for *this being a Covenant, shall enure according to the Intent of the Parties, and extend to a Right in futuro*, where it is the apparent Intent of the Parties that the Husband should have no more than the Sum expressly mentioned, whatever happened. By *Cowper C. Hil. 1 Geo. 1. Petts (alias Potts) and Lee, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (E. a, 7.) Ca. 8. — 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 157. Ca. 4. Pott and Lee is not S. C.*

7. *D.* having more than 3000 *l. per Ann.* married *M.* who had 10000 *l.* Portion, and settled 1000 *l. per Ann.* upon her for her Jointure, and the greatest Part of *D.*'s Estate was settled upon the first and every other Son in Tail Male successively. *D.* run greatly in Debt, and *J.* his eldest Son being of full Age, *D.* upon a Calculation of his Debts, and the Value of his Estate for Life, with Impeachment of Waste, agreed with *J.* to convey all his Estate to him, and *J.* covenants to pay all *D.*'s Debts, and to allow him 500 *l. per Ann.* Rent-charge for his Life; and further (upon which the Question arises) that *J.* shall indemnify *D.* from all Debts, Charges and Expenses for the Maintenance of *M.* being then separate by Consent. *M.* brings a Bill against *D.* and *J.* the Son to have an Allowance for her Maintenance; the Son by his Covenant has taken upon himself the Charge of maintaining *M.* and stands in the Husband's Place, who is bound to give his Wife an Allowance if he voluntarily separates from her; and the Son must be taken to be in Nature of a Trustee for the Wife, so far as a reasonable Allowance for her Maintenance; and tho' the Son offered to take her to his House, yet she is not bound to accept that Offer; for tho' he stands in the Place of the Husband as to her Maintenance, and a Husband is not bound to allow any Thing to his Wife for Maintenance if he offers to take her Home, yet in this Case here lies no such Obligation upon the Wife to live with the Son; and tho' she refuses, she ought to have a reasonable Allowance. *Per*

Mr. Viner says, note, Lord Chan. allowed her to keep the Plate, &c. *Cowper C.* who ordered her to be allowed 200 *l. per Ann.* *Trin. 1 Geo. 1. Dutton and Dutton & al'; Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (X. a.) Ca. 18.*

which she bought, or was given to her by her Friends during the Separation. *Ibid.*

Prec. in Chan. 496. Angier and Angier S. C. in totidem verbis. 8. A Bill was brought by the Wife's *procchein Amy* against her Husband for a special Execution of Articles, whereby the Husband was to allow her 52 *l. per Ann. separate Maintenance.* *Trin. 1718. Angier and Angier, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 152, 153.*

Ibid. S. C. and P. in totidem verbis. 9. Where a Husband makes a separate Provision for his Wife, he is not chargeable by Law for her Debts, *per Cowper C. —* But to avoid the Expence he might be put to in defending such Suits, his Lordship sent it to a Master to settle a Security to indemnify the Husband against the Wife's Debts. *Ibid.*

Prec. in Chan. 496. 10. An Agreement between Husband and Wife to live separate, and that she shall have a separate Maintenance, shall bind them both till they agree to cohabit again. See the above Case of *Angier and Angier.* *Ibid. 152, 153.*

11. The Wife before her Marriage (by her intended Husband's Consent) conveyed her real Estate to Trustees, to such Uses as she notwithstanding her Coverture should appoint, and assigned all her Mortgages and Bonds to her separate Use; but after the Marriage she constantly permitted her Husband to receive the Interest of these Securities, without making any Complaint either to the Debtors or her Trustees. The Wife also consented to sell 10*l.* a Year, Part of her Land of Inheritance, (so settled by her as above) for 200*l.* which the Husband having received, he therewith founded a Charity for poor Widows, and gave a Bond for it to the Wife's Trustees, to be paid to them within three Months after the Wife's Death for the Benefit of her Executors; about ten Years after the Marriage the Wife died. Macclesfield C. decreed the Husband's Executors (out of the Assets) to make good any Part of the Principal Money due upon any of the Securities, with Interest from the Husband's Death; but as to the Interest received by him during the Coverture, as it was against common Right that the Wife should have a separate Property from the Husband (they being both in Law but as one Person), so all reasonable Intendments and Presumptions are to be admitted against the Wife in this Case; and she having for ten Years together permitted the Husband to receive this Interest without making any Complaint, &c. her Consent shall be intended (a).—As to the Wife's accepting the Bond for Payment of 200*l.* &c. his Lordship held that this should bind her, and was a waiving of the Interest of the 200*l.* during her Life; that if she would avoid this Bond (b), she must prove that some Fraud was made use of in gaining her Acceptance thereof; that this being her separate Estate, she must *prima facie* be looked upon as a Feme Sole, and that it was as if a Feme Sole had accepted such Bond, which would have bound her; that it was reasonable to suppose the Wife contributed to this Charity, it being to her own Sex. Mich. 1722. Powell and Hankey and Cox, 2 Will. Rep. 82, 83, 84.

Vide the Case of Thomas and Bennet, P. Ca.

(a) That any other Construction might have been a Hardship to the Husband, who (probably) depended on his Wife's permitting him to receive the Interest as a Gift, and

on such a Presumption might have lived in a more plentiful Manner, the Comfort whereof she must have shared in. That was she allowed to make her Husband a Debtor for this Money, (which she might do by the same Reason as now after his Death to charge his Executors) it might ruin him, or in Case of his Death prove equally prejudicial to his Children. That tho' it was pretended she was hindered from making her Demand by Reason of the Husband's passionate Temper, (which was not proved) yet still she might have complained to her Trustees, whom she must be supposed to have had a Confidence in. Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 83. (b) It was impossible to misapprehend so plain and express Words as were in the Condition of the Bond, viz. the 200*l.* to be paid within three Months after the Wife's Death. Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield. Ibid. 85.

12. Where there is a Provision for the Wife's separate Use for Clothes, if the Husband finds those Clothes, the Wife's Claim will be thereby barred; that in the Case of a Wife's separate Maintenance, if it be not demanded by her, she will be concluded, even where she has no other Person to demand it of but her Husband; nor is it material whether the Allowance-Money be provided out of the Estate, which was originally the Husband's, or (as in the principal Case) out of what was the Wife's own Estate, for in both Cases her not having demanded it for several Years together, shall be construed a Consent from her that the Husband should receive it (c). Per Macclesfield C. Mich. 1722. Powell and Hankey, 2 Will. Rep. 82, 84.

In Case of separate Maintenance if the Husband maintains the Wife, it bars her Claim in Respect thereof. Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 84.

(c) As to the Point of the Arrears of separate Main-

tenance not being demanded in the Husband's Life-time, his Lordship cited the Case of Judge Dormer and the Bishop of Salisbury, Hil. 1712. Ibid. 85.

13. The Wife cannot have a separate (d) Property in a personal Thing without a Trustee. Per Macclesfield C. Trin. 1722. in Casu Burton P. Ca.

(d) Vide the Case of Bennet and Davis, Burton P. Ca.

Burton and Pierpoint, which was in Case of Dowery Money claimed by the Widow as given to herself.——Vide this Case, P. Ca.

(a) Several Executors, and some admit Assets, yet an Account shall be decreed against the Rest;—for per his Honour, it cannot be material, so as to excuse the other Defendants, that one of the Executors of the Feme Covert has admitted Assets, for he might

admit Assets, and yet have none, nor any Estate of his own; and it would not be reasonable that this should prevent a Creditor from prosecuting the other Executor, or the Husband, who may have possessed themselves of Part of the separate Estate, and ought to be responsible. *Ibid.* 145. (b) *Vide* the Case of *Blakerway and Earl of Stafford.*

14. *A.* before her Marriage, with the Consent of *B.* her then intended Husband, conveyed an Estate to her separate Use, and after Marriage borrowed 25*l.* upon her Bond; ten Years afterwards she made her Will, and thereby gave several specifick Legacies, and made *C.* and *D.* Executors; on *A.*'s Death *B.* her Husband possessed himself of 24*l.* of her Money, and then the Obligee brought a Bill against the Executors and *B.*——*C.* confessed Assets (a), but *B.* insisted upon the Statute of Limitations; tho' a Bond given by a Feme Covert is merely void, and in that Respect differs from a Bond given by an Infant, which is only voidable; yet in this Case all the separate Estate of the Feme Covert was a Trust Estate for Payment of Debts, and a Trust is not within this Statute (b), from whence it seems that the Plaintiff ought to be at Liberty to prosecute all the Defendants, in order to be paid out of the separate Estate left by the Feme Covert; to which Purpose such thereof as is undisposed of by the Will ought to be first applied; and if that not sufficient, then the Creditors to be paid out of the Money-Legacies given by the Feme; and supposing there is still a Deficiency, all the specifick Legatees ought to contribute in Proportion, and all the Executors to account for the Feme's personal Estate, Costs reserved. *Per the Master of the Rolls, Trin. 1723. Norton and Turvill, 2 Will. Rep. 144.*

15. The Wife has a separate Maintenance, with Power to dispose of it by Will; she accordingly makes a Will, and thereby gives away more than she had to dispose of. Decreed that the Husband's Estate in the Hands of another (he being now dead) is subject by Law to pay the Funeral Charges of his Wife. *Cor' the Master of the Rolls. Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Bertie and Lord Chesterfield, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 31.*

* (Executed) not in the Original.

16. *A.* having Lands and a personal Estate before her Marriage, conveys all her Estate to her separate Use, to which the intended Husband was a Party; and he covenanted that he would not interfere with it. On this Estate there was a Mortgage for 300*l.* which before these Conveyances (executed *) he verbally promised to discharge. During the Coverture the Mortgage was assigned over, and he covenanted thus: *That I or my Wife shall pay it.* The Husband and Wife lived with great Affection together, and he constantly received all the Profits of this separate Estate. He died, having never paid off the Mortgage, leaving Children which he had by a former Venter Fortunes: These the Wife maintained after his Decease; she brings her Bill, 1st, That her Husband's Effects should be applied to the Redemption of the Mortgage. 2^{dly}, To have an Account of the Profits of her separate Estate received by the Baron. 3^{dly}, To have an Allowance for the Maintenance of his Children after his Decease. It was decreed, that the Husband's Effects should not be charged to redeem the Mortgage, nor be accountable for the Profits of her separate Estate received by him; and that the Maintenance should be counter-balanced by the Interest of their Fortunes.——On a Rehearing, King C. said, that there is no Foundation to charge the Husband with the Payment of the Mortgage, for by the Statute of Frauds it is not a Charge, unless reduced into Writing: All is at an End when there

there is an Agreement in Writing; all the Conversation was only a previous Step. This is the ultimate Settlement of the whole Affair, on mature Consideration of every Thing; *as between him and the Mortgagee he might be charged, but not by the Wife.*—As to the Receipt of the separate Maintenance, if they lived together amicably, *it shall be looked upon as done by the Wife's Consent*; as to the Maintenance she has taken it upon herself, and it doth not appear but the Interest is sufficient for that Purpose. Decree affirmed, *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Christmas and Christmas, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 20.*

17. The Plaintiff's Wife had by cruel Treatment been forced to leave her Husband, and carry away with her two young Children, which by her Labour, and Assistance of Friends, she maintained without any Help from the Plaintiff. They lived thirty Years, or thereabouts, separate; one of the said Children being a Son and grown up, and settled in the World, became possessed of some personal Estate, and particularly of two several Bonds of 100*l.* each, one on the *East-India* Company, and the other on one *L.* The Son being thus possessed made his Will, and thereby devised *L.*'s Bond to his Father (the Plaintiff) and gave the *East-India* Bond to his Mother to her own Use, and so as his Father should have nothing to do with it, and made his Mother sole Executrix and Residuary Legatee, and died. The Executrix proved the Will, and delivered *L.*'s Bond to the Plaintiff, who released her as Executrix to her Son; after the Executrix growing old and infirm, offered the *East-India* Bond to Defendant, (with whom and in whose Family she had lived as a Servant all or the greatest Part of the Time she was parted from her Husband) and desired he would take the same to maintain her for her Life, which the Defendant refused, whereupon she applied herself to several others for the same Purpose, but such Application proving fruitless, she addressed herself again to the Defendant, who at last, in Consideration of her long and faithful Service, and long Continuance in his Family, was prevailed with to come to such Agreement with her, *but the same was only by Parol*, and not reduced into Writing; yet in Execution thereof the Defendant told and strictly charged his Wife and only Son, in Case of his Death before them and the said Executrix, to keep and maintain her as long as she should live, on the Consideration aforesaid, which they both promised to do. And the Executrix, in Execution of her Part of the Agreement went, with the Defendant, to the *East-India* House, and she received all the Dividends and Interest due on the said Bond, and then cancelled the same, and directed a new one to be made in the Defendant's Name, and which was accordingly done. The Executrix dying in a Year's Time, or thereabouts, Plaintiff brought his Bill against the Defendant, and charged his said Wife the Executrix with having eloped from him, and carrying this Bond away with her, and which he charged to be his Property. The Defendant by Answer insisted that she did not elope, but was forced from the Plaintiff as aforesaid: That she was an honest, sober and industrious Woman; that she had maintained herself and Children as aforesaid; that she lived with the Defendant and in his Family the greatest Part of the Time she was from the Plaintiff; that she always behaved herself very well, and that to the Plaintiff's Knowledge, who came several Times to see her at the Defendant's House. The Answer also set forth the Bond in Question so to have been the Plaintiff's Son's, and so devised to the Mother, and after vested in the Defendant as aforesaid, with all the Circumstances above mentioned. On reading the Proofs, the Answer was well sup-

Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq. 120. Ca. 16. S. C. in totidem verbis.

ported, and particularly it appeared from the Evidence of the *Scrivener*, who drew the Will, that it was the *true Intention of the Testator that the East-India Bond should be to the separate Use of his Mother, free from all Controul and Interposition of the Plaintiff*. Bill dismissed. The Court declaring that the Meaning of the Testator was plain that this Bond should be for the separate Use of his Mother, and that he did but his Duty therein; and that the Agreement having been so executed as aforesaid on both Sides, was of such Sort as ought to be established in a Court of Equity. *Hil. 11 Geo. 1. Relfe and Budden, MS. Rep.*

In this Case the Plaintiff would have read *parol* Evidence to prove that the Testator did not intend these Lands should be liable to the Husband's Debts. But the Court would not permit such Evidence to be read, it being in the Case of a Devise of Lands, which by the Statute must be all of it in Writing. *Ibid. 318.*

18. *J. S.* devised Lands in Fee to his Daughter the Wife of *B.* for her separate and peculiar Use, exclusive of her Husband, to hold the same to her and her Heirs, and that her Husband should not be Tenant by the Curtesy, nor have these Lands for his Life, in Case he survived his Wife, but that they should upon the Wife's Death go to her Heirs. The Testator dies, and *B.* the Husband becomes a Bankrupt; the Commissioners assign these Lands to *C.* in Trust for the Creditors, and upon *C.*'s bringing an Ejectment, the Wife by her next Friend prefers her Bill against *C.* the Assignee and her Husband, to compel them to assign over this Estate to her separate Use. Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, took it to be a clear Case, that it was a Trust in the Husband, and that there was no Difference where the Trust was created by the Act of the Party, and where by the Act of Law. As in Case of a Devise charging Lands with Debts or Legacies, the Heir taking such Lands by Descent would be but a Trustee, and no Remedy for these Debts or Legacies but in Equity; so in the principal Case there being an apparent Intention and express Declaration that the Wife should enjoy these Lands to her separate Use, by that Means the Husband, who would otherwise be intitled to take the Profits to his own Use during the Coverture, is now barred and made a Trustee for his Wife: And that if the Bankrupt had been a Trustee for *J. S.* his Bankruptcy should not in Equity affect the Trust Estate; and that in the principal Case, tho' the Husband might be Tenant by the Curtesy, yet he should be but a Trustee for the Heirs of the Wife; and that where the Testator had a Power to devise the Premises to Trustees for the separate Use of the Wife, this Court, in Compliance with his declared Intention, will supply the want of them, and make the Husband Trustee; and the Assignee, who claiming under the Husband, can have no better Right than the Husband, must join in a Conveyance for the separate Use of the Wife. Decreed accord', *Mich. 1725. Bennet and Davis, 2 Will. Rep. 316.*

Viner's Abr.
Tit. Baron
and Feme,
(E. a. 7.) Ca.
12. Mich.
1734. Halsey
and Badham
S. C. accord'.

19. *A.* by his Will gave two Legacies to his Daughter *B.* of 500*l.* each, one of them for her sole and separate Use, she being married without a Settlement. A Decree was obtained for placing out these Legacies for *B.*'s Benefit. *B.*'s Husband, upon Petition to Lord Chan. *Macclesfield*, obtained an Order (his Wife consenting) for one 500*l.* and the other 500*l.* by Consent, to be laid out for the separate Use of the Wife; the Husband and Wife (she being 19) join in an Assignment of the last 500*l.* to secure a Debt to *D.* and the Husband becomes a Bankrupt. *D.* brought a Bill against the Assignees under the Commission, and also against the Husband and Wife; and King Lord Chan. decreed the Assignment good, and the Residue to be paid to the Assignees. The Wife rehears, alledging that she was poor, and not able to produce the Order of Lord *Macclesfield*. Objected, that the Order was voluntary, and did not bind Creditors. Objected also, that the Assignment was good, it being of her separate Estate, tho' under twenty-

twenty-one; and that *Infants may execute a Power by an Attorney*. Lord Chan. As to the Objection, that the Order was voluntary, and did not bind Creditors, he said, that is a hard Censure on the Proceedings of this Court, and such Settlements are usual Practice, and this present one is according to the Will. — Where the Husband makes a voluntary Provision for the Wife to take Place after his Death, it has been adjudged fraudulent, but *here it is set apart immediately*. As to the Assignment itself, he admitted that *if the Feme had been Sole it had not been good*; but the Case is stronger, *because she was a Feme Covert*; and though in Cases of *meer Powers or Authorities Infants may execute, because nothing moves from them*, yet this is an Interest, and can no more be departed with in Equity by an Infant, than by an *Infant's Assignment of a legal Estate at Law*. Decree varied, *Trin. 1734. Halsey and Badham, MS. Rep.*

(N) Concerning the Wife's Pin-Money (b). (b) And Paraphernalia.

1. *J. S. died, having his Daughter's Portion left by her Grandfather in his Hands. J. S.'s Wife had several Jewels, some whereof she had before Marriage, others were bought by her during the Coverture, J. S. allowing her a yearly Sum for her own Expences, out of which she saved Money to purchase those Jewels; the Question was, whether those Jewels should be liable to make good the Daughter's Portion, or whether the Wife should have them as Paraphernalia?* Ruled *per Finch* Lord Keep. That if there was not sufficient for Payment of Debts, the Wife should have no Paraphernalia; for it is not fit she should shine in Jewels, and the Creditors in the mean Time to starve; and he said, if the Wife should have the Jewels, and her Daughter want Bread, this would be to turn the Childrens Bread into Stones. *Trin. 1674. Lady Tirrell's Case, MS. Rep.*

her yearly Allowance, this will be the Husband's Estate, and he shall reap the Benefit of his Wife's Frugality, *because when he agrees to allow her a certain Sum yearly, the End of the Agreement is, that she may be provided with Clothes and other Necessaries, and whatever is saved out of this redounds to the Husband.* Per Lord Keep. *Ibid.* — But if there be a Separation, and the Wife hath a separate Maintenance, there whatsoever she saves shall be for her own particular Use; and so it was ruled *per Lord Coventry* in *Sir A. Gorge's Case*; and the Reason there is, *because when the Wife lives from her Husband, he is not liable to her Debts.* Per Lord Keep. in S. C. who said, he never knew any Paraphernalia allowed but where the Party was Noble either by Birth or Marriage. *MS. Rep. and also 1 Freem. 304. in S. C.*

2. Paraphernalia being only Superfluities and Ornaments to the Wife, is the Reason the Law hath subjected them to the Husband's Debts, rather than that his Creditors should starve; but where the Wife has a separate Allowance made before Marriage, and buys Jewels with the Money arising thereout, they will not be Assets liable to the Husband's Debts. Per Lord Chan. *Trin. 1710. Willson and Pack, Prec. in Chan. 295, 297.*

3. Upon a Marriage-Settlement Pin-Money was reserved for the Wife, (viz.) 50 l. per Ann. for her Apparel and private Expences, secured by a Term for Years; the Husband died, and soon after the Wife died, upon which her Executors demanded 500 l. for ten Years Arrears of this Pin-Money; but it appearing that the Husband maintained her, and no Proof that she had ever demanded it, this Claim was disallowed. *King C. Hil. 1725. Thomas and Bennet, 2 Will. Rep. 341.*

Courts of Equity have taken Notice of and allowed *Feme Coverts* to have separate Interests by their Husband's Agreement, and this 100*l.* being the Wife's

4. An Husband voluntarily and after Marriage allows his Wife for her *separate Use* (calling it her *Pin-Money*) to make Profit of all Butter, Eggs, Pigs, Poultry and Fruit, beyond what is used in the Family, out of which the Wife saves 100*l.* which the Husband borrows; and dies; the Wife was decreed to come in as a Creditor for this 100*l.* before the Master, especially there being no Creditor of the Husband to contend with (a). *Talbot C. Mich. 1734. Slanning & al' and Style & econ't, 3 Will. Rep. 334, 337, 338, 339.*

Savings, and here being Evidence that the Husband agreed thereto, it seems but a reasonable Encouragement to the Wife's Frugality, and such Agreement would be of little Avail were it to determine by the Husband's Death; that it was the strongest Proof of the Husband's Consent that the Wife should have a separate Property in the Money arising by these Savings, in that he had prevailed with her to lend him this Sum, in which Case he did not lay Claim to it as his own, but submitted to borrow it as her Money. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 338.*

(a) The Court cited the Case of *Calmady and Calmady*, where there was the like Agreement made betwixt Husband and Wife, that upon every Renewal of a Lease by the Husband two Guineas should be paid by the Tenant to the Wife, and this was allowed to be her separate Money. *Ibid. 339.*—*MS. Rep. Stanway & al' and Styles & econ't, Mich. 8 Geo. 2. S. C.* stated thus: The Husband's Executors brought a Bill against the Wife for a Discovery of his personal Estate, and the Wife brought a Cross Bill, and (inter al') insisted upon being admitted a Creditor for 100*l.* lent her Husband, which she had acquired by her Frugality; for the Husband allowing a certain Sum for House-keeping, agreed by parol that what she could save out of that she might apply to her own Use; and the Agreement being proved, and also the Lending the Money, Lord Chan. decreed that she was a Creditor, and intitled to the Money; and cited *Calmady and Calmady*, where the Wife had several Hundred Pounds on such a parol Agreement, and the Money allowed to her by this Court; and *Fazakerly*, Counsel with the Woman, cited *Bains and Ballat*, where the Husband gave the Wife several broad Pieces, and decreed that she should retain them after his Death; and in *Mangey and Hungerford*, where the Wife had saved a considerable Sum of Money out of House-keeping, and a Bill being brought against her for a Discovery of what she had saved, she insisted she was not bound to a Discovery; and on Exceptions the Answer was held sufficient. By Lord King. In the principal Case the Widow claimed her Gold Watch, and several Gold Rings, given at the Burial of Relations, as her *Paraphernalia*. And the same was decreed her by *Talbot C. Ibid.*

5. An Husband on Marriage and in Consideration of a considerable Portion, settled 100*l.* per Ann. *Pin-Money*, in Trust for his Wife for her separate Use, which becomes in Arrear; and then the Husband by Will gives the Wife a Legacy of 500*l.* after which there is a farther Arrear of the *Pin-Money*, and then the Husband dies; the Legacy being greater than the Debt, shall be a Satisfaction of the Arrears of the *Pin-Money* due before the making of the Will. *Talbot C. East. 1735. Fowler and Fowler, 3 Will. Rep. 353.*

6. Where *Pin-Money* is secured to the Wife, and the Husband provides her with Clothes and Necessaries, this during such Time as she is so provided will be a Bar (b) to any Demand for her Arrears (b) *Vide the Case of Powell of Pin-Money. Per Talbot C. in the above Case, Ibid. 355.* and *Hankry and Cox, P. 151. Ca. 11. and Thomas and Bennet, P. 155. Ca. 3.*

7. If a Lady has *Pin-Money* secured by a Term, and runs away and lives in Adultery, and the Trustees proceed at Law to recover the Term, it seems they will be restrained; for *Pin-Money* was never designed to make Women independant of their Husbands, and support them in Vice. But if she left him by ill Usage, or other reasonable Grounds, or the Husband acquiesced in her Departure, Equity won't interpose. *Sir R. More and Earl of Scarborough (c), MS. Rep.*

(c) *2. What Term and Year.*

(O) In what Cases a Will made by a Feme Covert is good.

1. **I**N this Case it was declared *per* Lord Chan. That if the Wife do make a Will and give Legacies, &c. altho' the Husband did promise her to perform it, and gave her Leave to make it, nay altho' he did after the Death of the Wife assent to it, yet he is not bound by it, and the Performance of it in him is only honorary, unless he did agree before Marriage that she should do it, and then he will be bound by his Agreement; but all Promises after, nay if the Wife makes him Executor, and he proves the Will, yet he is bound no farther than in Honour, for the Will of a Wife is a void Thing, and it is in Strictness no Will; — And if a Bond be given to perform the Will of a married Woman, and she makes a Will, it hath the Import of a Writing, and nothing else. Trin. 1681. Chiswell and Blackwell, MS. Rep.

2 Freem. Rep. 70. S. C. in totidem verbis. — A Feme Covert cannot make a Will even as Executrix without her Husband's Consent. Per Holt C. J. Mich. 11 W. 3. Richardson and Seife, Ca. in B. R. Temp. W. 3. Where a Woman is Executrix and

marries, there she may make a Will with Consent of her Husband. Per Holt C. J. Hil. 1 Ann. B. R. 1 Saik. 313. Ca. 20. — Went. Off. Exec. 201. says, she may make a Will of such Goods which she has as Executrix; and if she make a Will of Goods which she has as Executrix, and of Debts otherwise due to her, the Will is good as to the first, and void as to the last; and in such Case her Executor shall take the first, and the Husband as Administrator the last, so that in such Sense she dies testate and intestate, and having both an Executor and Administrator. — But in Cases in B. R. Temp. Ann. P. 221. Ca. 14. East. 8 Ann. it is said, that a Feme Covert cannot devise what she has as Executrix without her Baron's Assent; and therefore a Prohibition was granted to the Spiritual Court to hinder the Proving such Will.

2. A Feme Covert has Power given by her Husband to make a Will; Probate of such Will *per Testes* is sufficient Proof, because as to that Purpose the Husband has made her a Feme Sole, and no Prohibition will lie. Mich. 1697. Balch and Wilson, Prec. in Chan. 84.

3. Though in Strictness a Feme Covert cannot make a Will, yet being impowered to make a Writing in Nature of a Will, the Writing will operate as a Will. Per King C. Trin. 1723. 2 Will. Rep. 624.

4. Where a Power is given to a Woman to dispose by Will, and she afterwards marries, it was decreed that the Marriage is a Suspension of her Power; but if she survives her Husband, the Power revives. But *quære inde*; for the Lords sent to have the Opinion of the Judges upon it. February 9, 1727. — Rich and Beaumont, Viner's Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (R. a.) Ca. 26.

• 5. A Woman's Marriage is a Revocation of her Will. Per King Vide 4 Rep. 61. C. Trin. 1731. in Casu Cotton and Layer, 2 Will. Rep. 624.

(P) Divorce; Cases in general relating thereunto.

1. **T**HE Bill was brought by a Widow to have Dower of her Husband's real Estate, and a Share of his personal Estate, for herself and Child by him; he dying intestate, and Administration granted to another, because there was a Divorce between them à Mensâ & Thoro. The Master of the Rolls said, she must go to Law to try if she was intitled to Dower, there being no Impediment; and as to that he dismissed the Bill. The granting Administration is in the Ecclesiastical Court, but the Distribution does more properly belong

Prec. in Chan. 111. S. C. accord.

belong to this Court; but since in the Ecclesiastical Court she is not such a Wife as is intitled to Administration, his Honour would decree no Distribution, but dismissed the Bill as to that too; and said, if she could repeal that Sentence she would then be intitled to Distribution. East. 1700. Shute and Shute, MS. Rep.

2 *Mod. Ca. in* 2. A Feme Sole being possessed of a Term for Years, married J. S.
Law and Eq. who was afterwards divorced à Mensâ & Thoro, and she had Alimony
 43. *S. C. and* allowed her; and the Husband intending to sell the Term, an In-
P. says, the junction was moved for, which the Court denied at first to grant,
Injunction was because the Divorce did not destroy the Marriage; but that the Merits
at first denied; of the Cause might come before the Court, and on Consideration of
for per Cur, the Hardship of the Case, and that the Wife could have no Remedy
supposing the if this Term was sold, an Injunction was granted; for though the
Husband had Marriage continues notwithstanding the Divorce, yet the Husband
been intitled does nothing as Husband, nor the Wife as Wife. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1.*
to this Term Anon. MS. Rep.
in his own
Right before
Marriage, and
afterwards
had been di-
 vorced from his Wife, and she had Alimony allowed, this Court would never have granted an Injunction to hinder him from selling; and certainly whilst the Marriage continues, (as it does notwithstanding the Divorce) he hath the same Power to dispose the Term which he hath in Right of his Wife as if it had been in his own Right; but at last an Injunction was granted for the Reasons in the MS. Rep.

3. In Case of a Divorce à Mensâ & Thoro, Baron and Feme live separately, and the Feme has a Child; this is a Bastard, for the Court will intend Obedience has been paid to the Sentence. *East. 1734. in Casu Sidney and Sidney, Talbot C. 3 Will. Rep. 275.*

C A P. XV.

Bills.

- (A) In what Cases a Bill will lie, & econt'; — And by whom it may be brought.
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- (L) Bills to examine Witnesses in perpetuam rei memoriam (a). (a) Vide also Tit. Evidence, P.

(A) In what Cases a Bill will lie (b), & econt'; — And by Whom it may be brought. (b) Vide (A) P. 15.

1. *A.* Recovered a Judgment against the Defendant's Father, and Plaintiff (*the Sheriff's Officer*) levied 20 l. of Goods in the Father's Possession; the Defendant brought Trover against the Plaintiff, pretending the Goods were sold to him by a Bill of Sale, but on Evidence the Sale was proved fraudulent; whereupon a Verdict was directed to be given for the Defendant, but *for want of his proving a Copy of the Judgment, as it was held he ought, the Jury, for that Reason only, found for the Plaintiff.* On a Bill brought for Relief, the Defendant by his Answer insisted on his Property under the *Bill of Sale and Recovery at Law*, where the Matter is properly triable, and relied on that without going to Proofs; but the Plaintiff fully proved his Case, and that the *Judge altered his Directions only for want of Proof of the Judgment, and disproved the Answer in some Particulars.* A perpetual Injunction was granted against the Judgment, and the Defendant to pay Costs; for *though it was examinable at Law, so it was in Equity too; and Plaintiff having set out the whole Matter, and proved it to be true, if it were not so, the Defendant might have disproved it.* Trin. 1704. Kent and Bridgman, MS. Rep.

2. Bill lies to perpetuate Testimony, &c. before Trial, on Affidavit annexed that the *Plaintiff's Witnesses are infirm and unable to travel.* Hil. 1709. Philips and Carew, 1 Will. Rep. 117.

3. A Bill does *not* lie for an Owner of a Quit-Rent, in order to settle what Proportion his Quit-Rent shall pay to the Land-Tax, and such a Bill was dismissed with Costs. Per Cowper C. Mich. 1716. Brockman and Honeywood, 1 Will. Rep. 328.

4. Bill to set aside Leases made pursuant to a Power *dismissed*, because a Matter purely determinable at Law, *i. e.* whether the Power was well executed or not.—And per Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, if a Bill is brought for a Matter properly determinable at Law, Defendant ought to demur, and not suffer the Cause to go on to a Hearing; and if the Bill be dismissed upon Hearing, Defendant shall not have Costs; and where the Title is purely Matter of Law, though the legal Estate is vested in Trustees, the *Cestuy que Trust* ought first to apply to the Trustees to make Use of their Names at Law before he brings a Bill in Equity; for a Bill in such a Case is only necessary where the Trustees refuse their Names to be made Use of in an Action to determine the Right. East. 4 Geo. 1. Tichburn and Leigh, Viner's Abr. Tit. Costs, (Q.) Ca. 14.

5. Bill for Discovery of the Consideration of a promissory Note for 275*l.* suggesting that it was given *ex turpi causa* to smother and make up a Felony, &c. Defendant by his Answer says, that he lost such a Sum, and verily believes that it came to Plaintiff's Hands, and that was the real Consideration of giving the Note. Cowper C. dismissed the Bill with Costs; for what the Defendant has sworn, (not being disproved) is a sufficient Consideration to support the Note. Mich. 4 Geo. Guiborn and Fellows, Ibid. Tit. Consideration, (B) Ca. 20.

6. In Case of a Bargain for Corn, to be delivered upon a Day certain at such a Market, at such a Price, and the Corn is not delivered according to the Contract, the Buyer shall not by a Bill in Equity compel the Seller to a specifick Performance of this Agreement, but is left to his Remedy at Law for Breach of the Agreement to recover Damage, (*i. e.*) the Difference between the Price agreed on by the Parties, and the Price of Corn upon the Market Day. Said by Lord Chan. Parker in Cuddee and Rutter, Trin. 6 Geo. 1. Ibid. Tit. Contract and Agreement, (M) Ca. 21.

7. Defendant agreed with Plaintiff to transfer to him 1000*l.* South-Sea Stock, upon 20 November, at the Rate of 104*l.* per Cent. and gave him a promissory Note for so doing, and received two Guineas of Plaintiff in Part of Consideration Money; but Defendant in drawing the Note had put in the usual Words, (or pay the Difference) which Plaintiff struck out, and then Defendant signed the Note. Afterwards, and before the Time of delivering the Stock, the South-Sea Stocks rose in Value, and Defendant did not deliver the Stock at the Day, but a few Days after offered to pay the Difference, and submits so to do by his Answer; but Plaintiff insists to have the Stock actually transferred to him. Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, decreed a specifick Performance of the Contract, and that Defendant do transfer the Stock, and pay the Dividends since 20 November; Plaintiff to pay Interest of the Money to that Time, and to have his Costs. But on an Appeal Parker C. reversed the Decree, declaring that he would always discourage Bills of this Kind; but since the Defendant did shuffle with Plaintiff, and not offer to pay him the Difference till two Months after the Day, he would not dismiss the Bill; but the Master to inquire what the Difference was at the Day, and Defendant to pay it to Plaintiff with Interest, but no Costs. Trin. 6 Geo. 1. Cuddee and Rutter. Ibid.

8. Bill for a specifick Performance of a Contract for 1000 *l.* *York Buildings Stock*, at 105 *l.* *per Cent.* dismissed, for that this Court will not carry these Sorts of Contracts into Execution, but leave the Parties to their Remedy at Law for the Difference, but no Costs, because the Defendant's Answer was falsified in several Particulars. *Per Macclesfield C. Trin.* 8 *Geo.* *Dorison* and *Westbrook*, *Viner's Abr.* *Tit. Contract and Agreement*, (M) *Ca.* 22.

9. Where Papists are not disabled by the *Stat.* 11 & 12 *W.* 3. to bring a Bill, *vide* the Case of *Carrick* and *Errington* (a), *Trin.* (a) *Vide* this Case, *P. Ca.* 9 *Geo.* 1. 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 33.

10. An Ejectment was brought by *A.* upon a Lease for Years made to *B.* rendring Rent, with a Clause of Re-entry for Non-payment of the Rent, and for Non-performance of the Covenants, and the Breach was assigned generally for Non-performance of the Covenants in the Lease, and *A.* proved a Breach of Covenant for not keeping of a Barn well thatched; thereupon *A.* had a Verdict, and *B.* was turned out of Possession, and then *A.* dies. The Bill was exhibited against *A.*'s Administrator to be relieved against the Verdict, and to have a new Lease granted for so much of the Term of the first Lease which was not expired. Lord Chan. said, he could not apprehend what Damages the Administrator could sustain if the Lessee suffered the Buildings to be out of Repair, so as he kept the main Timber from being rotten, and left all in good Repair before the End of the Term; therefore it was referred to a Master to see what Damage was done (if any) for Non-performance of Covenants, and at what Time. *Hil.* 10 *Geo.* 1. *Hack* and *Leonard*, 2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 90.

11. A Bill to compel Trustees to enter to preserve contingent Remainders, is of the first Impression, for their Title is merely at Law. *Per* Lord Chan. *Hil.* 11 *Geo.* 1. in *Casu Neeves* and *Neeves* (b), 2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 132.

pray the Aid thereof, to compel Persons to bring in the Deeds and Evidences relating to the Estate. Said *per* Lord Chan. *Ibid.* (b) *Vide P. Ca.*

12. A Bill in Equity lies to have a Trial at Law for the Bounds of a Manor. *October* 27, 1726. *Lethulier* and *Castlemain*, *Sel. Ca. in Chan.* 60.

Bounds they claim; and if the Jury find Bounds different from the Notes given by either Side, those different Boundaries to be indorsed on the *Posse*. The Bishop of *Durham's* Case;—And so it was ordered in the present Case; only it being a Trial at Bar, it was ordered to be indorsed on the *Habeas Corpus*.—Same Order made *November* 4, 1726. *Hughes* and *Grames*. *Ibid.* 61.

13. Equity will never countenance Demands of an unfair Nature (c); as in the particular Case it was for attending at Auctions as a Puff to enhance the Price of Goods; nor will Equity suffer them to be set up against just and fair Demands. In an Account a Cross Bill for such Purpose dismissed with Costs. Before the House of Lords, 6 *March* 1726. *Walker* and *Gascoigne*, *Grounds and Rudiments in Law and Eq.* 89.

vent or redress Wrongs and Mischief, and relieve against Fraud.

14. Bill to be relieved against a Forfeiture for Non-payment of Rent, by a Tenant at a Rack-Rent, after a Recovery in Ejectment. Decreed, that upon Payment of the Rent and Costs at Law and in Equity, Defendant make a new Lease for the Remainder of the Term to Plaintiff, but a Covenant to be inserted for the Tenant to repair during the Term, tho' no such Covenant was in the former Lease. *King C. Mich.* 12 *Geo.* *Taylor* and *Knight*, *Viner's Abr.* *Tit.* *Chancery*, (Y) *Ca.* 31.

His Lordship said, he did not like giving Relief in these Cases after a Judgment at Law, but that the Precedents were too strong for him. *Ibid.*

15. In some Cases a Bill in Equity lies to be relieved after a Verdict at Law; for per the Master of the Rolls, though the Court ought to be very tender how they help any Defendant after a Trial at Law in a Matter where such Defendant had an Opportunity to defend himself (a); yet in some Cases Equity will relieve; as if the Plaintiff at Law recovered in Trower against a Servant of the African Company, on a Bill brought against the Plaintiff at Law, Equity would not relieve, because the Plaintiff in Equity might at Law have defended himself. Trin. 1703. *Langdon and the African Company*, Prec. in Chan. 221.

(a) Where one recovers in Trower against a Servant of the African Company, on a Bill brought against the Plaintiff at Law, Equity would not relieve, because the Plaintiff in Equity might at Law have defended himself. Trin. 1703. *Langdon and the African Company*, Prec. in Chan. 221.

16. A Bill in Equity will not lie to redeem a Mortgage of Chambers in an Inn of Court, (where the Students are to enjoy Quiet without Disturbance) but the Plaintiff must apply to the Bench, and if not redressed there, then to the Judges of the Society, and the Courts at Westminster have always declined meddling therein; and in the present Case the Master of the Rolls said, he would not meddle with it; but the Benchers themselves having recommended it to Plaintiffs to come hither, and left them at Liberty to make this Application, his Honour was of Opinion that the Bill was proper, and decreed a Redemption. Hil. 1728. *Rakestraw & al' and Brewer*, 2 Will. Rep. 511. — Decree affirmed by Lord King (b) upon an Appeal, 12 July 1729.

(b) Sel. Ca. in Chan. Trin. 11 Geo. 1.

S. C. says, his Lordship obliged them to shew that the Benchers of Gray's Inn would not determine the Matter, but had given Leave to go to Law; and said, this Regard was to be had to all the Societies of Law, that all their Disputes may be terminated among themselves; and that Lord Keep. Wright refused to hear a Cause of this Nature, and sent it back to the Benchers. In the present Case the Court determined the Right, and ordered that the Benchers should settle what was due for Principal, Interest and Costs, and to take an Account of the several Receipts and Allowances.

17. One Tenant of a Manor cannot bring a Bill to quiet him in a customary Right which is common to all the other Tenants. 3 July 1729. *Baker and Rogers* (c); Sel. Ca. in Chan. 74.

(c) Vide this Case, (D) P. Ca.

18. Assignee under a Commission of Bankruptcy died very much indebted by Bond, &c. and the Bankrupt's Creditors petitioned that the Administrator of the Assignee might account before the Commissioners, he having some of the Bankrupt's Effects in Specie in his Hands; but the Administrator denying this upon Oath, and swearing that there were Debts by Specialty beyond the Assets, the Court thought this proper for a Bill, and not for a summary Way of accounting before the Commissioners. Trin. 1729. *Ex parte Markland* (d), 2 Will. Rep. 546.

(d) Vide Tit. Bankrupt, P. 101. Ca. 6.

19. A Tenant having a Right to deduct for the Land-Tax, does not deduct, but pays his full Rent; a Bill will not lie to recover back the Tax which ought to have been allowed (e); for the Tenant might, if

(e) So held by the Lord Harcourt, in the Case of *Wildley and the Coopers Company*, Mich. 1713. where the Bill was brought by a Tenant to be relieved out of the Arrears of Rent for the Taxes he had actually paid, on Account of Rent reserved to a Charity that appeared to be exempted from Taxes; and the Bill was dismissed with Costs. — But more particularly in the Case of *Atwood and Lamprey*, at the Rolls, before Sir J. Jekyll, Mich. 1719. where the Case was, One in 1683. in Satisfaction of a Widow's Dowry, mortgaged Lands on Condition to pay her 20 l. per Ann. whereupon, the Court held, that this being an annual Payment secured by Land, should answer Taxes in Proportion as the Land paid; but refused to make the Annuitant refund in Respect of the Payments she had received Tax free, and for which the Party paying had omitted to deduct. 3 Will. Rep. 128. in a Note.

if he pleased, waive deducting the Tax. Said arg' in *Casu East & Ux'* and *Thornbury*, Hil. 1731. 3 Will. Rep. 126, 127.

20. Bill was brought against three of the Trustees of the *Sun-Fire Office* to make good a Loss by Fire, &c. Plaintiff had a Policy, upon which he usually paid 2 s. per Quarter, and which by the Proposals was to be paid on the Quarter-Day, or within 15 Days after; and the Method of collecting the Money was by the Agents of the Office calling at the Persons Houses, which they sometimes did within the 15 Days, and sometimes a few Days after; Plaintiff's Policy expired at *Michaelmas* 1727. and the 15 Days were out, and 14 *October* the Agent of the Office did not call for the 2 s. and on the 15th of *November* following Plaintiff's House was burnt. A. the Agent of the Office, examined for Plaintiff, swore, that if the Fire had not happened he should have called on Plaintiff for his Quarterage the 6th or 7th of same *November*. Lord Chan. King: In Law this Policy is an Agreement to insure Quarterly as long as the Parties please. This Insurance was on Books, and the Party to pay Quarterly; the Continuance, or not, depends on the Act of the Party insured, (*viz.*) on his paying 2 s. per Quarter; and upon his paying at the Quarter, or within 15 Days after, the Insurers covenant to pay, &c. the Loss. And in a Declaration at Law the Payment within the 15 Days must be averred. If the Office had dispensed with the Time, and taken the Premium after, this Court would have held them to it. But here it was neither paid nor tendred; the Officer is appointed a Collector for the Benefit and Ease of the Persons paying, &c. and to prevent any Misunderstanding, there is a Memorandum on the very Receipts; that the Payment after the 15 Days was not to dispence with the Term, and the Agent had no Authority after the 15 Days to take the Money. The Premium is the Consideration, and is to precede; and if the 15 Days be not the Time, what shall be the Time within which it shall be necessary to pay? Bill dismissed. *Mich.* 4 Geo. 2. *Fisher and Brocas*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Contract and Agreement*, (F) Ca. 17.

21. If a Man claims Lands in Equity, but knows not the Bounds, Equity will grant a Commission to ascertain them when the Right is established; but if the Right be not settled, the Party will be left to his Remedy at Law. *Chapman and Spencer*, *Mich.* 5 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.

22. A Bill cannot be brought by a single Copyholder to be relieved against an excessive Fine (a), because this ought to be tried by a Jury; but a Bill may be brought in order to settle a general Fine to be paid by all the Copyhold Tenants of a Manor, to prevent a Multiplicity of Suits; and that with this Diversity were the Cases of *Middleton and Jackson*, 1 Chan. Rep. (8vo.) 33. and *Popham and Lancaster*, *Ibid.* 96. to be understood. Said per King C. *Mich.* 1732. in *Casu Cowper and Clerk*, 3 Will. Rep. 157.

23. A Bill in Equity lies not for a Satisfaction where the Thing sounds in Damages, though it does to confirm a Custom. *Bovey and Tracey in Scacc'*, *Trin.* 6 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.

24. Bill lies to compel a specifick Performance of an Award, where the Party submitting has received the Money, in Consideration whereof he is to convey the Estate sued for. Decreed per Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, *Trin.* 1733. *Hall and Hardis*, 3 Will. Rep. 187.

25. Lord of a Manor brings a Bill against a Tenant, to hold a large Down belonging to the Manor, discharged of the Tenant's Claim of

(a) Such a Bill dismissed with Costs, *Mich.* 1732. *Cowper and Clerk*, per King C. *Ibid.* 155.

Vide Tit. *Agreements, &c.* S. C. P. 28. Ca. 35. and the Notes there.

a Right of Common thereon; this is an improper Bill, and such a Bill was dismissed with Costs per Talbot C. (a), *East*. 1734. *Holder* and (a) For by the same Reason *Chambury* (b), 3 *Will. Rep.* 256. the Lord may bring a separate Bill against every Tenant of this Manor who shall set up the like Claim. Said per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 257. (b) *Vide P. Ca.*

26. But a Bill to recover a Quit-Rent may be proper in some Circumstances; as where the Lands out of which it is claimed are wholly uncertain (c); and where the Days on which the same is paid are also uncertain: But then these Things ought to be laid in the Bill, else a Landlord may be very vexatious to a Tenant, and make him spend in his own necessary Defence more than three Times the Value of the Rent. Said per Lord Chan. Talbot, in the Case of *Holder* and the Duke of *Chambury* (d), *ibid.* 257. (c) *Vide the Case of North and the Earl and Countess of Strafford, P. Ca.* Also that of the Duke of *Bridgewater* and Sir Francis Edwards, Bart. upon an Appeal in Parliament from a Decree of the Court of Exchequer, February 1733. 3 *Will. Rep.* 257, cites it as taken from the Reporter's MS. (d) *Vide P. Ca.*

27. A Bill in Equity lies not to compel the Performance of an Agreement to pay Money in Consideration of having stifled a Prosecution for Felony; *secus* if to stop a Prosecution at Law for a Fraud (e). *East*. 1734. in *Casu Johnson and Ogilby & al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 277. (e) Rule; Matters of Fraud are cognisable in Equity as well as at Law. 2 *Will. Rep.* 156, 220. 3 *Will. Rep.* 279.

28. A Bill lies in Equity to compel the Delivery of an Altar-piece undefaced. Talbot C. Mich. 1735. *Duke of Somerset* and *Cookson*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 390.

29. Creditors may have a Bill for Relief against Executors. *Vide* (f) *Vide this Case, P. Ca.* the Case of *Morrice* and the Bank of England (f), Mich. 1736. *Cases in Eq. Temp.* Talbot 217.

30. A Bill lies not to ascertain the Bounds of a Manor in Part, unless Plaintiff establish by Proof what Shares he claims. Sir John Webb and Banks, *East*. 12 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.

31. Bill was to compel an Account of an Oyster Fishery, and for an Injunction to prevent Defendant's taking any more Oysters, and to establish Plaintiff's Title, which was set forth under a Grant from Jac. 1. under which Plaintiff's Ancestors had been possessed until 1709. when Defendant, under Pretence of a Grant from K. Charles the First, got into Possession. Defendant demurred to every Thing but the Discovery of his Title, because Plaintiff's Right was triable at Law, and not to be ascertained here. Demurrer allowed, for that a Bill lies not against a single Person to establish a Title before a Trial at Law (g);— And though a Lord of a Manor may come into Equity before his Title at Law ascertained;—Or where several Persons claim the same Right, to prevent Multiplicity of Suits (h), (because a Trial of one Person's Right cannot bind the others) the Court will entertain the Bill as a Bill of Peace, and direct one Issue, which may bind all; yet where one Trial at Law would ascertain the Plaintiff's whole Right and Title, such Trial ought first to be had.—And as to the Account of Oysters taken, that is a mere Action for mesne Profits, which Plaintiff might support after a Recovery in Ejectment. Lord Teynham and Herbert, 18 December 1742. Cor' Lord Hardwick at *Lincolns-Inn Hall*, MS. Rep. (g) Note this. (h) Rule; Equity is to prevent Multiplicity of Suits, or Circuity of Actions.

(B) Who are to be Parties to a Bill (a).

(a) Vide P. 78. Ca. 8. and the Note there.

1. **B**ILL for Payment of Money upon a Bond must be *against all the Obligors* (b), or else there can be no Decree. *Trin. 1667. Anon. Ca. 150. 2 Freem. Rep. 127.*

2. On a Bill against the Heir of a Mortgagee to redeem, and the Executor or Administrator not being made a Party, on this Exception taken at the Hearing the Court would not proceed (c). *East. 1680. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 52. Ca. 57.*

out upon the Account that Money should be paid by the Mortgagor, that is to be paid to the Executor or Administrator, and not to the Heir; and so the Account ought not to be controverted without their Privy. *Ibid.*

3. A. being Residuary Legatee, brought his Bill against J. S. who was one of the Executors, (without his Co-Executor) to have an Account of his own Receipts and Payments. J. S. insisted at the Hearing, that his Co-Executor ought to be made a Party; and that though in Case of two Factors a Bill might be brought against one without the other, if he were beyond Sea; yet that had been allowed only for Necessity, and that it was otherwise in Case of Executors. But the Objection was disallowed; for per Lord Chan. The Cause shall go on, and if upon the Account any Thing appear difficult, the Court will take Care of it. *Mich. 1698. Cowslad and Cely, MS. Rep.*

whether a Foreigner could be served with a Subpœna in a foreign Country.

4. A. binds himself and his Heirs in a Bond, and devises his Lands to J. S. in Fee, and dies; on a Bill brought by the Obligee in the Bond upon the Stat. 3 & 4 W. & M. cap. 14. to affect the real Estate in the Hands of the Devisee, the Devisor's Heir must be made a Party. *Per Cowper C. Mich. 1707. Gawler and Wade, 1 Will. Rep. 99.*

made a Defendant, the Plaintiff must follow the Remedy therein prescribed; and this Bill in Equity is as an Action at Law; *secus* if there were no Heir; and perhaps it might be otherwise too, if the Bill had charged that the Plaintiff had made Inquiry, and could find or discover no Heir. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 100.*

5. A Bill was brought by a Trustee to compel the specific Performance of Marriage Articles, and the Cestui que Trust was not made a Party; ergo it was prayed, that the Cause might not go on after opening the Bill and Answer, because if the Bill should be dismissed, the Cestui que Trust would not at all be bound by it, and so Defendant liable to another Suit for the same Cause. Plaintiff to pay the Costs of the Day, and to make the Cestui que Trust a Party, and the former Bill, Answer and Depositions to stand. *Hil. 1708. Kirk and Clark & al', Prec. in Chan. 275.*

6. A. being seised of Houses in London, leased them for 30 Years to B. who covenanted to repair, and build and keep them in good Repair. B. built, and devised the Term to his Wife, and died. The Wife married C. and C. being indebted to D. D. sued him, and upon a Sci. Fa. the Sheriff assigned the Term to E. in Trust for D. the Assignee assigns it to a Pauper; the Houses being out of Repair, and

not know in what ruinous Condition the Houses are; in that Case he may drop the Term as he can; *secus* where he receives the Houses in good Order, and after they do become ruinous, he assigns them to a Pauper. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid.—Rule; Where a Man can have his Remedy at Law, a Court of Equity will not assist him; and the Law is the same, whether the Lessor assigns over the Term, or it is sold by the Sheriff, for those that claim under the Lessee are bound by the Covenants. Per Lord Chan. Ibid.*

the Rent in Arrear, for Execution of the Articles for Repairs, and an Account for the Arrears of Rent, the Bill was brought. Objected, that the *Executors of the Lessee were not made Parties*. Lord Chan. said, he believed that *B.* the Lessee died insolvent; but to make the Proceedings *unexceptionable*, it would be very proper to have them before the Court, for that it did not appear to him but that the Plaintiff hath had a Satisfaction at Law against the Executors; and if so, the *Plaintiff's Equity will be their Equity*. Bill to be amended, and Executors to be made Parties. *East. 8 Ann. Sainstry and Grammer, MS. Rep.*

7. A Man proposed to raise a Bank, and to procure an Act of Parliament to establish and settle it. About 50 joined with him, and were at equal Expences. This Project being likely to take Effect, 250 more subscribed to raise a Fund; but in effecting the Project about 6000 *l.* were lost, and so it dropped. Then the Persons who were this 6000 *l.* out of Pocket exhibited their Bill against 16 of the 250 Subscribers to bear their Proportion of the Loss. Moved that the Bill should abate for want of Parties; but over-ruled, for the Plaintiffs only pray that Defendants may bear their Proportion of the Loss, which will appear before the Master, as well as if all the 250 Subscribers were there; and so it can be no Prejudice to those Defendants; and if there should happen to be any Disproportion in the Accounts, the Party grieved may have his Remedy by Bill. *East. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

8. An Exception was taken to a Bill for want of Parties, because the Remainder-man expectant upon an Estate-tail was not a Party, and one End of the Bill was to impeach a Settlement. The Exception was over-ruled, because such Remainder-man is not regarded in Equity, neither can he be bound. *East. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

9. The Bill was brought by *A.* and *B.* to be relieved against the City of London, in Regard that they, together with *C.* (who in the Bill was said to be dead) were joint Lessees from the City of divers Water-Springs, at 600 *l.* per Ann. Rent; and the Bill was also to have several Allowances out of the said Rent, by Reason that the Lessees were evicted as to some of the said Waters, and disturbed in the Enjoyment of others by the City themselves, and other Persons. The City answered, and pending the Suit brought an Action of Debt against *A.* and *B.* for the Rent, supposing *C.* to be dead; and *A.* and *B.* plead that *C.* was living, and ought to be made a Defendant to the Action; and this being a Plea in Abatement, they made an Affidavit of the Truth, &c.—And now the City insisted that *C.* who was living, ought to be a Party to this Bill; and so he ought. *Per Par-ker C. East. 1718. Stafford and the City of London, MS. Rep.*

1 Will. Rep. 428. S. C. and states it accord^d says, the Rent was 700 *l.* per Ann. that upon the Cause coming on the Defendants (in Equity) insisted upon want of proper Parties, (viz.) that *C.* was living, and not a Party to the Bill, and that *C.* was a ne-

cessary Party, as he was a joint Lessee, and equally concerned with *A.* and *B.* and if the Allowances (to be) made to *A.* and *B.* were not satisfactory to *C.* he might draw the Account all over again;—that *C.* could not be bound by the Account, unless made a Party; and bringing him before the Master would not be enough, where it appeared he was essentially and equally concerned with any of the other Plaintiffs; Quod Curia concessit, (says the Reporter) *Ibid.* 428.—Then the Question was, whether the Court would give Leave to amend, paying the Costs of the Day, or dismiss the Bill? And *per Cur.*, this is a very Trick to suppose *C.* dead by the Bill, when the Plaintiffs (perhaps) could not get him to join, and yet to swear him living upon the Plea in Abatement; and it being discretionary in the Court either to dismiss the Bill, or to give Leave for an Amendment on Payment of the Costs of the Day, let this Bill be dismissed, but without Prejudice to another Bill. *Ibid.* 429.—*MS. Rep. accord^d.*

10. *A.* having outlawed *B.* for a Debt due on Bond, brought his Bill against *B.* and *C.*, a Trustee for *B.* with Respect to an Annuity of 20 l. per Ann. devised to *B.* in order to subject this Annuity to *A.*'s Debt.—And per Lord Chan. Parker, for as much as by the Outlawry all *B.*'s Interest, as well equitable as legal, was forfeited to the Crown; and tho' *A.* was intitled to a Grant thereof from the Crown, (which upon Application to the Court of Exchequer he would have of Course) yet since this Trust continued in the Crown until taken out, his Lordship directed *A.* to get such Grant, and to make the Attorney General a Party, and then to come again. Trin. 1718. Ball and Wastall, 1 Will. Rep. 445.

And agreeable hereto after in Easter Term 1721. in the Case of Hayward and Fry, where *J. S.* owing the Plaintiff 100 l. and the Defendant Fry owing *J. S.* 100 l. on Note, and the Plaintiff Hayward outlawed *J. S.* and brought a Bill against *J. S.* and Fry to have this 100 l. paid him; the Master of the Rolls declared the Plaintiff could have no Title but by Grant under the Exchequer Seal, all the personal Estate of *J. S.* being vested in the Crown by the Outlawry, and put off the Cause in order that the Plaintiff might get such Grant, and make the Attorney General a Party. Ibid. 446.

11. In a Suit on Behalf of a Charity, for the Arrears of a Rent-charge, it is not necessary to make all the Tertenants of the Land, out of which the Rent issues, Parties. Per Parker C. Hil. 1719. Attorney General and Wyburgh & al', 1 Will. Rep. 599.

12. They only are Parties to a Bill against whom Process is prayed. Per Parker C. Mich. 1719. Hawkes and Pratt, 1 Will. Rep. 593.

13. Bill to establish a Will, and to perform several Trusts, some of them relating to Charities; the Bill was brought by some of the Trustees against other Trustees, and several Cestuy que Trusts. The Attorney General need not be made a Defendant, for some of the Trustees of the Charity are made Defendants; and there may be a Decree to compel an Execution of the Trusts in the Will relating to these Charities; and if there should be any Collusion between the Parties in Relation to the Charity, the Attorney General notwithstanding a Decree may bring an Information to establish the Charity, and set aside the Decree; so if he is made a Defendant in Case of Collusion between the Parties. Objected, that one of the Trustees was not brought to Hearing. Answered, that he is named a Defendant in the Bill; but being beyond Seas, is not amenable by the Process of the Court; and therefore Plaintiff may proceed without him, otherwise there would be a Failure of Justice; besides, the Trustee is one of the Plaintiffs in the Cross Cause, and so is before the Court; Quod fuit concessum. Per Parker C. Trin. 5 Geo. 1. Monill and Lawson, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (H) Ca. 11.

Estate is devised to Trustees for Charities to Persons certain who are capable to sue or be sued, such Persons ought to be made Defendants as well as other Cestuy que Trusts. Ibid.—In the Margin of this Case of Monill and Lawson, Mr. Viner says, "Note, Parker C. seemed to take a Difference where Trustees of the Charity are appointed by the Donor, and where no Trustees are appointed, but the Lands devised immediately to charitable Uses; in the latter Case there can be no Decree, unless the Attorney General be made a Party; but otherwise where Trustees are appointed by the Donor. This proceeded to Hearing, and Objections over-ruled. Per Parker C." Ibid.

14. Where an Executor in Trust was outlawed, and a Witness proved he had inquired after, but could not find him; this was thought to be a full Answer to an Objection that such Executor was not made a Party to the Suit. Parker C. Mich. 1720. Heath and Percival, 1 Will. Rep. 682, 684.

15. Where a Bill is brought for Surrender of a Copyhold Estate held for Lives, the Lord must be made a Party, because when the Surrender is made, the Estate is in the Lord, and he is under no Obligation

tion to new grant it; *contra* in Case of Copyholds of Inheritance, for there the Lord needs not be a Party. *Mich. Vac. 1720. Anon. Viner's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (X. e.) Ca. 5.*

MS. Rep.
S. C. accord.

16. The Bill was brought by the Treasurer and Manager of the Temple Mills Brass Work, in Behalf of themselves and all others, Proprietors and Partners in the same Undertaking, (except the Defendants, who were the late Treasurer and Manager) to call them to an Account touching the Partnership. Defendants demurred, for that all the Rest of the Proprietors were not made Parties. Demurrer disallowed, because the Bill being in Behalf of themselves, &c. except the Defendants, all the Rest were in Effect Parties; and also for that it would be impracticable to make them all Parties by Name, for then there would be continual Abatements by Death, and otherwise, and no coming at Justice. *Trin. 1722. Anon. Prec. in Chan. 592.*

17. A. cannot sue as a Creditor one Co-Executor without the other;—nor as Residuary Legatee. *Per Cur', Hil. 10 Geo. 1. Scurry & Ux' and Morfe, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 89.*

(a) Vide Balch
and Masfal,
P. Ca.
(b) Vide P.
Ca.

18. A. is indebted to B. B. outlaws A. and C. having Goods in his Hands, B. brings a Bill against C. to discover what Goods of A. he has in his Hands; the Attorney General ought to be a Party to such Bill (a). *Per Lord Commissioner Gilbert, East. 1725.*—and Bromley (b), 2 Will. Rep. 269.

This appears
to have been
a Bond as well
joint as sever-
al; and as
the Obligee
may sue it
severally at
Law, so he
may also in

19. A. B. and C. were bound jointly and severally in a Bond to J. S.—C. dies, J. S. brings a Bill against C.'s Executors for a Discovery of his personal Estate, and for an Account thereof, and to be paid out of Assets.—C.'s Executors may be sued in Equity for the Debt, without making the surviving Obligors Parties. Ruled on Demurrer with great Clearness, *per King C. Mich. 1725. Collins and Griffith, 2 Will. Rep. 313.*

Equity; if it were not so, there would be no Difference in Equity betwixt a joint Bond and one joint and several; and if any of the Obligors have paid all or part, the Obligor who is sued, or his Representative, must bring a Bill, and have it allowed; and it must also lie upon him to compel the other Obligors to contribute towards Payment of the Debt. The Creditor lent his Money upon Terms to have a Security upon which he might sue the Obligors severally, and if it were otherwise, that which was intended to strengthen the Security would tend to hurt it, for the Obligee might not be able to find all the Obligors out; and by the same Reason that all the other Obligors (c) are to be sued, if any are dead, their Heirs as well as Executors are to be made Parties; and then as it would be difficult to commence the Suit, so the Suit when commenced would be subject to continual Abatements, which would be a great Difficulty on an honest Creditor. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid. (c) It was insisted that the other Obligors ought to have been Parties to the Suit. Ibid.*

20. A. devises that his Executors should sell his Lands in D. The Executors renouncing, Administration was granted to B. who brings a Bill against the Heir to compel a Sale, and for him to join. Ob-
jected, that the Executors ought to have been made Defendants, for notwithstanding they had renounced, yet the Power of Sale continued in them, and was altogether collateral to their Executorship. But there being only a Power, and no Estate devised to the Executors, this Ob-

(d) The Re-
porter says ta-
men 2. Ibid.

jection was over-ruled (d). *Per King C. Mich. 1725. Yates and Compton, 2 Will. Rep. 308.*

Vide Tit. Exe-
cutors and Ad-
ministrators,
P. Ca.

21. A. leaves a personal Estate to her Executor in Trust for her Bastard. The Bastard dies intestate, without Wife or Issue. The Executor brings a Bill against B. who has in her Hands the Portion belonging to the Bastard, praying an Account of the same. B. demurs, because the Attorney General and the Bastard's Administrator are not Parties. Demurrer disallowed, for that the Executor is legally

intitled

intituled to the personal Estate of his Testatrix; and though this is in Trust for the Bastard, yet as the Executor has the legal Title, he can give a good Discharge to the Defendant. Hil. Vac. 1729. Jones and Goodchild, MS. Rep.

22. In a Devise of Lands to pay Debts, if the Creditors bring a Bill to compel a Sale, the Heir must be a Party; for per Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, since the Sale of the Estate must affect all the Devisees in Proportion, and as the Estate would not, without the Heir being a Party to the Decree, sell for near the Value, this might be a Wrong to all the Devisees, and occasion more of their Lands to be sold than would (perhaps) be otherwise necessary. Hil. 1730. in Casu Harris and Ingledew, 3 Will. Rep. 91, 93.

23. A. is Tenant for Years, Remainder to B. for Life, Remainder ^{Vide P.} to C. in Fee; A. is doing Waste; B. though he cannot bring Waste, ^{C.} as not having the Inheritance, yet he is intitled to an Injunction, but not unless the Reversioner or Remainder-man in Fee be made a Party, who possibly may approve of the Waste. Per Lord Chan. King in Casu Mollineux and Powell, East. 1730. 3 Will. Rep. 268. in a Note.

24. A. made a Mortgage (for 500 Years) to B. for 250 l. who in 1705. assigned the Term to C. for 300 l. B. died; C. brought a Bill against A. to foreclose, and tho' but a derivative Mortgagee, yet he did not make B.'s Representatives Parties, which he ought to have done, for B. had a Right to redeem C. and to prevent another Account, as to what is due upon the original Mortgage, his Representatives ought to be before the Court. Per King C. Mich. 1731. Hobart and Abbot, 2 Will. Rep. 643.

25. The Bill was brought by the Widow of J. S. against his Heir to compel him to rebuild and finish her Jointure House, and to make Satisfaction for what she had sustained for want of the Use thereof; J. S. having covenanted for himself and his Heirs, that this House should remain to the Uses in the Settlement (a), made upon his Marriage with the Plaintiff.—J. S. died, leaving real Assets of great Value, which descended to Defendant.—As to such Part of the Bill as prayed that he should rebuild, or repair so much of the Jointure House as his Father had pulled down, or which sought to be repaired in Damages for want of the Use thereof, and in respect of the Plaintiff's being forced to hire another House in its Stead, (all which were suggested in the Bill) the Defendant demurred, for that the Executor or Administrator of J. S. ought to be a Party.—Resolved per Talbot C. that though at Law the Creditors may sue the Heir only, where he is expressly bound, yet in Equity they may sue both the Heir and the Executor (b). That the natural Fund for the Payment of Debts is the personal Estate, and this ought to go in Ease of the Land. That as the Executor (c) may make it appear that he has made Satisfaction to the Plaintiff for Breach of this Covenant, he must be made a Party (d). Mich. 1734. Knight and Knight, 3 Will. Rep. 331.

(a) By which J. S. was (inter alia) Tenant for Life of this House, Remainder to the Plaintiff for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male successively. with Remainders over.
(b) Here, Equitas non sequitur legem.

(d) The Court delights to do compleat Justice.

Justice, and not by Halves: As first to decree the Heir to perform this Covenant, and then to put the Heir upon another Bill against the Executor to reimburse himself out of the personal Assets, which may be more sufficient to answer the Covenant; and where they are both brought before the Court, compleat Justice may be done by decreeing the Executor to perform this Covenant as far as the personal Assets will extend; the Rest to be made good by the Heir out of the real Assets. And here appears no Difficulty or Inconvenience in bringing the Executor before the Court; on the contrary it would prevent Multiplicity of Suits, which this Court ought to do. Per Lord Chan. in S. C. Ibid. 334. (c) In a Bill brought by a Mortgagee against the Heir of a Mortgagor to foreclose, it was objected that the Executor of the Obligor ought to be a Party, because it did not appear but that he might have paid the Debt. But by the Master of the Rolls, (in the Absence of the Lord Chan.) and Goldborough the Register, there is no Necessity for making the Executor of the Mortgagor a Party, because the Bill being only to foreclose the Equity, the Plaintiff need only make him a Party that has the Equity, (viz.) the

Heir,

Heir, and the Course is so. Neither is the Plaintiff the Mortgagee any ways bound to intermeddle with the personal Estate, or to run into any Account thereof; and if the *Heir would have the Benefit of any Payment made by the Mortgagor or his Executor, he must prove it.* Easter 1720. *Duncomb and Hansley.*—So Note the Diversity of the Case of Knight and Knight (on the other Side), and this last; for there the Bill was to recover a Satisfaction in Damages, &c. and the personal Estate is the natural Fund for that Purpose: But in *Duncomb and Hansley*, the Bill was not to recover the Debt, but only to bar the Equity of Redemption. 3 Will. Rep. 333. in a Note by the Editor.

Vide Prec. in Chan. 63, 64. Mich. 1696. 26. In a Bill for an Account of the personal Estate of J. S. tho' the Person who has a Right to administer to J. S. be a Party, yet this is not sufficient without Administration actually taken out, for if any Account should be taken, it may be all overhauled again when Administration shall be taken out. Per Talbot C. Hil. 1734. *Humphreys & Ux' and Humphreys*, 3 Will. Rep. 349.

the Administrator of the Husband was not made a Party; but the Wife being called Administratrix in the Bill, and having by her Answer confessed that she had possessed the personal Estate, and disposed of it, (and being the Person by Law intitled to Administration) tho' she denied by Answer that she had taken Administration, the Court over-ruled the Objection.—1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 70. Ca. 14. *Cleland and Cleland* is not S. P.

27. If a Bill is brought to establish a general Modus thro' a whole Parish, all the Land-Owners must be either Plaintiffs or Defendants; but if the Person sues for Tithes in Kind, Defendant may insist upon such a Modus, tho' the Rest of the Parishioners are not made Parties. *Rudge and Hopkins*, MS. Rep.

2. Term and Year. 28. To a Bill for Relief, all Parties necessary to the Relief must be made Parties, or Defendant may plead to such a Bill; *secus* where a Discovery only is wanted. *Sangosa and the East-India Company*, MS. Rep.

2. Term and Year. 29. J. S. by his Marriage Settlement reserves to himself a Power to dispose of the Lands therein mentioned (and which are settled in strict Settlement) as he should think proper, in Case he settled other Lands of the Value of 100 l. per Ann. to the same Uses. There is Issue of this Marriage a Daughter; B. without Notice of this Settlement, articted with J. S. for the Purchase of these Lands, but before the Time for completing the Payment of the Purchase Money, B. had Notice of the Settlement, and thereupon he refused to pay the Residue. J. S. brought his Bill in order to compel B. to compleat his Contract, suggesting that at the Time this Contract was entered into, he (J. S.) had settled other Lands of the Value of 100 l. per Ann. to the Uses in the original Settlement. At the Hearing it was held by Lord Chan. that the Wife and Daughter ought to be made Parties (a). Hil. 1740. *Anon.* MS. Rep.

(a) For in order to have a Decree for Performance of the Contract, it will be incumbent on the Plaintiff to make out that he has effectually settled other Lands of the Value of 100 l. per Ann. to the same Uses as in the original Settlement; now the Proof that the Plaintiff may make of this might be sufficient to intitle him to such Decree in Case that the Wife and Child were not made Parties, and yet it might not be sufficient in Case that they were; and were they not to be Parties, they might bring a new Bill, and overturn the Defendant's Title. And notwithstanding they should be brought before the Master, (for it was insisted that it would be sufficient to bring them before the Master, in order that they might lay before him any Objections to shew that the Estate in the second Settlement was not of the Value of 100 l. per Ann.) nothing that is there done will conclude them, and the Plaintiff cannot (in this Case) make out a good Title unless they are made Parties. It is not proper to make Persons Parties to a Bill, merely to the End that they may litigate their own Title; but here is another End of making the Wife and Daughter Parties. The Bill may be amended by praying that they may join in the Conveyance to the Purchaser, and a Decree may be made accordingly. Per Lord Chan. *Barnard. Eq. Rep.* 372. in S. C.—MS. Rep. to the same Effect.

30. In a Bill against the Treasurer under the Commission relating to the Building of the 50 new Churches, the Commissioners must be Parties. Per Lord Chan. Hil. 1740. *Vernon and Blakerby*, *Barnard. Eq. Rep.* 377, 378, 383, 384.

(C) Bills of Discovery (a).

(a) Vide
Treatise of Eq.
Cap. 3. P.
128.

1. **T**HOUGH no Bill of Discovery will lie on *penal* Statutes without waving the Penalty, yet the Advantage of Pleading it seems waved by *Partners in clandestine Trade*. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Gascoyne and Sidwell & al' (b) in Canc', Gilb. Eq. Rep. 186, 187.*

(b) Vide P.
72. Ca. 19.

S. C. more fully abridg'd.—The chief Distinction upon the Rule, that a Discovery should draw with it Relief, seems to be, that where a Discovery is prayed, and a liquidated Debt admitted by the Answer, the Court might then proceed to give Relief;—but where the Debt was unliquidated, being uncertain, and sounding in Damages, it was proper for a Jury to ascertain it, there being nothing for a Court of Equity to found a Determination on. *Per Gilbert C. B. Ibid.*—The Case of *Dupins and the Duke of Kingston* was cited for the Plaintiff, which was a Bill brought by a Millener against the Duke, as Administrator of his Son, for a Discovery of Assets, and to have a Debt which was due to her from the Son discharged; in which Case it was laid down as a Rule, that Discovery should draw with it Relief; to which *Hale B.* said, he thought this cited Case should have gone no further than a Discovery, and after that should have proceeded at Law. *Ibid.*

2. *J. S.* who had furnished necessary Tackling for a Ship, which was afterwards sold, by Bill prays a Discovery of the personal Estate of one of the Part-Owners, who was dead, and to have Relief against his Executor, and the surviving Part-Owners. *Per Gilbert C. B.* Though this Case is within the Mercantile Law, yet it being admitted by the Answer, that the Charge was for Tackling, &c. this Court must grant the same Redress as a Court of Admiralty would, (*viz.*) upon the Bottom of the Ship, and it would be very hard to send the Plaintiff back again, there to obtain Relief; that all the Part-Owners ought to make Satisfaction, having received the Profits of the Voyage, which the Ship was enabled to perform, by the Plaintiff's furnishing the Tackling, &c. And *Hale B.* said, in the present Case the Proceedings here were very proper; for in the Court of Admiralty Seamen's Wages are recoverable, and they are also chargeable upon the Bottom of the Ship, and yet Chancery retains Bills for them (c). *East. 12 Geo. 1. Allport and Thomas in Scacc', Gilb. Eq. Rep. 227, 228.*

(c) Rule; E-
quity has a
concurrent Ju-
risdiction with the Admiralty.

(D) Bills of Peace.

1. **W**HERE the same Plaintiff has brought several Ejectments against the same Defendant for the same Lands, and five Verdicts have been given for the Defendant, a Bill of Peace is not so proper in this Case, one Man being able to contend with another. *Per Lord Keep. Hil. 5 Ann. Earl of Bath and Sherwin, Prec. in Chan. 261. — Gilb. Eq. Rep. 2. S. C.*

Vide Lucas's
Rep. Anon.
which seems
to be the same
Case.

2. Bill to be quieted in the Possession of an antient Ferry used with a Rope over the River Ware, was brought against twenty Defendants, (who had cut the Rope) to avoid the Multiplicity of Actions. *Per Parker C.* Plaintiff may have Trespass for cutting the Rope; a Ferry is in Nature of a Highway, and a Bill does not lie to be quieted in Possession of an Highway.—A Bill lies to be quieted in the Possession of Common (d), but that is of a different Nature; this is a navigable River, and the Rope to the Ferry is an Obstruction to the Navigation; if Plaintiff has any such Right, there is a proper Remedy for him at Law. Bill dismissed with Costs. *East. 13 Ann. Hilton and Lord Scarborough & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (D. a.) Ca. 35.*

(d) Vide next
Case.

3. A Bill was brought to be *quieted in the Possession of a Right of Common, and to prevent Distresses*; and though the Plaintiff produced Affidavits of above fifty Years quiet Possession, and Evidence of their Right of Commonage in the Time of Q. Eliz. yet the Court refused to interpose till one or more Verdicts at Law; and dissolved Plaintiff's Injunction obtained for want of an Answer. Ruled on Motion *per King C. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Anon. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 183.*

Mr. Attorney General admitted the Rule, but said, the Plaintiff was the only Person interrupted, and therefore the others cannot be made Plaintiffs; and to make them Defendants would be only bringing them into Court to pay their Costs; but *per Lord Chan.* this is not suggested in the Bill. *Ibid.*

4. Bill brought by one Tenant of a Manor, suggesting a Custom for the Tenants of the Manor of A. (of which he was one) to cut Turfs in the Manor of B. To quiet him, and to have an Issue directed as to the Right, was the End of the Bill. This Bill is *improper*, and *inconsistent with the Nature and End of such Bills*, which is, that where several Persons having the same Right are disturbed, on Application to the Court to prevent Expence, and (to which each of them are intitled to on their several Rights) *Multiplicity of Suits*, Issues will be directed, and one or two Determinations will establish the Right of all Parties concerned on the Foot of one common Interest; but in all those Bills either all Parties join, or a determinate Number in the Name of themselves, and the Rest prefer a Bill; but in this Case one only brings the Bill on the general Right, and not on the Foot of any particular distinct Right. Bill dismissed with Costs. *Per King C. Trin. 2 Geo. 2. Baker and Rogers, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 74, 75.*

(a) 2. Term and Year.
(b) But where the Bill is founded on an express Grant of the Toll, tho' the Rise of the Toll cannot be known, yet the Suit being brought on the Grant of the Crown, it is in the Nature of a Bill of Peace. *Ibid.*

5. Bill to establish a Custom in the Case of a common Person must regularly be founded on a Trial at Law, for when the Right is settled it becomes a Bill of Peace. Nottingham Town and Ward (a).—So where the City of London brought a Bill for a customary Toll (b) for going through one of their Gates with a Carriage. Defendant demurred, because the Toll was not established at Law, and Demurrer allowed. City of London and Torn, Trin. 10 Geo. 2. Cor' Talbot, MS. Notes.

(E) Supplemental and amended Bills.

1. NO Proceedings upon an amended Bill till the Costs of the former Proceedings are discharged. December 6, 1705. Gage and Lister, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (E. b.) Ca. 9.

2. Whenever there is new Matter in amended or supplemental Bills, there can be no Proceedings against the Defendant without a new Service *Ad faciend' Attorn'*; and a Cause cannot be brought to a Hearing without it, for Defendant ought to have an Opportunity to defend himself against the new Matter. Mar. 6, 1720. Cheevers and Geoghegan, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (E. b.) Ca. 10.

Vide P. C.

3. The Bill charged, by way of Amendment, Matters which arose after the filing of the Bill, and therefore proper for a supplemental Bill; and though this was pleaded to the Bill, yet the Plea was over-ruled; for such Matters may be charged, either by way of supplemental or amended Bill. Talbot C. Hil. 1734. Humphreys & Ux' and Sir W. Humphreys, Bart. 3 Will. Rep. 349, 351.

4. Where a supplemental Bill is brought after Publication, it is irregular to examine Witnesses to a Matter that was in Issue, and not proved in the original Cause; and such Proofs not to be read.—

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If there be *no Proof to the new Matter in the supplemental Bill*, it must be dismissed. *Mar. 31, 1735. Bagnal and Bagnal, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (R. a.) Ca. 8 & 9.*

5. *A.* brings a *supplemental Bill*, containing new Matter discovered since the filing of his *original Bill*, and a Decree pronounced thereupon, (*but not signed and inrolled*) and at the same Time a Petition of Rehearing in the *Nature of a Bill of Review*, praying that the former Decree may be rectified in the Particulars complained of by the *supplemental Bill*. Tho' this Method is not of very long standing, yet there have been some Precedents of it, (*i. e. one in Lord Talbot's Time, and two in the present Chancellor's*) and it is of itself a reasonable Thing that this Method should be allowed of *where a Decree is not signed and inrolled*. It is founded upon Reason, because if *A.* should be forced to sign and inrol a Decree which he thinks himself aggrieved by, and then to bring a strict Bill of Review, it would only tend to increase Expence and Vexation; whereas the Method which *A.* has taken, attains the Justice of the Case as fully as the other would. Indeed this Method should be put under some Restriction as well as the other; and as in the other Method, *viz. of a Bill of Review*, *A.* must annex an Affidavit to such Bill, setting forth that the Matter on which he founds his Relief has come to his Knowledge since the Time of the Decree; so it is fit that an Affidavit of this Sort should be annexed to the *supplemental Bill*, but according to the former Precedents, that has not hitherto been required, and therefore it cannot be insisted on in this Case. *Per Lord Chan. East. 1740. Standish and Radley, Barnard. Eq. Rep. 463, 468.*

MS. Rep. S.C. to the same Effect.

(F) Bills of Interpleader.

1. **W**HERE Money shall be brought into Court, and there remain till the *Heir* and *Executor* interplead, *vide* the Case of the *Earl of Carlisle and Globe & Ux' & al', Executors of Andrews, P. Ca.*

2. Where a Bill in *Nature of a Bill of Interpleader* was brought to redeem a mortgaged Estate, praying that the Defendants might settle the Right between themselves, that Plaintiff might not pay his Money to a wrong Hand, *vide* the Case of *Shotbolt and Biscoe, P. Ca.*

(G) Bills of Review.

1. **T**HERE can be no Bill of Review for any Matter which might have been made Use of in the first Cause, or for any Matter subsequent to the Decree, as the Plaintiff's Confession. Said *per Cur' in Casu Curtis and Smallridge, 26 Jan. 1 Car. 2. 2 Freem. Rep. 178.*

Chan. Ca. 43. Hil. 15 & 16 Car. 2. S. C. and P.—1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 337. Ca. 2. S. C. but not S. P.

2. A Bill of Review will not lie but against those who were Parties to the original Bill; as where *J. S.* mortgaged Lands to *A.* in Fee for 1000*l.* and covenanted and gave Bond to pay the Money, but

3 Chan. Rep. 94. Hil. 1659. The Earl of Carlisle and Globe & Ux'

& al', Executors of Andrews, S. C. states it accord', and says, J. S. brought his Bill against G. and his Wife before the Time ordered for Payment of the Money by the Decree, setting forth the whole Matter, and praying Directions to whom he should pay the Money, and to have the Bond delivered up; this was by an original Bill; and the Court held that in this Case a Bill of Review would not lie, because the Executor was not a Party to the former Bill.—Nelf. Chan. Rep. 52. S. C. in totidem verbis with Chan. Rep.

forfeited. *A.* died, leaving *G.*'s Wife his Heir at Law. *G.* and his Wife brought a Bill against *J. S.* for Payment of the Money, or else *J. S.* to be foreclosed; and it was decreed accordingly, but *J. S.* did not pay the Money according to the Decree; but upon discovering that *A.* had made a Will, and had given this Money to his Executor, *J. S.* brought a Bill desiring that he might be admitted to pay the Money to the Executor, he having the Right, and no Party to the former Decree; this was by original Bill, and not by Bill of Review; and in this Case a Bill of Review would not lie, because the Executor was no Party to the former Decree. *Per Cur'*, *East.* 15 *Car. 2.* 1663: *Earl of Carlisle and Globe & Ux' & al', Executors of Andrews, Cor' Lords Commissioners Widdrington, Tyrrell and Fountain,* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 148, 149.

In the principal Cause of Review must arise and appear upon the Case, as stated in the Decree, and that the Fact must be admitted as it is there stated; and that tho' the Fact whereon the Court gave Judgment was mistaken, yet there is no Ground for a Bill of Review, (*after a Decree inrolled **), but the Fact in this Case must be admitted true, and the Decree (*inrolled*) is Matter of Record, and can be tried only by the Record; but in mistaking the Fact, the proper Course had been to have gotten the Cause reheard before the Decree had been signed and inrolled. *Per Lord Chan. and Rainsford B.* 16 *June* 16 *Car. 2.* *Combes and Proud,* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 182.

the Fact. The Errors assigned by the Bill of Review were, that the Decree was grounded on Matters not proved, and instanced in Particulars, and that the Matters mentioned in the Decree to be proved were not proved; the Demurrer to the Bill was general, that the Decree contained no Error in Law, and that the Matters alledged for Error were but Misjudgments; and on Debate it was declared as above. *Ibid.*—*Can. Ca.* 54. *S. C.* states it to the same Effect, and adds, the Reason why the Review did not lie was, because as the Decree was drawn up, there was no Error appeared in it. *Ibid.* 55. * These Words in Italick are taken from the Report of the Case in *Chan. Ca.* *Ibid.*

4. The Defendant answered the Bill of Review, but so as that some Matter in his Answer would bring into Examination some Part of the Decree, as it was signed and inrolled; on which Answer as to that Part there was a Demurrer, because that would tend to *Perjury* and *Infiniteness* to re-examine Things executed and decreed; and *Cur'* of the same Opinion;—But *per* Defendant's Counsel and Court, there can be no Demurrer upon an Answer in Equity. *Glyn*, Serjeant, said he had known it. The Court ordered that there should be no Examination of that which had been executed. 23 *June* 16 *Car. 2.* *Williams and Owen,* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 181.

3 *Chan. Rep.* 5. The Defendant had a Decree for Money. The Plaintiff by Bill of Review reversed this Decree, and the Money decreed to the Plaintiff. *Per Cur'*: On searching of Precedents, the Defendant shall not pay Damage for this Money. 23 *May* 16 *Car. 2.* *Jackson and Eyre,* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 181.

Directions were given to search for Precedents, whether Damages had been given on a Bill of Review, and no Precedents were produced; and it was confidently affirmed that there was no Precedent of any Costs or Damages given on a Bill of Review; and compared it to a Judgment in a Writ of Error, where the Judgment is, that the Party shall recover *quicquid amisit per judicium prædictum*, but no Damages or Costs; and in this Case it was ruled that there should be none.—*Nels. Rep. in Chan.* 83. *Jackson* and *Digby S. P.* and seems to be *S. C.*

Chan. Ca. 51. 6. Resolved on Demurrer, that if a Man have less decreed him than he would have, he shall not bring a Bill of Review, for a Bill of Review lies only for him against whom the Decree or Dismission is. 14 *May* 16 *Car. 2.* *Glover and Portington,* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 182, 183. *Trin.* 1665. *Cor' Lord Chan. and B. Rainsford.*

7. This Difference was taken by the Chancellor, where a Matter in Fact was particularly in Issue before the former Hearing, though you have new Proof of the Matter, upon that you shall never have a Bill of Review; but where a new Fact is alledged that was not at the former Hearing, there it may be a Ground for a Bill of Review. 1677. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 31. Ca. 35.

8. In a Bill of Review all Things are to be performed according to the former Decree that do not extinguish the Right, otherwise the Non-performance is a good Plea in Bar; as if Writings are to be brought into Court, or Cofts paid, but not to release the Right, or make a Conveyance, because that would destroy the Right. Mich. 1683. Fitton and Lord Maxfield, 2 Freem. 88.

Not bringing in Writings according to the Decree sought to be reversed, nor giving Security for the Cofts in the

Bill of Review, was pleaded in the Case of Okeover and Poole. Ibid.—1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 82. Ca. 11. S. C. but not S. P.

9. Though there is no Limitation of Time for bringing a Bill of Review, yet after a long Acquiescence under a Decree Chancery will not reverse it, but upon apparent Errors. Per North Lord Keep. Hil. 1684. in Casu Fitton and Earl of Macclesfield, 1 Vern. Rep. 287.

1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 82. Ca. 11. is not S. P.

10. It was agreed by the Court and Bar, that the Course of the Court is, before any Bill of Review is granted, the former Decree ought to be executed, if the Cause of such Bill be not such as extinguishes the whole Right and Foundation of the Decree, as a Release;—And it is a good Plea in Bar of a Bill of Review, that the former Decree is not executed;—And it was said, that tho' Bills of Review be in Nature of a Writ of Error, yet it is not favoured in Equity; for upon a Writ of Error (and that only in some particular Cases) one need only to give Bail to pay Principal and Cofts; but in Bills of Review the Decree ought to be actually complied with; and besides, there ought to be Security for Cofts.—But a Case of Palmer and Denby was cited, where in the Case of an Executor it was granted without Examination of the Decree. Mich. 11 W. 3. in Chan. Ca. in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 343.

11. A Bill of Review was brought and demurred to; and afterwards the Plaintiff in the Bill of Review moved to dismiss the Bill, as not being regularly filed, upon Payment of Cofts out of the 50 l. deposited upon the filing thereof, and the same was granted. Per Lord Chan. Cowper, Mich. 4 Geo. 1. The Bishop of Durham and Sir Henry Lyddal, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (Z. 6.) Ca. 2.

12. No Objection is to be made on a Bill of Review that is not assigned for Error. Jan. 8, 1717. Watkins and Price, Ibid. (Z. 5.) Ca. 5.

Objection to a Master's Report cannot be assigned for Error upon a Bill of Review. Ibid. in S. C.

13. The Plaintiff's original Bill was to settle the Boundaries of his Manor; upon the first Hearing an Issue was directed, and a Verdict found for the Plaintiff; and afterwards the Cause coming on, upon the Equity reserved there was a final Decree for quieting Plaintiff in Possession, &c. and Defendant was to pay Cofts. Then Defendant moved for Leave to file a Bill of Review, upon his Solicitor's Affidavit, "that certain new Evidence was discovered in Favour of Defendant since the Verdict and Decree." The Question was, if the Defendant

Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (Z. 3.) 7 Dec. 4 Geo. S. C. and P. says, on Plaintiff's Behalf a Book of Rules printed in 1623. was produced, wherein there was a Rule Temp. Bacon

Chan. and another in 1656. to the Effect following, viz. "That no Bill of Review shall be allowed till after the Decree performed in all Parts, unless such Performance would extinguish the Party's Right or Title at Law," (as a Conveyance of Land, Release, &c.) And per Lord Chan. These old Orders are reasonable and just, and ought to be observed to prevent Delays by Bills of Review, which would be brought in all Causes of Value, if

they might be filed without Leave of the Court, and before the Decree performed; and Payment of Costs ought to be performed, &c.

dant should have Leave to file the Bill without first paying the Costs, decreed? And per Cowper C. He shall not, for Payment of Costs ought to be performed rather than any other Part of the Decree. And his Lordship held, that Bills of Review could not be filed without Leave of the Court, in order to prevent unconscionable Delays by such Bills which would be brought in all Causes of Consequence. *Mich. Vac. 4 Geo. Sir Henry Lyddal and the Bishop of Durham, MS. Rep.*

especially in this Case, where the new Matter discovered was in the Power of the Party, and it was his Neglect it was not discovered sooner; and let the Event of the Bill be what it will, the Plaintiff ought to have Costs, as in Case of a new Trial granted upon the like Grounds. Where Money is decreed, it must be paid before a Bill of Review is filed, tho' it must be refunded if the Decree be reversed upon the Bill of Review; but here if the Decree should be reversed, yet the Costs ought not to be refunded. And his Lordship thought the Party himself should make an Affidavit that this new Matter was discovered since the Decree, and that the Affidavit of a Solicitor is not sufficient; for Defendant himself, or some other Agent of his, might be informed of this Matter before, at least if Defendant by reason of his Age, high Station and Quality, may be excused from making an Affidavit of the particular Matters and Facts, yet at least he should have an Affidavit to corroborate that of his Solicitor; but this Affidavit of the Solicitor is not a sufficient Ground for a Bill of Review, and therefore the Defendant must take nothing by the Motion. *Ibid.*

Matters already settled, or which might have been put in issue in the original Cause, shall never be drawn into Examination upon a Bill of Review. *Ibid.* in S. C.

14. Forgetfulness or Negligence of Parties under no Incapacity, is no Foundation for a Bill of Review. *Jan. 13, 1719. Ludlow and Macartney, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (Z) Ca. 18.*

(a) *Vide Lord Bacon's Ordinances, Ord. 1.*

15. Upon every Bill of Review to reverse a Decree, the Plaintiff must (a) deposit 50 l. with the Register to answer Costs of Suit to the Defendant.—If a Bill of Review be brought upon new Matter, as upon a Deed discovered by the Plaintiff since the former Decree, the Plaintiff must have Leave for filing such Bill, tho' Leave is not necessary if the Bill be brought to reverse a Decree for Error appearing on the Face thereof.—But in the principal Case, the Plaintiff having deposited the 50 l. and annexed an Affidavit to the Bill, that the Deed on which the Bill of Review was founded, came first to his Knowledge after the pronouncing the Decree; the Bill was allowed upon his paying the Costs of Defendant's Motion to dismiss it, for that it was filed without Leave. *King C. Trin. 1725. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 283, 284.*

16. Bills of Review are allowed only on Errors apparent in the Record, or on new Matter discovered since the Decree. Ruled on Motion, per King C. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 184.*

17. A Bill of Review ought not to be brought but for manifest Errors appearing on the Face of the Decree, or for new Matters arising since the Decree, of which no Advantage could have been taken without Leave of the Court to bring such Bill upon new Matters discovered. *Mar. 1, 1726. Ashton and Smith, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (Z) Ca. 19.*—And no Bill of Review lies without paying the Duty. Decreed (b) in S. C. *Ibid. (Z. 3.) Ca. 10.*

(b) *Jan. 21, 1717. Bishop of Durham and Lyddell S. P. Ibid. (Z. 3.) Ca. 10.*

18. Bills of Review are usually upon Discovery of new Evidence. *Hil. Vac. 15 Mar. 1734. South-Sea Company and Bumstead, Ibid. (Z. 5.) Ca. 8.*

19. If a Decree be obtained and *inrolled*, so that the Cause cannot be *reheard*, then there is no Remedy but by Bill of Review (a), which must be either for Error appearing upon the Face of the Decree, or upon some new Matter (b), as a Release, Receipt, &c. proved to have been discovered since. Laid down as a Rule for Lord Chan. Talbot, *Trin.* 1735. Taylor and Sharp, 3 Will. Rep. 371.

might be made Use of as a Method for a vexatious Person to be oppressive to the other Side, and for the Cause never to be at Rest. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* (a) For if an original Bill were to be allowed, the Decrees of the Court would be opposite and contrary one to the other, which would breed the utmost Confusion. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.*

(b) For unless Relief were confined to such new Matter, it

(H) Bills original after a Decree (c).

(c) Vide Lloyd and Mansell, P. 71. Ca. 10:

—Floyd and Mansell, P. Ca. —Read and Hanby, P. 77. Ca. 1.—The Mayor and Burgesses of Coventry and Lord Craven & al^s, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 6.

1. BILL to redeem after a Decree of Foreclosure signed and inrolled in 1697. suggesting Fraud and Surprize in obtaining the Decree, and a parol Declaration before and after the Decree, that the Mortgagee was willing to take his Principal, Interest and Costs, and quit the Estate. Defendant pleads the Decree, and denies the Fraud, &c. The Depositions of several Witnesses were read to prove such a parol Declaration by the Mortgagee, and that Plaintiff and Defendant in the former Cause had the same Clerk in Court, &c. Bill dismissed with Costs by Harcourt C. *East.* 12 Ann. Whisball and Short. — Decree affirmed in Dom^{us} Proc'. — Viner's Abr. Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 15.

Lord Chan. said, Plaintiff came too late; that he knew no Instance where a Man was let in to redeem by a new Bill after a Decree of Foreclosure signed and inrolled upon any parol Agreement or Declaration,

or by Reason of Over-value of the Estate, such a Thing would be of dangerous Consequence, and shake Abundance of Titles; perhaps there may be an Instance of Relief upon a Bill to redeem after a Decree of Foreclosure, but then the Bill was brought in a very short Time after the Decree, and there must be some extraordinary Circumstances in the Case; but said, he did not remember any such Case of Relief. *Ibid.* in S. C. — A Court of Equity is cautious to make a Decree without a Precedent. Laid down as a Rule in a MS. Case, which I have seen.

2. Defendant C. in 1712. brought a Bill against the now Plaintiff and M. his Wife, who was the Widow and Executrix of B. for an Account of B.'s Estate, and obtained a Decree; then M. died, and before the Decree was inrolled, the now Plaintiff petitioned for a Rehearing, and at the same Time preferred an original Bill, suggesting new Matter come to his Knowledge since the Decree, and obtained an Order to rehear the former Cause. At the Hearing of this Cause, &c. Plaintiff's Counsel admitted that the Decree in the former Cause was just upon the Pleadings and Proof in that Cause, but insisted, that upon the Pleadings in this Cause the Merits appeared otherwise, and therefore prayed a new Decree in Favour of the now Plaintiff, and to set aside the former Decree. Cowper C. dismissed the Bill, and affirmed the former Decree. *Trin.* 2 Geo. 1. Hickes and Conyers, Viner's Abr. Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 16.

It is irregular to bring a new Bill to vary a Decree already pronounced. — A Defendant in this Court may bring a Cross Bill, before any Decree pronounced in the original Cause, and if the original Cause is heard before the Cross Cause, the Decree in the original

Cause may afterwards be varied by the Decree in the Cross Cause, but in that Case the Cross Bill must be brought before any Decree made in the original Cause. By the Course of the Court, if the original Decree had been inrolled, the now Plaintiff, upon Affidavit of new Matter come to his Knowledge since the former Decree, might have a Bill of Review, but he cannot now be relieved against the former Decree by this new Bill and Rehearing the former Cause; for the Decree is right upon the Pleadings and Proof, and therefore cannot be varied upon a Rehearing; and it is contrary to the Course of the Court to alter a Decree upon an original Bill exhibited after the Decree pronounced. Per Lord Chan. in S. C. *Ibid.*

3. If an original Bill be brought for Matters, Part of which are contained in a former Bill and Decree, and Part new or by way of

supplemental Bill, the Court will, *on a Demurrer to so much as was contained in the former Decree*, send it to a Master, to see what was and what was not in the first Bill, and allow the Demurrer accordingly. Ruled on Motion by King C. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 184.

Vide P. 177.
C. 19.

4. After a Decree *inrolled* the Party can have no Relief by an original Bill. Laid down as a Rule per Talbot C. in *Casu Taylor and Sharp*. Trin. 1735. 3 *Will. Rep.* 371.

(I) Bills taken pro Confesso.

1. **I**N original Bills, or Bills of Revivor, if the Defendant *does not appear*, but stands out all Procefs of Contempt, the Bill shall not be taken *pro Confesso*; but *if he appears*, and then stands out for want of an Answer, *it shall*. Trin. 1667. *Anon.* 2 *Freem.* 127.

2. A Bill being preferred against a Quaker for Tithes, who *refused to answer upon Oath*, he was brought to the Bar, and having been brought *three Times before*, the Bill was taken *pro Confesso*. Mich. 1677. *Anon.* 2 *Freem.* 27. Ca. 29.

3. Defendant *refusing to answer*, and *standing out all Contempts till* an Order was made for a Sequestration; Plaintiff prayed that the Bill might be taken *pro Confesso*. Objected, that this could not be done, because the Sequestration was *neither under Seal nor executed*; and also because the Plaintiff *did not produce the Original*, but only a Copy of it; and Parker C. held the last Objection good; but as to the other there seemed to him to be no Reason for it; for the *putting the Seal to the Sequestration*, and *actually executed it*, seems to be only necessary when the Plaintiff is not ripe for a Decree upon his own Bill, but wants some Discovery from the Defendant's Answer, upon which the Decree may be founded; and therefore the actual executing a Sequestration to extort an Answer, of which the Plaintiff has no Occasion, seemed to him to be unnecessary. East. 5 Geo. 1. *Anon.* Lucas's Rep. 431.

4. The Defendant *appeared*, and *flood out to a Sequestration*, whereupon Plaintiff had an Order to set down the Cause, to the Intent that the Bill might be taken *pro Confesso*; but Defendant, on getting it put off, put in an Answer, which was reported *insufficient*, and then Plaintiff *served him with a Subpœna to put in a better Answer*, which was also reported *insufficient*; then Defendant on Saturday put in a third Answer; and on the Monday following the Cause came on, upon the Order for taking the Bill *pro Confesso*, when Defendant moved for further Time to answer. But the Master of the Rolls decreed for the Plaintiff, (though no Precedent was cited) Mich. 1729.—But Lord Chan. King (on Appeal) said, that *tho' there was an Order for a Sequestration before any Answer put in*, yet he would consider how Matters stood when the said Decree was made; and held, that it was sufficient there was at that Time an Answer, and which the Plaintiff had admitted by suing out Procefs for a better Answer; and said, that here was a second Answer, which must be admitted to be a full one, because not referred for Insufficiency. That it is against Reason and common Sense to say, Defendant had confessed the whole Bill to be true, when it appeared by the Master's Reports, (which were

Note; It appears by the Report of this Case, that the Defendant was willing and desirous to put in a full Answer. *Ibid.* *Vide S. C.* cited in the Case of Lady Abergavenny and Lady Abergavenny, P. Ca.

were Orders of the same Court), that he had answered the greatest Part of it, and when the Plaintiff himself had taken the first Answer to be an Answer in Part by serving Defendant with Process to put in a better; wherefore reversed the Decree for taking the Bill *pro Confesso*. July 1730. *Hawkins and Crook*, 2 Will. Rep. 556 to 560.

5. Plaintiff brought her Bill for an Account of Profits, &c. and after Defendant had fully answered, Plaintiff amended her Bill three Times, to which Defendant put in three several Pleas and Demurrers, which had been all over-ruled, and Defendant stood in Contempt to a Sequestration for not answering the amended Bill. Plaintiff now moved for Liberty to set down the Cause on the Sequestration, in order that the Bill might be taken *pro Confesso*. Objected, that there being an Answer to Part, viz. the original Bill, the Bill could not be taken *pro Confesso*, because Part was fully answered and denied; and the Case of *Hawkins and Crook* (above) was cited. But for Plaintiff it was urged, that if Defendant by answering Part, and refusing to answer the most material Point of all, should prevent the Bill being taken *pro Confesso*, that would put the Plaintiff in a much worse Condition than not answering at all, and would encourage Defendants by this Method to elude the Justice of the Court; and as to *Hawkins and Crook*, Defendant there was willing and desirous to put in a full Answer, and which was at length the Liberty given him by the Court (a). Lord Chancellor (King) said, that this is an untrodden Path, as there are no Precedents to direct, we must go upon the Reason of the Thing at Law, after the Party has appeared, and is in Court; if he makes Default (b) Judgment is given for the whole Demand; and if in Trespass, &c. Defendant pleads only to Part, or says nothing to the Residue, the Plaintiff may take his Judgment immediately for what is not answered; and Courts of Equity form their Process upon the same Plan when the Party is in Court, &c. and it is a Jurisdiction which seems absolutely necessary, and exercised by all Courts; when they have the Parties once before them, they should have it in their Power to determine upon the Right, &c. and therefore seemed strongly to incline that the Bill should be taken *pro Confesso*, quoad the Particulars not answered. But Defendant offering to answer by the next Term, except as to Matter of Account, no Order was made upon the main Question. Mich. 4 Geo. 2. *Lady Abergavenny and Lady Abergavenny*, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (D. b.) Ca. 1.

MS. Rep. S. C. states it thus: J. S. filed a Bill against B. to which B. put in an Answer; the Bill was twice amended, and Discovery of new Matter required; B. pleaded and demurred in Bar of such Discovery, which being over-ruled, B. was in Contempt to a Sequestration for want of an Answer; the Sequestration had been executed a Year ago, and now Plaintiff moved that the Bill might be taken *pro Confesso*, alleging that by the Practice of the Court whenever a Defendant has appeared, and the Process of Contempt is carried to the End of the Line, the Bill may be taken

pro Confesso, or otherwise there would be a Failure of Justice when a Matter is enquired of which lies within the Knowledge of the Defendant, and of which the Plaintiff can have no other Discovery but by his Oath. Objected, here was a sufficient Answer to the original Bill; and no Precedent could be produced that where any Part of a Bill was answered, the Residue might be taken *pro Confesso*. But per King C. If an Action at Law be brought for several Trespasses, and the Defendant's Plea goes only to Part, Plaintiff may sign Judgment as to all the Rest; and here *pro tanto* of the amended Bill that is not answered, it may be taken *pro Confesso*. But adjourned.—Rep. of Sel. Ca. in Chan. &c. S. C. in totidem verbis with MS. Rep.—A Case was mentioned in *Scacc'* of the Corporation of *Helston and Robinson*, where after an Answer reported insufficient, and Defendant refusing to put in any further Answer, the whole Bill was taken *pro Confesso* by the Opinion of the whole Court delivered *seriatim*; and this was the Opinion of the Master of the Rolls in *Hawkins and Crook*, for that an insufficient Answer is no Answer; and it is the Party's own Obstinacy to stand out and refuse making a Discovery; and the Opinion of taking a Bill *pro Confesso* quoad some Particulars, and joining Issue, &c. as to the Rest, seems new, and introductory of great Confusion in the Proceedings. Viner's Abr. Ibid. Ca. 2. in S. C.—Another MS. Rep. S. C. accord.

(a) For the Decree to take the Bill *pro Confesso* was reversed. (b) The Method in Equity of taking a Bill *pro Confesso* is consonant to the Rule and Practice of Courts at Law, where if the Defendant makes Default by *Nil dicit*, Judgment is immediately given in Debt, or in all Cases where the Thing demanded is certain; but where the Matter sued for consists in Damages, a Judgment Interlocutory is given, after which a Writ of Inquiry goes to ascertain the Damages, and then final Judgment follows. Said *arg'* in *Hawkins and Crook*, 2 Will. Rep. 559.—2 Will. Rep. 311. *Lady Abergavenny and Lady Abergavenny* is not S. P.

6. The Opinion of Lord Chan. upon the Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 25. *scilicet* 1. was, that it was not sufficient to make an Affidavit that the Party

Party making it was informed, and believes that the Defendants withdrew themselves into Ireland in order to avoid being served with the Process of this Court; but it must likewise be sworn by whom the Party deposing received such Information (a). Hil. 1740. in *Casu Burton and Maloon*, Barnard. Chan. Rep. 401, 403.

(a) For was it once allowed that it should be sufficient to make an Affidavit in such a general Manner as above, the Act would be of the most dangerous Consequence that is possible. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 403.

(K) Bills of Revivor.

2 Freem. S. C. 1. **A** Decretal Order was pronounced in 1657. and three Years says, it was on a Plea and Demurrer.— Chan. Ca. 37. S. C. says, it was on Plea and Demurrer.

after a final Decree was drawn up, reciting the Decretal Order, but Part of the Matter thereby decreed was omitted in the Decretal Part of the Decree itself; the final Decree was signed and inrolled, and soon after the Defendant died. A *Sci. Fa.* was sued to revive, but Plaintiff discovering the Omission, and that he could not have Remedy that Way, or could mend the Decree as defective by Surprise, (the Defendant being dead) upon Motion he exhibits his Bill of Revivor to revive so much as was omitted; and in Truth the Words of the Bill extended so far as to revive the whole Decree. It was pleaded that the Decree being inrolled, a Bill of Revivor did not lie, but a *Sci. Fa.* Plea over-ruled. Mich. 15 Car. 2. *Williams and Arthur*, MS. Rep.

2. *A.* brings his Bill against *B.* and *C.* who put in an insufficient Answer, and prefer their Cross Bill against *A.* *B.* becomes a Bankrupt, his Assignees bring their Bill in Nature of a Bill of Revivor against *A.* they shall not go on till *C.* has answered *A.*'s Bill. Mich. 1714. *Child & al'*, Assignees of *Evans*, and *Frederick*, 2 Will. Rep. 266.

In arguing the Demurrer 3. Bill was dismissed with Costs, which were taxed; a Bill of Revivor was brought singly for (these) Costs, but on Demurrer it was held that the Bill would not lie. Per King C. Hil. 1725. *Thorn and Pitt*, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 54.

be, that where a Bill is dismissed with Costs, the Party intitled to them cannot revive for that, that must be taken to be where they are not taxed and liquitated to a Sum certain, for then it becomes a Duty; and tho' the Bill be dismissed, it is not so much out of the Court, but the Party in Consequence of such Dismissal is liable to the Process of the Court by Subpoena, Attachment, &c. But per Lord Chan. it is a Rule, that unless in Account, where both Parties are *Actors*, they cannot revive; said he knew no Instance of Revivor in such a Case as this; that it was very odd, but the Rules of the Court must be observed. *Ibid.*

For more of Revivor, vide (B) P. 2.—Also P. 72. Ca. 18.

(L) Bills to examine Witnesses in perpetuam rei memoriam (a).

(a) Vide also Tit. Evidence, P.

His Lordship 1. **O**N a Bill to discover a Title to Land, and for an Account of the Profits, and to perpetuate Testimony, &c. Defendant answered as to the Title, and demurred as to the perpetuating Evidence, the Demurrer in Regard the Plaintiff might bring his Ejectment, and examine his Witnesses at the Trial; and upon Affidavit that the Plaintiff's Witnesses were infirm and unable to travel, the Demurrer was over-ruled by

admitted, that without such an Affidavit the Demurrer in Regard the Plaintiff might bring his Ejectment, and examine his Witnesses at the Trial; and upon Affidavit that the Plaintiff's Witnesses were infirm and unable to travel, the Demurrer was over-ruled by

but when sworn, if such Demurrer should be allowed, it would introduce great Inconvenience and Hardships, and a Failure of Justice. *Ibid.*

by the Master of the Rolls, and afterwards by Cowper Lord Chan. on a Rehearing. *Hil. 1709. Philips and Carew, 1 Will. Rep. 117.*

2. J. S. brought his Bill for a Commission to examine his Witnesses *in perpetuam rei memoriam* to establish his sole Right of Fishery, suggesting that the Defendant pretended a sole Right of Fishery, and threatened to bring Actions, and disturb Plaintiff when all his Witnesses should be dead. Defendant demurred, for that J. S. had not verified his Title at Law, and therefore had no Right to bring his Bill in the first Instance. Demurrer over-ruled (a). *Trin. 1720. Duke of Dorset and Serjeant Girdler, Prec. in Chan. 531.*

(a) And this Difference

was taken and

agreed to by the Court, that if one that is out of Possession brings such Bill, a Demurrer will be good, because he ought first to establish his Title at Law. But where the Plaintiff suggested that the Defendant threatened to disturb him, &c. when his Witnesses should be dead, if the Defendant not only threatened but actually did disturb him by fishing, &c. daily; in such Case the Defendant should plead that he did daily disturb Plaintiff, and therefore the Plaintiff should seek Remedy at Law;—Or if the Plaintiff had shewn in his Bill (a) that Defendant had actually disturbed him, then the Demurrer had been proper, but not for barely threatening. *Ibid.*—Wynn and Hatty, before Wright Lord Keep. was cited, where a Bill of the same Nature was brought touching a Common, and the Demurrer allowed, because there it appeared by the Plaintiff's own shewing that he was interrupted and dispossessed, and therefore had his Remedy at Law. *Ibid. 532.*

Books and Authors. Vide Tit. Injunction, P.

C A P. XVI.

Bonds or Obligations.

- (A) Of voluntary Bonds.
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(A) Of voluntary Bonds.

1. J. S. executes a voluntary Bond for 5000 l. to one of his Daughters, without any Condition, and payable immediately (b), but always kept it by him; and there was some Proof in the Cause that this Bond was entered into to protect him from paying Taxes for his Money, and so understood by this Daughter; and by Will he gives Portions to all his Daughters, and dies. This Bond decreed to be set aside, this Daughter being equal (c) to the Rest without the Bond. *Per Lord Keep. Hil. 1701. Ward and Lant, Prec. in Chan. 182.*

(b) Though there was no Fraud or Circumvention in obtaining the Bond, yet it appears to be J. S.'s Intention that no

Use should be made of it, and therefore if the Daughter had got it from him, and put it in Suit against him in his Life-time, Equity would have relieved him against it. *Per Lord Keeper's Opinion. Ibid. 183.*
(c) J. S. always declared that he intended his Daughters equal, and Equality is the highest Equity; and the Bond being voluntary, and only done to protect, &c. it is a Trust for himself. *Per Lord Keep. Ibid.*

2. A Son in plentiful Circumstances gives his Father a Bond to pay him 120 *l.* Annuity for Life; if done freely and without Coertion, good. So decreed by *Parker C. Hil.* 1719. *Blackborn and Edgley & eontra*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 600, 607.

So a Covenant to pay a Sum of Money when there should be Failure of Issue of the Body of B. would surely be good. Said *per Lord Parker*, *Trin.* 1719. *Ibid.* 566.

3. A Bond to pay a Sum of Money upon the Death of A. B. without Issue of his Body, will be good. Said *per Lord Chan.* *Macclesfield*, *Mich.* 1721. 1 *Will. Rep.* 750.

4. Where a voluntary Bond is given by the Husband to Trustees for his Wife's Benefit, Equity will postpone such Bond even to Debts on simple Contract, but will admit it to be paid before Legacies. Decreed by Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, November 17, 1730. *Williams and Sawyer & al'*, *Rep. of Sel. Ca. in Chan. &c.* 6.

5. Any voluntary Bond is good against an Executor or Administrator, unless some Creditor be thereby deprived of his Debt; but a real Debt, tho' by simple Contract only, shall have the Preference. *Per Sir Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, *Mich.* 1733. in *Casu Lechmere and Earl of Carlisle & al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 211, 222.

His Honour admitted, that if the Bond had been given to the second Wife upon the first Discovery of a former then living, as a Recompence for the Injury done her, and there-upon she had left J. S. this had been a just Bond, and for a meritorious Consideration (a). But here the Bond was not given until five or six Years after Discovery, &c. which made it reasonable to think it was given by J. S. to this Lady rather to induce her to live with him, than upon any other Motive, in which Case the Bond would be worse than a voluntary one; for then it would be given for a wicked Consideration, that of living in Adultery with J. S. and she ought to have left J. S. after she had fully discovered he had a former Wife living;—If such a Bond had been given to a lawful Wife after Marriage, this had been a voluntary Bond, and void against Creditors (b), much more when given to one who was no Wife, and upon such an illicit Consideration. *Per his Honour*, *Ibid.* 340, 341.

6. J. S. having a Wife who lived separate from, afterwards married another Woman, who had no Notice of the former Wife's being alive, but it being discovered to the second Wife that the former was alive, J. S. in order to prevail with the second Wife to stay with him (about five or six Years after such Discovery) gave a Bond to a Trustee of the second Wife, to leave her 1000 *l.* at his Death, and then died, not leaving Assets to pay his simple Contract Debts. On a Bill brought by the second Wife for this 1000 *l.* Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, (on Time taken to consider) decreed that this Bond should be postponed to all simple Contract Debts of J. S. *Mich.* 1734. *The Lady Cox's Case*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 339.

(a) And therefore to be paid before any simple Contract Debts. (b) *Vide P. Ca.*

Vide the Case of Jones and Powell, 1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.* P. 84. Ca. 2. 4th Edition, and my Notes there.

7. A Bond given to a kept Mistress for the Payment of an Annuity for the Maintenance of herself, and Provision for a Child she had by the Obligor, shall not be set aside in Favour of his legitimate Children or Heir, if not obtained by Fraud. But the Annuity was decreed *per* the Master of the Rolls to be paid after simple Contracts, this being a voluntary Bond; but his Honour having given no Direction whether the real Estate should be chargeable in Case of a Defect of the personal Assets, on Appeal Lord Chan. Talbot held the real Estate liable in Case of a Deficiency in the personal Estate, and decreed, that if the same should fall short, upon Payment of the Arrears and growing Payments by Plaintiff (the Heir *), and that upon his se-

* Altho' this be a voluntary Bond, and

postponed in Point of Payment even to simple Contract Creditors, yet it must not be in a worse Condition than they are; its being voluntary gives the Heir no Right to set it aside: For as the Ancestor might have granted the Estate away intirely from his Heirs, so when he thinks proper to charge himself and his Heirs, the Heir shall be bound in Respect of the Assets descended upon him from his Ancestor. *Per Lord Chan.* *Ibid.* 156.—His Lordship added, that leaving the Oblige to sue the Bond at Law where she can recover but the Penalty, and where the Parol must demur until the Heir (now three Years old) comes to his full Age, would be delaying her much too long; and since even after Advantage taken of the Infancy at Law, and the Penalty recovered against the Heir, he may resort again to this Court to have the whole Thing reconsidered, which is now as proper for the Judgment of the Court as it would be then; wherefore he decreed, &c. *Ibid.*

curing the Annuity out of a sufficient Part (of the real Estate *) when * Not in the Original.
of Age, the Obligee be restrained from proceeding upon the Bond at Law. 11 December 1735. Cary and Rook, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 153.

(B) Of Bonds of Resignation and criminal Conversation.

1. *A.* Presented *B.* to a Vicarage, and took a Bond of 500 l. conditioned to resign after ten Years, upon Request. The Vicarage was 50 l. per Ann. The ten Years expired, and the Request was made. *B.* prepared a Resignation, and tendered it to the Bishop, who refused to accept it, saying, these Bonds were against Conscience, and void; and because this in an Action now brought upon the Bond would be no Plea, *B.* (he having undertaken for a third Person, who, as was suggested, was a Man of good Conversation) exhibited his Bill to be relieved against this Bond, and to have an Injunction. But the Court would not relieve unless the Patron had made some ill Use of the Bond, for the Law allows these Bonds to be good (a). But Price *B.* was not so very clear as to any judicial Act to be done by a third Person;—The Party having done his Endeavour, the Parson had three Months Time given him to resign, which if he did, the Court would grant a special Injunction. Trin. 7 Ann. Steeper and Carver, MS. Rep.

the Patron had not made any bad Use of the Bond. Ibid. (a) These Bonds, tho' to resign generally, are good, and have been so allowed constantly; and there are many Cases, of it, because they may be on good and valuable Consideration, and not simoniacal; as in Case the Party takes a second Benefice, or for Non-residence; and a Court of Equity will insist on these Bonds where made on good Consideration. Per Cur' in the Case of Turner and Hawkins, Trin. 4 Geo. 1. in B. R. Fortesc. Rep. 351, 352.

2. Plaintiff and Defendant having been at a Fair together, about 10 of the Clock in the Morning came to Defendant's House; Defendant went out, and his Wife went with Plaintiff up Stairs in order to put him to Bed, he being (as was suggested in the Bill) very drunk. Defendant when he returned found Plaintiff in his Shirt sitting on the Bed, and his Wife lying upon it crying. The Bill also suggested, that the Defendant took up an Axe, and swore that he would kill the Plaintiff (a), upon which the Plaintiff (being under Terror) told the Defendant he would give him any Satisfaction; whereupon it was agreed that he should give Defendant all the Money he had in his Pocket, this did not appear, but only

that the Defendant took the Plaintiff's Clothes, and threatened to throw them out of Doors if he did not go away. Ibid.—Gilb. Eq. Rep. 9. Mich. 7 Ann. Woodman and Skuse S. C. states it thus: Defendant coming home finds the Plaintiff naked, and just going to Bed to his Wife; he thereupon gets a Note from him for 500 l. which was in June, and in August the Plaintiff gives him a Judgment, and in October following surrenders Copyhold Lands to him by way of further Security. The Plaintiff brought his Bill to have the several Securities delivered up, alledging a Contrivance to catch him in that Manner; that he was drunk, and did not know what he did; and that Defendant with an Axe threatened to cut him in Pieces, so that he was under Terror; and that Defendant himself had said in Company, that the Securities were for Money lent. Lord Chan. observed, there was no Proof of a Plot to catch the Plaintiff in this Manner, nor that he appeared to be so disordered or frightened; for he continued in the same Mind when he was in cool Blood; at the several Times of giving the three different Securities; and it was proved that he joined with the Defendant in giving out that the Note was for a Bargain of Grass, so that he knew what he was about, and had a Mind to conceal it; and that the Defendant's saying in Company it was for a Bargain of Grass, made the Plaintiff's Equity the worse, for it was a sign the Defendant was so just as to keep it a Secret, which was certainly the Intent of the Bargain it should be. If a Jury in this Case had given Damages, this Court would not relieve; and why should it when the Plaintiff himself has three Times given and ascertained Damages against himself; so dismissed the Bill, but without Costs, because the Defendant had bragged of his Bargain, which was a sign he thought himself rather over-paid, and therefore Lord Chan. said, he would relieve against the Penalties. Another MS. Rep. S. C. almost in eodem verbis with Gilb. Eq. Rep.

Pocket, which was 16 s. and a Note for 500 l. payable by 50 l. a Year. A Witness was called in to see the Note signed, and the Plaintiff told him it was a Bargain for Grass. Defendant about three Days after told Plaintiff, that if he did not give him a better Security, he would put the Note in Suit; whereupon the Plaintiff gave a Bond for the Payment of 500 l. with a Warrant of Attorney to confess Judgment, and which was accordingly confessed. Afterwards the Plaintiff fearing Execution upon the Judgment, surrendered a Copyhold for a further Security. Plaintiff was taken in Execution upon the Judgment, and to be relieved he brought his Bill. Lord Chan. This was a voluntary Act of the Plaintiff, and done, being conscious to himself that he had done amiss. And it seems he was sober when he gave the Note; for he told the Witness, it was a Bargain for Grass; so that he was willing to conceal the Truth, which Excuse he had not been capable of making if he had been so drunk as the Bill suggests. If a Jury had given Damages in this Case in an Action at Law for entering his House, &c. this Court would not have relieved against the Damages; and his giving so many repeated Assurances upon Deliberation makes it stronger than any Verdict; for it is so many Confessions that the Defendant was injured to that Damages; and nothing is so strong an Evidence against a Man as his own Acts. His Lordship dismissed the Bill, but without Costs, saying Plaintiff had made himself a hard Bargain. Trin. 7 Ann. Goodman and Scuse, MS. Rep.

(C) Bonds relieved against, & econ't.

1. *J. S.* in Consideration of 100 l. given him in his Father's Lifetime, gave a Bond for 600 l. to be paid within a Year after the Death of his Father, (to whom he was Heir). This Bond being sued, *J. S.* was relieved per Lord Chan. he repaying the 100 l. and Interest. Hil. 1680. Varnees's Case, 2 Freem. 63.

2. The Bill was to be relieved against a Bond given for Money won at All Fours. Plaintiff was a Distiller, and Defendant a Tapster at a Bowling Green; and it appearing that the Defendant laid the Cards, and turned up the Knave of Clubs (which was Jack) several Times together, and being an unreasonable Sum for such Persons to venter, Plaintiff was relieved, and the Bond ordered to be delivered up, altho' this Case was not within the Statute, the Bond being for less than

(a) For Equity 100 l. (a). Mich. 1698. Humphries and Rigbey, MS. Rep. always relieved before the Statute, where any Fraud appeared. MS. Rep. in S. C.—2 Freem. Ibid. accord'.

3. *A.* gives a Bond to pay 900 l. to his Daughter in Case she should have no Son living at his Decease; *A.* died, his Wife being enfeint of a Son; the Question was, whether the Daughter should have this 900 l. And per Cur', she shall not; and Plaintiff the Son was relieved. Mich. 1698. Gibson and Gibson, MS. Rep. that it was not recoverable at Law, yet that it could not be presumed to be *A.*'s Intention, that if a Son was born after his Decease, the Daughter should run away with the Estate; and that in this Case it appeared that the Mother was Quick at *A.*'s Death; and by the Civil Law, *Posthumus pro nato habetur; per Cur'*; and so decreed that the Plaintiff should be relieved against the Bond. Ibid. 224.

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4. Upon an Appeal from the Rolls the Cafe appeared thus : *J. S.* had an extravagant Wife, who had run 250 *l.* in Debt *without his Privity* to a Seamstrefs, Part for Goods, and Part for Money lent. The Wife wrote a Letter to the Seamstrefs, *desiring her not to acquaint the Husband with the whole Debt, but only with Part; and that she would take Care to get her Security for the Rest; and she inclosed a Note under her own Hand for so much as the Seamstrefs was to discover to the Husband, and another Note for the Payment of the Residue; but this was to be concealed from the Husband.* The Seamstrefs comes to the Husband, and shews him the first Note, and demanded only Part of her Debt, which he paid, and she gave him a full Receipt; and then the Husband charged the Seamstrefs never to trust his Wife more. After this the Wife perswaded the Husband's Niece, who was but lately come of Age, to be bound with her for the Payment of the Residue, pretending that it was a just Debt; and accordingly she entred into a Bond for the Payment of 125 *l.* and the Niece came to be relieved against this Bond. For the Niece it was argued, That this was a plain Contrivance between the Wife and the Seamstrefs to defraud the Niece of so much Money; for the Wife having got as much as she could from her Husband, could no longer support her Extravagancies that way; but makes use of this Shift, to procure her Niece to be bound with her to the Seamstrefs, so that by that Means the Wife might have further Credit to the Value of the Bond; and this was most certainly the End of the Contrivance; for it appears by the Receipt from the Seamstrefs, that there was nothing due. Lord Chan. No Doubt but Traders do very often trust without the Husband's Consent; but here the Seamstrefs did not only trust the Wife in the Way of her Trade, but did lend her Money; so that she was assisting to the Wife to get what she could from her Husband; and the Niece, who was but just come of Age, was drawn in to execute this Bond, when there was no Consideration; for there was nothing owing to the Seamstrefs, she having given the Husband a Receipt in full, which is good Evidence in Law that nothing is owing. Now to account for this, they say, that the Reason of giving this Receipt was to keep Peace between the Husband and Wife; and for this Purpose have produced two Letters. But I must go upon the better Evidence, *viz.* the Receipt, which is a very good Evidence at Law that there is not any Thing due; so the Bond must be set aside, and the Decree by the Master of the Rolls affirmed. *Hil. 6 Ann. Fowler and Ayliffe, MS. Rep.*

5. A Creditor petitions against the Allowance of a Bankrupt's Certificate, upon which the Bankrupt gives him a Bond for Payment of his whole Debt, in Consideration of withdrawing his Petition; Equity will not relieve against this Bond. Decreed *per Parker C. East.* 1720. *Lewis and Chase, 1 Will. Rep. 620.* *Vide (Q) P. 124. Ca. 5. and the Notes there.*

6. *A.* agreed for the Purchase of Timber; and *A.* and *B.* both entred into a Bond that *A.* his Executors and Administrators, shall not cut down under such Size; it comes out that *A.*'s Name was only made Use of for *B.* in the Agreement; *B.* cuts down Timber under Size; there can be no Remedy at Law upon this Bond; but it is a Fraud on the Seller, and relievable in Equity. 12 Mar. 1720. *Butler and Pendergrass, Viner's Abr. Tit. Fraud, (C. a.) Ca. 13. cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be Lord Harcourt's.*

7. In the Settlement made on the Marriage of *B.* *A.*'s Son, there is a Power reserved to *A.* the Father to settle 200 *l.* per Ann. upon any Wife which he should marry, he paying 1000 *l.* to *B.* The

(a) Rule; *Qui prior est in Tempore, potior est in Jure.*

Where a weak Man gives a Bond, if there be no Fraud or Breach of Trust in the obtaining it, Equity will not set aside the Bond only for the Weakness of the Obligor (b), if he be Compos Mentis; neither will Equity measure the Size of People's Understandings or Capacities, there being no

such Thing as an equitable Incapacity, where there is a legal Capacity.—But if a Bond be given for a Consideration, where it appears there was none, or not near so much as is pretended, Equity will relieve against it.—But in the principal Case there appears to have been a Trust reposed in a Servant to take Care of an Heir, and prevent his being imposed upon; and the Servant, instead of acting agreeably to his Trust himself, imposes upon him; the Trust continued so long as B. remained in the Service; and it is remarkable that during the Infancy of the Heir the Law took Care of him, who for that Reason did not want so much the Care of another: But when he was out of the Protection of the Law, by being of Age, then he stood most in need of the Care of the Servant. A Breach of Trust is of itself Evidence of the greatest Fraud, because even a careful Man is apt to be off his Guard when dealing with one in whom he reposes a Confidence.—A 1000 l. was an exorbitant Gift from one who had no Means of paying it. The secreting the Bond from the Parents is also a further Evidence of Fraud; and young Heirs even when of Age are under the Care of this Court. Per his Honour, *Ibid.* 130, 131. (b). The having been in drink is not any Reason to relieve a Man against any (Bond or) Deed or Agreement gained from him when in those Circumstances, for this were to encourage Drunkenness (c); *scilicet* if thro' the Management or Contrivance of him who gained the Deed, &c. the Party from whom it was gained was drawn in to drink. By Sir Joseph Jekyll at the Rolls, *Johnson v. Medlicott*, May 29, 1734. 3 Will. Rep. 130. in a Note by the Editor.—(c) Rule; *Omne crimen ebrietas & incendit & detegit*. A Drunkard, who by his own vicious Act depriveth himself of his Memory and Undertaking, shall have no Benefit or Privilege, as being *Non Compos Mentis* either to him or his Heirs; a Drunkard who is *voluntarius daemon* hath no Benefit or Privilege thereby, but what hurt or ill soever he doth, his Drunkenness aggravateth it. *Co. Lit.* 247. a. *Vide* 4 Co. *Beverly's Case*. Rule; One may not fluster himself.

Father treating about a second Marriage, B. the Son, agrees with the second Wife's Relations to release the 1000 l. and accordingly does so, (but it did not appear that the Son's Wife, or any of her Relations, were consenting to such Release) and takes a private Bond from his Father for the Payment of this 1000 l. but this Bond was entred into by the Father without the Privity of the second Wife, or any of her Relations. Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, would not decree against this Bond, because it would be injurious to the first Marriage, which being *prior in Time, is to be preferred* (a); and his Honour said, the only Relief he could give the Father would be to award a perpetual Injunction, upon Payment of Principal, Interest and Costs. *Trin.* 1730. *Roberts & Ux' and Roberts*, 3 Will. Rep. 66.

8. J. S. and his Wife intrusted A. their eldest Son (then an Infant) to the Care of B. to attend him in his Travels, and to prevent his being imposed upon, as it was admitted by B.'s Answer. A. when 27 Years of Age was prevailed on by B. (then in the Service) to give him a Bond for 1000 l. which was prepared by B. and kept secret from the Parents. There were Proofs of the weak Capacity of A. and that at that Time he was unable to raise Money to pay off the Bond. The original Bill was to recover the Money on the Bond, which was alleged to be mislaid, and the Cross Bill was to be relieved against the Bond. Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, (tho' a new Case) set aside the Bond as obtained by Fraud, and a Breach of Trust; and B. in his Answer to the Cross Bill having set forth that the Bond was mislaid, his Honour decreed him to release it. *Mich.* 1731. *Osmond and Fitzroy & Duke of Cleveland & cont'*.—22 June 1734. Decree affirmed by Talbot C. and the 5 l. Deposit ordered to be paid to the Duke. 3 Will. Rep. 129, 131.

9. Plaintiff, a poor Man and illiteral, suing for an Estate, gives a Bond for a 1000 l. to the Defendant, who assisted him with small Sums, and took some Pains in the Affair; and the Bond was obtained by pressing the Plaintiff for Payment of what was expended, and taking Advantage of his Insolvency. Lord Chan. decreed the Bond to stand as a Security only for so much as had been actually laid out with Interest, and left the Defendant at Liberty to bring his *Quantum Meruit* for what he deserved for his Pains and Trouble. *Trin.* 1735. *Proof and Hines, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 111.

10. *E.* had for many Years been a Supervisor of Excise by the Procurement of *R.* and *R.* had promised to procure him to be made Collector, upon Condition that *E.* should pay *R.* 10 *l.* per Annum so long as he (*E.*) should continue Supervisor; and 20 *l.* per Annum so long as he should be Collector; and the Condition of the Bond was accord'. *E.* paid one 10 *l.* and died intestate, and then *R.* sued the Bond against *E.*'s Widow and Administratrix, who brought a Bill to set aside the Bond, and to have the 10 *l.* refunded (a). Lord Chancellor decreed the Bond to be cancelled; and a perpetual Injunction. *Mich.* 1735. *Law and Law, Cases in Eq. Temp.* Talbot 140.

This is but one Agreement altho' respecting two Periods, viz. that of having obtained the Office of Supervisor, and that of procuring the Collectorship; and then the Condition is to pay two several Sums; the Office is

certainly within the Stat. 5 & 6 Ed. 6. (b), for it concerns the King's Revenue, and cannot be executed by Deputy; and the Sale of Offices within that Statute is a publick Mischief. And altho' this be not directly a Sale within the Statute, yet it is in Effect the same; there being little or no Difference between a Commissioner's taking a Sum of Money, and another Person's taking it to influence the Commissioner. The Inconveniencies are the same, since thereby the Persons appointing are deceived, and so is the Publick; and there is a very strong Presumption that the Person so giving is not duly qualified for the Execution of the Office; and here it appeared that the Obligor was suspended.—Tho' penal Laws are not to be extended in Equity as to Penalties and Punishments, yet if there be a publick Mischief, and a Court of Equity sees private Contracts made to elude Laws enacted for the publick Good, it ought to interpose.—Marriage Brokage Bonds fall directly within the Reason of this Case. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 141, 142.—3 *Will. Rep.* 391. S. C. states it, that *A.* procured for *B.* a Supervisor's Place in the Excise, and in Consideration thereof *B.* gave a Bond to pay him 10 *l.* per Ann. as long as he should continue in the Office. Lord Chan. decreed that the Bond be delivered up, and an Injunction, &c. and tho' this was a new Case, the Defendant was ordered to pay Costs. *Ibid.* 394. (a) Note; It does not appear by the Reporter *Temp. Talbot*, whether this Matter was decreed or not. And Mr. Peere Williams takes no Notice of it. (b) Tho' the Excise was no Part of the Revenue at the Time of making this Statute, yet there may be good Ground to construe it within the (c) Reason and Mischief of that Law, which is rather remedial than a penal one. Per Lord Chan. in S. C. 3 *Will. Rep.* 393.—(c) It is no new Thing, but usual that an Interest raised by a subsequent Statute should be under the same Remedy and Advantage as an Interest existing before. 3 *Will. Rep.* 394. in a Note.

(D) Of Marriage Brokage Bonds (d).

(d) Vide P. C.

1. *J.* S. by Will gives his Niece 1200 *l.* she marries, but antecedent to the Marriage her Father takes a Bond from the then intended Husband to pay him 200 *l.* in Case the Daughter should die without Issue Male in the Life-time of her Husband; the Daughter did die without Issue Male, living her Husband, the Father sued the Husband at Law upon the Bond, and the Husband on a Bill was relieved against this Bond; for it appearing that no Money was paid, nor any Consideration for entering into it, the Court took it to be in Nature of a Marriage Brokage Bond, and therefore ordered it to be delivered up. *Mich.* 1708. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

Prec. in Chan. Mich. 1708. *Anon.* S. C. accord'.—1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.* P. 90. Ca. 5. Mich. 1707. Keat and Allen S. P. and perhaps S. C.

2. Marriage Brokage Agreements have been often condemned in Equity; (e)—and a Bond to give Money if such a Marriage could be obtained is ill;—and so is a Bond to forgive a Sum of Money. Per Cowper C. Easter 1710. 1 *Will. Rep.* 120.

(e) Vide 1 *Salk.* 156.—2 *Vern.* 392, 588, 652.—and 1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.*

P. 90 Ca. 6.—A Court of Equity doth not interpose in Case of Marriage Brokage Bond from any particular Damage done to the Party only, but also from a publick Consideration, Marriage greatly concerning the Publick; and the Point as to relieving against such Bonds has been settled upon very great Consideration; and there are now many Precedents of it. Per Talbot C. Mich. 1735. in *Casu Law and Law, Cases in Eq. Temp.* Talbot, 1741, 1742.—These Bonds tho' good at Law, yet are justly condemned in Equity, as introductive of infinite Mischief, and their having been much litigated and contested, fortified the Opinion that prevailed at last, for it shews what was the Sense of the supreme Court of Judicature, after the Inconveniencies of such Bonds had been fully weighed and experienced. Per ditto in S. C. 3 *Will. Rep.* 394.

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1. *A.* Gave a Bond to *B.* in 1000*l.* for Payment of 480*l.* afterwards *A.* and *C.* as his Surety, gave a Bond to *B.* of 200*l.* for Payment of 100*l.* and Interest, as a further Security for so much of the 480*l.* Then *A.* assigns to *B.* a Judgment of 540*l.* towards Satisfaction of the Debt, and *B.* received several Sums on this Judgment, and 80*l.* Part of the Judgment, was paid to *A.* by *B.*'s Consent; and if this should be reckoned as paid to *B.* at least so as to exonerate *C.* pro tanto, was the Question; and Lord Keep. held that it should not, because that this Assignment was but of the Judgment as a further Security for the Money due on the 1000*l.* Bond; and as the Obligee had got it, so he might release or discharge it, as he thought fit, and the Surety is not hurt by it; otherwise it would be if the Money had been once actually paid to *B.* and after lent again to *A.* So decreed an Account to be taken of what was due on the 1000*l.* Bond, and what on the 200*l.* Bond, for Principal, Interest and Costs, or so much less as remained due on the 1000*l.* Bond, and the 200*l.* Bond to be delivered up. *Mich.* 1700. *Halford and Byron, Prec. in Chan.* 178.

Vide P.
C. and the
Notes there.

2. Two Obligors in a Bond bound jointly and severally, and one dies, the Executors of the deceased Obligor may be sued in Equity for the Debt, without making the surviving Obligor a Party. Decreed per Lord Chan. King. *Mich.* 1725. *Collins and Griffith, 2 Will. Rep.* 313.

(F) In what Case a Defect in a Bond Will be supplied.

1. *A* Bond for 500*l.* was sealed and delivered by Defendant and *B.* for whom Defendant was to be bound, but *C.* who drew the Bond left out Defendant's Name; the Obligee (having first folded down the Bond) shewed Defendant the Condition with his Hand and Seal, and demanded the Money or fresh Security, which he agreed to, but afterwards finding the Mistake, he refused. The Bill was to be relieved against the Fraud in *C.* and to have a Performance of the Defendant's last Agreement. And per Lord Keep. Defendant's Hand and Seal is sufficient Evidence for Equity to relieve; and decreed against the Defendant upon the first Agreement; but since forty-nine (a) Years is not a sufficient Time to ground a Presumption in Equity, as Defendant would have it, his Lordship said, Defendant might take an Issue, and try Payment or Non-payment. *Hil.* 1710. *Crosby and Middleton, Collison & al', Prec. in Chan.* 309, 310.

(a) The
Plaintiff had
not proved
any Demand
to have been
made or In-

terest paid on this Bond for forty-nine Years past, and therefore Defendant insisted that that would be a sufficient Time to ground a Presumption of Payment even at *Nisi prius.* *Ibid.* 310.

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1. **B**ILL to be relieved against a Bottomry Bond, with Condition that if the Ship *S.* bound to the *East-Indies*, shall return to *L.* within 36 Months, or if she does not return within 36 Months, not being taken or lost by inevitable Accidents within that Time, then the Money to be paid, &c. The Ship was detained in Port *Surat* in *India* by Embargo by the *Great Mogul*, so that she could not sail from *Surat* till after the 36 Months were elapsed, and in her Return home was taken by the *French*; but being after the 36 Months, the Bond was forfeited; but there being no Fault in the Master, and the Voyage delayed by inevitable Accident, viz. by the said Embargo, the Bill prayed to be relieved against the Penalty of the Bond. *Harcourt C.* dismissed the Bill, but without Costs, saying, he could not relieve against the express Agreement of the Parties; but if the Defendant had insured this Money upon the Ship, the Plaintiff shall have the Benefit of the Insurance, upon allowing Defendant the Charges of the Insurance, if the Plaintiff pays the Money within three Months. *East. 12 Ann. Ingledew and Foster, Viner's Abr. Tit. Bottomry Bonds, (A) Ca. 9.*

2. Bill to be relieved against the Condition of a Bottomry Bond, &c. it being not performed in some small Circumstances; but denied by *Cowper C.* it being a voluntary Undertaking of the Obligor, and no Contract or Consideration that might incline the Court to interpose. *Mich. 3 Geo. 1. Anon. Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (Z. d.) Ca. 39.*

3. Formerly an Obligee on a Bottomry Bond could not before the Return of the Ship come in under a Commission of Bankruptcy. *Vide 2 Will. Rep. 497.*

But now the Law is altered by an Act of Parliament. See *Tit. Bankrupt, P. 106. Ca. 9.* and the Notes there.

C A P. XVII.

Charity.

- (A) What shall be a good charitable Use and Appointment, and how favoured; — And where a Defect, &c. shall be supplied in Favour of a Charity.
- (B) What shall be a Breach or Misemployment of a Charity; — Of a Commission to inquire into the same; — And here concerning Trustees of a Charity.
- (C) Of the Right of Nomination to a Charity.
- (D) Concerning Commissioners of charitable Uses; — And here of Proceedings and Exceptions to Decrees, &c.

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MS. Rep.
S. C. accord^d.

1. **I**T was said, and not denied, that if a Man devises a Sum of Money to such charitable Uses as he shall direct by a Codicil to be annexed to his Will, or by a Note in Writing, and afterwards leaves no Directions either by Note nor Codicil, a Court of Equity hath Power to dispose of it to such charitable Uses as they shall think fit: And so it was held in the Case of Mr. Sidrofen's Will, and the Case of one Jones; but if the Will points at any particular Charity, as for Maintenance of a School-Master, or poor Widows, then the Court ought not to direct it to any other Purpose but such as is pointed at by the Will (a); as if the Devise should be for such School as he should appoint, and he appoints none, the Court may apply it for what School they please, but for no other Purpose than a School. Mich. 1702. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 261, 262.

(a) Rule;
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tent of the
Founder.

2. Tenant in Tail, Remainder to a Charity, Tenant in Tail docks the Tail by a Recovery, and dies without Issue. The Attorney General brought a Bill to establish the Charity; Harrison who claimed under the Recovery pleaded it. East. 8 Ann. Attorney General and Harrison, MS. Rep.

3. J. S. by his Will gave his Executors 2000 l. to be disposed of by them to his poor Relations, (for whom he had not provided by his Will) according to their Discretion and Conscience, within six Months after his Death. It was prayed that the Statute of Distributions might be the Rule and Measure of disposing of this Charity. Lord Chan. said, he would not restrain it to the next Relations, but poor Relations,

Relations, which are second Cousins, must be included; not that he would confine it to this Degree; for there may a deplorable Case happen that may be an Inducement to a Court of Equity to go beyond the *second* Degree; there may be other Relations intitled to this Charity, as well as those before the Court; therefore let the Parties come before the Master, and other Relations within the Description of the Will, and put in their Claims. He said, he did not mean by this Decree to take the discretionary Power from the Executors, which was given them by the Testator; and therefore ordered the Executors to appoint the Persons and Proportions of their Dividends, according to their Discretion and Conscience; and if they refused any Relations, as not within the Description, the Master to take the Reasons of such Refusal; for although this Court *will not deprive the Executors of their Power, yet it will superintend them, and see that there is no Abuse of the Charity.* All the Relations to be examined upon Oath, whether they do know any Relations that are fit Objects of this Charity.—A Dispute arising concerning Costs, Lord Chan. said, *What Charges the Parties have already been at must go out of the Estate at large, but the other Costs out of the 2000 l.* East. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.

4. A Wife having Power to dispose of her personal Estate, (which only comprehended the personal Estate she had before Marriage) and getting into Possession in a secret Manner after Marriage of a great personal Estate at her Father's Death, conceals it from her Husband, and afterwards by *Will disposes of it to Charities*; yet decreed that what was so concealed shall not be made good to the Husband so as to *disappoint the Charities.* Mar. 11, 1711. Pilkington and Cutbber-son, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (B) Ca. 23.

5. A *parol* Devise of 20 l. per Ann. out of Lands to a Charity, *Gilb. Eq. Rep. tho' before the Statute of Frauds*, is not good as an Appointment (a) 44. S. C. in *totidem verbis* by 43 Eliz. Decreed by Lord Chan. Harcourt, Trin. 1714. Jennor with Prec. in Chan.—
1 Will. Rep.

247. S. C. says, the *Devise was Tenant in Tail.* 1 Salk. 163. Trin. 1714. Jennor and Harper S. C. says, a Devise of Lands *not in Writing*, to Charitable Uses, or *without three Witnesses*, is void; and the Stat. 43 Eliz. which *favoured Appointments to Charities*, is now repealed *pro tanto*, viz. as to the want of four Witnesses, by the Statute of Frauds, which requires *three Witnesses*.—(a) For at Common Law Lands or a real Estate were *not devisable*; and the Statute of 32 H. 8. as much requires that a *Will of Lands should be in Writing*, as by the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries it is required that such a Will should have three Witnesses; and as in *Johnson's Case*, (2 Vern. 507. Prec. in Chan. 270.) decreed by Lord Chan. Cowper, a Devise of Lands in Writing to a Charity, since the Statute of Frauds, *but not attested by three Witnesses*, was held to be void; so a Devise of Lands *without Writing* should be void also, especially in the Case of *Jenner and Harper*, it being a Devise by *Tenant in Tail*, and of a Rent which cannot pass but by Deed; and it would be very dangerous to allow of *Nuncupative Wills of Land.* Per Lord Chan. 1 Will. Rep. 248.—The Reporter says, *sed Quære*; and cites *Duke's Charitable Uses* 81. *Stoddard's Case*; where one before the Statute of Frauds, *devised a Rent of 10 l. per Ann. out of Lands to a charitable Use*, and willed that the Scrivener should put it in Writing, which he did; and decreed that this *Nuncupative Will* was good; “For *tho' a Rent cannot be created without Deed, yet by the Words* of 43 Eliz. *it may be appointed without Deed*; and *tho' the Nuncupative Will be void as a Will, it is good as an Appointment.*” And the Reporter adds, it seems that the Statute of 43 Eliz. *which makes these Appointments to Charities good*, being subsequent to 32 H. 8. of Wills, supercedes and repeals that Statute; but that it is true, that the Statute of Frauds being subsequent to the 43 Eliz. does repeal that Statute; and therefore since the Statute of Frauds, an Appointment of Lands to a Charity by Will *not attested by three Witnesses* is void. *Ibid.* 248, 249.

6. A. made a Settlement of Lands, *with Power of Revocation* by Prec. in Chan. Writing to be executed under Hand and Seal in the Presence of three 473. S. C. in *totidem verbis.* Witnesses, not being menial Servants; and in her Illness by Letter —1 Vol. Eq. desired a Deed of Revocation to be prepared, but died before it was Ca. Abr. 209. done, having by *Will given Part of these Lands to charitable Uses*; Ca. 13. S. C. and decreed at the Rolls to be good as an Appointment upon the but not S. P. Act of Parliament, tho' there was no Revocation. Easter 1717. Piggot and Penrice, *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 137, 138.

7. J. S.

7. *J. S.* by Will gives 5 *l. per Ann.* to all and every the Hospitals, (without saying where the Hospitals were) and it was proved the *Testatrix* lived in a Place where there were two Hospitals; it shall be taken to be these Hospitals, and not to extend to another Hospital about a Mile from thence, *tho' founded by the same Person.* Decreed (a) *per* Master of the Rolls, *East.* 1718. *Masters and Masters*, 1 Will. Rep. 421, 425.

(a) Notwithstanding it was objected, that the Court ought not to go out of the Words of the Will, and confine the general Words (*all Hospitals*) to those in C. the Place where the *Testatrix* lived; and the Court did this the rather, because these Charities, if they prevailed, would be Perpetuities of 5 *l. per Ann.* and by that Means create a Deficiency; and consequently in a great Part defeat the Rest of the Will, as to plain Legacies, in Favour of those that were doubtful. In some Part of the Will it was writ *Hospitals*, and in some *Spittals*. *Per Cur'*, It is the same Thing; for *Spittal* is the Abbreviation of *Hospital*, and from thence came the *Spittal* Sermons. *Ibid.* 426.

8. *J. S.* charges all his Lands in *Chigwell* in *Essex*, and in *Enfield* in *Middlesex*, with 20 *l. per Ann.* to the Poor of *Enfield*; and an Information being brought to make divers Lands in *Enfield* liable to the Charity, leaving out the *Chigwell* Lands; it was objected that the *Chigwell* Lands ought to contribute, and the Owners thereof be made Parties. Lord Chan. Parker said, This was in Nature of a Plea in Abatement; and that unless it be insisted on in the Answer, and the particular Owners shewn, he would put the Owners of the *Enfield* Lands to take the labouring Oar on themselves to find out the *Chigwell* Lands; and to bring their Bill for that Purpose, for at this Distance of Time (the Charity being in 1651.) the Lands may be lost, or not distinguishable or purchased without Notice; and if the Charity has lost the *Chigwell* Lands, it would be strange to make Use of this as a Reason why it should lose the *Enfield* Lands also. *Hil.* 1719. *Attorney General and Wyburgh & al'*, MS. Rep.

(b) as being eased in the Poor's Rates; and tho' it was urged that they might be Lodgers there, or Persons not contributing to the Rate, and that it was incumbent on those who took the Exception to make out the contrary; and *per Cur'*, The Witness being described to be of the Parish of *Enfield*, Yeoman, must be intended an Housekeeper, and one liable to pay Parish Rates, unless the contrary be made appear; wherefore it was sent to the Master to inquire whether the Lands were liable to the Charity. *Ibid.* 600. (b) Rule; A Party interested may not be a Witness. *Co. Lit.* 6. b. 7. a.

9. *J. S.* and others subscribed to a Charity-School at W. for Boys and Girls, which Subscription was only during the Pleasure of the Benefactors. *J. S.* delighted with seeing these Charity Children, declared he would leave them something at his Death. There was also a Free School in W. — *J. S.* by Will gave 500 *l.* to the Charity School, and several pecuniary Legacies to his poor Relations. Parker C. said, that tho' the Free School be a Charity School, yet the Charity School for Boys and Girls went more commonly by that Name; and as the Testator was fond of the latter, and declared he would leave them a Legacy; therefore that, and not the Free-School, is intitled thereto. *Mich.* 1720. *Attorney General and Hudson*, 1 Will. Rep. 674.

(c) as others, were to abate in Proportion; for tho' the Romans preferred a pious or charitable Legacy to others, yet our Law does not: 'They being all but Legacies, and equally intended by the Testator to be paid, it would be hard that one of them by being preferred should frustrate all the Rest; besides, the other Legacies being given to several of the Testator's poor Relations, they are Charities also. — And it being objected, that on the Failing of the Charity School the Charity ought to revert to the Founder, his Lordship gave Liberty to the Parties in such Case to apply again to the Court. *Ibid.* 675. (c) Legacies to a Charity, (on a Deficiency of Assets) tho' preferred by the Civil Law, are to abate in Proportion as well as other pecuniary Legacies, for they are but Legacies. *Vide Tate and Austin*, *Mich.* 1714. 1 Will. Rep. 264. and *Masters and Masters*, *East.* 1718. *Ibid.* 421, 422. — But the Spiritual Court gives the Preference to Charity Legacies; and in such Case Lord Keep. North would not injoin them. *Vide* 1 Vern. 230. *Fielding and Bond*.

10. The Reversion in Fee of divers Lands, on which 70 *l. per Ann.* Rent was reserved, was given to the Corporation of *Coventry*, and the

the *Whole* 70 l. appointed to particular Charities; afterwards the Lease expired, and the Rents were greatly increased; the Overplus shall be applied to the Augmentation of the Charities, and not for the Benefit of the Corporation. Mar. 8, 1720. *The Mayor of Coventry and the Attorney General, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (E) Ca. 28.*

11. Urged that in Case of a Charity, where the most speedy and least expensive Method ought to be pursued, Issue ought not to be directed, but the Court ought to decree upon the Proof. Mar. 25, 1721. *Bishop of Rochester and Attorney General, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (H) Ca. 12.*

12. Information to establish a Charity of Lands given by Will against the Heir at Law of the Devisor. Defendant by his Answer did not insist upon his Title, nor did he expressly disclaim; but his Counsel at the Hearing had no Instructions to insist on Defendant's Title, or to pray a Trial at Law; and thereupon the Court decreed the Lands to the Charity. Upon a Rehearing, Defendant insisted upon his Title as Heir at Law, and that the Devise was void. But *Macclesfield C.* would not now allow Defendant to insist upon his Title, since he had waived it at the Hearing; but said, he was concluded by it; and tho' it was admitted to be a doubtful Case, he would not suffer Counsel to argue it, but affirmed the Decree. *Mich. 9 Geo. Attorney General and Ardern, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (E) Ca. 29.*

13. A. by Will devised an Annuity of 50 l. per Ann. and also 100 l. in Money, to B. and his Heirs, and if B. died without Heirs, then to a Charity. B. died without Issue in the Life-time of A. and then A. died; the Will void as to the Whole, and the Charity cannot take. *King Chan. Trin. 1726. Attorney General and Gill, 2 Will. Rep. 369.*

It was agreed that the Remainder ought to be supported as given to a Charity; but per Lord Chan. supposing it void if given to a common Person, so shall it be also when given to a Charity. That the Devise being to B. and his Heirs, and if B. die without Heirs, to a Charity; such Devise over is void, and the Word Heirs shall not be construed to signify Heirs of the Body, where the Devisee over is not inheritable; and the Death of the first Devisee (B.) in the Life-time of A. can make no Alteration if the Will be void at the making. *Ibid. 370.*

14. J. S. by Will duly executed gave his Estate to B. his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, and by a Codicil written by himself, but not attested by three Witnesses, declared the Use to which he would have his Estate applied in the Words following: *I would have the same employed for the encouraging such Nonconformist Ministers as preach God's Word in Places where the People are not able to allow them a*

Another MS. *Rep. Trin. 5 Geo. 2. S. C.* says, an Information was exhibited by the Attorney General for the Performance of a Charity given by a Codicil annexed to the Testator's Will, by which he devised that what should remain and be the Residue of his Estate and Effects, be given for encouraging such Nonconforming Ministers as preach God's Word in Places where the People are not able to allow them sufficient and suitable Maintenance, and for the encouraging such as are designed to Labour in God's Vineyard as Dissenters, and appoints two Persons to have the Disposal and Appointment of the said Charity, both which Persons died in the Life-time of the Testator. Two Questions arose, 1st, whether both the Trustees, to whom the Disposal and Appointment of the said Charity was given, dying in the Life-time of the Testator, this Charity was not gone, and in the Nature of a lapsed Legacy. But per *King C.* The Substance of the Charity remains notwithstanding the Death of the Trustees before the Testator; and tho' at Law it is a lapsed Legacy, yet in Equity it is subsisting; and here is a sufficient Certainty of the Testator's Intention to revive it, the Intention therefore of the Party is sufficiently manifested that this Charity should continue within 43 Eliz. c. 4. It has been held, that if the Tenant in Tail devise a Charity, tho' no Recovery is suffered, yet that it shall take Place, and be effectual as an Appointment under 43 Eliz. and cited 2 Vern. 453. *Attorney General v. Rye & al. 2 Vern. 755. ditto v. Burdett & al.*—The second Point, whether this be a superstitious Use within 1 Ed. 6. c. 14. *Non-conforming Ministers and Dissenters* being such general Words as that they comprehend any Persons however opposite to the Church of England. But per Lord Chan. This cannot be a superstitious Use within the Statute; but the Dissenters here meant are Protestant Dissenters acting under the Toleration Act, 1 W. & M. c. 18. and decreed the Residue to be disposed of in *præsenti*, and not in a perpetual Charity; and ordered a Scheme to be laid before him for that Purpose.—*Rep. of Sel. Cases in Chan. 34. S. C. in totidem verbis with this MS. Rep.*

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sufficient and suitable Maintenance, and for encouraging the bringing up some to the Work of the Ministry, who are designed to labour in God's Vineyard, among the Dissenters; the particular Method how to dispose of it I prescribe not, but leave it to their Discretion, designing you (meaning B.) to take Advice of C. and D. J. S. after making his Will and Codicil, bought a real Estate; B. C. and D. died before the Testator; and upon a Bill filed against J. S.'s Heir at Law, and the Administrator of J. S. to have an Account of J. S.'s Estate, and to have the same disposed of in Charity according to the Will, it was objected, that the real Estate bought after the making of the Will, and even if it had been bought before, B. dying before J. S. and the Codicil not being duly executed in the Presence of three Witnesses, the Lands must descend to the Defendant as Heir at Law to J. S. and cited Dr. Johnson's Case, where the Dr. by his Will charged his real Estate with the Payment of a Charity, but the Will not being duly witnessed, the Devise was held void; to which the Court agreed. N. B. There was Land sold (a) in Holland, but it not appearing what was the Nature of the Dutch Estate, whether Lease or Freehold, it was left to the Master to inquire into that Matter, and to certify what Ceremonies a Will to pass Freehold Lands in that Country required. Also objected, that as B. the Legatee died before the Testator, the Legacy was lapsed; for Lutwyck observed, that a Legacy was a voluntary Gift, which ought to be attended with all legal Ceremonies; and therefore as to B. if the Codicil had been out of the Question, tho' it had been given to him, his Executors, &c. yet by his dying before the Testator the Legacy had dropt, and as it now stands with the Codicil, since by B.'s Death the legal Estate of the Legacy is gone, how can a Trust be raised without something to support it. To this it was answered, that in every common Case of a Legacy given on Trust, tho' the Trustee die before the Testator, yet being intended only as an Instrument to convey the Legacy to him for whose Benefit the Legacy was given, this Court always decrees the Legacies to be paid. Besides, it is observable that the Advice of C. and D. was personal, and therefore the Charity could not be specifically performed. But per Lord Chan. B. was only a Trustee, and to whom C. and D. were recommended as fit Persons to assist him in the Execution of the Trust; and though by the Death of B. C. and D. the legal Estate of the Legacy is gone, and the Charity cannot be disposed of by the very Hands which the Testator designed should have done it, yet the Charity itself, which is the Substance and Reason of the Devise, is still subsisting, and may be answered as fully by the Aid and Directions of this Court as if the Legatee and his Counsellors were now alive. — It was objected, 3dly, That admitting a Bequest to Presbyterians or Anabaptists, or any other Protestant Dissenters, may be good, since the Act of Toleration, yet the present Bequest being to all Sorts of Dissenters and Non-conformists, may as well be extended to Papists, Jews, &c. as to the Protestancy, and therefore must be necessarily void. But per Cur', All Persons know who are meant by Dissenters, to whom any Use may now be raised. An Account of the personal Estate was decreed, and the same to be distributed immediately, and not made a perpetual Charity. 5 Geo. 2. Attorney General and Hickman, MS. Rep.

15. J. S. by Will dated 22 Mar. 1714. gave all his real and personal Estate to Trustees, their Heirs, &c. in Trust to pay the Produce thereof to his Niece A. for her Life, and after her Death he gave the said Estates to the Son and Sons which A. should leave behind her severally

severally and successively, according to Seniority, and the Heirs of the Body of such Son and Sons issuing, the Elder to be preferred, &c. and for want of such Issue, that is, in Case all such Sons died without Issue before any of them attained 21 Years, he gave the same to the Daughter and Daughters which A. should leave behind her at her Death, and the Heirs of their respective Bodies issuing; and for want of such Issue, that is (as he expressed himself) in Case all such Daughters died without Issue before any of them attained 21, then the Trustees and the Survivor, &c. and the Heirs, &c. of such Survivor, were to dispose of his real and personal Estates to such of his Relations of his Mother's Side who were more deserving, and in such Manner as they should think fit, and for such charitable Uses and Purposes as they should also think most proper and convenient. One of the Trustees declining to act, A. brought her Bill in Mich. 1715. to compel him to act, or to transfer the Trust as the Court should direct; and he refusing to act, the Court decreed him to assign the Trust as the Master should direct, and accordingly he by Lease and Release assigned and conveyed the Premises, with the Master's Approbation, to another Person in Trust for the Uses of the said Will. A. the Niece died without Issue in 1732. and on a Bill brought by the Testator's Relations on the Mother's Side to have their Share of the said Estate, and on a Cross Bill brought by the Attorney General to have the same applied to such charitable Uses, as the Court should direct, the Master of the Rolls held clearly, that the Limitation over of the personal Estate was good, and that the Power given by the Will to the Trustees of distributing the Testator's Estate as they thought fit was at an end, and could not be assigned over; and that therefore the Power of distributing the same devolved on the Court; and he directed that one Half of the said Estate should go to Testator's Relations on the Mother's Side, and the other Half to charitable Uses; the known Rule that Equity (a) is Equity, being (as he said) the best Measure to go by. He said, he had no Rule of judging of the Merits of the Testator's Relations, and could not enter into Spirits, and therefore could not prefer one to the other; but that all should come in without Distinction (b), excluding only those that were beyond the third Degree. He held, that as to the personal Estate there could be no Representation of those Relations who died in the Niece's Life-time; for before her Death no Part thereof vested in any of the Relations, and it was contingent whether they would be intitled thereto or not; and decreed accord', Nov. 30, 1735. *Doyley & al' and Attorney General & al', & contra, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (C) Ca. 16.*

(a) 2. If it should not be Equality.

(b) His Honour cited a Case determined by Lord Cowper, which was, where one gave his personal Estate to his Relations, fearing God

and walking humbly before him; and decreed that it should go equally among his Relations. *Ibid.*

16. Said by Lord Chan. Talbot, upon arguing the Plea of a Purchaser of Land for a valuable Consideration, supposed to belong to a Charity, that a Charity is intitled to no Favour against such a Purchaser; that equal Justice was to be done to a Charity, and the Estate of every private Man; and that whatever did belong to a Charity ought to be decreed to it. But that if any Man for a valuable Consideration, and without Notice or Fraud, obtained such an Estate, there was no Reason to take it away: That he sat there to do Justice to all, and not to oppress any Man for the Sake of a Charity; and that to take an Estate out of the Hands of such a Purchaser, was just as honest as to rob in Favour of a Charity; perhaps such a Man might be

be called a good Man, but he could never esteem him an honest Man. *Attorney General and Lord Gower, Nov. 13, 1736. MS. Notes.*

17. Doctor Radcliff by his Will devised to Trustees an Estate in *Y.* upon Trust to receive the Rents and Profits, and to pay to two Persons upon the Physick Line, that were Members of University College, P. 30. Ca. 5. Oxford, the several annual Sums of 300 l. for their Maintenance for the Space of ten Years, five of which Years at least it was the Testator's Will that his Fellows should travel abroad for their better Improvement; and this Charity was to continue for ever, and the Archbishop of Canterbury for the Time Being, and several others, were to be Trustees, and to manage it, and to chuse such Fellows upon a Vacancy. The Doctor by his Will also gave a Sum of Money for building his Fellows Chambers in University-College, and devised the Rest of his Estate to the same College. About the Year 1725. Doctor Stephens was elected to be a travelling Fellow, and after he had continued a Fellow five Years, and had received the Stipend without ever going abroad, upon Pretence of bad Health; in 1730. he assigned his Fellowship to the Archbishop of Canterbury and another Trustee, who accepted his Resignation. In 1735. an Information was filed against him, suggesting a Fraud upon the Will of the Testator, and praying that he might repay to the College the Sum of 1500 l. which he had unjustly received, having never designed to travel; and also suggesting that the Testator intended his Fellows should live in their Chambers, and keep them in repair, whereas Doctor Kidby, another of the Testator's Fellows, lived altogether out of the College, and suffered the Chambers to go out of order. The Information therefore also prayed that Doctor Kidby might be enjoined from letting his Chambers, and that he might be obliged to put them in repair. There was Proof that Doctor Stephens was in a languishing Way, and had often spoke of going abroad according to the Testator's Will; that he had studied very hard in England, and made a great Proficiency in the Study of Physick, and there was no Evidence for the Relators to the contrary. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*: I would by no Means do any Thing to invalidate so noble an Institution as this founded by Doctor Radcliff; it is undoubtedly admirably contrived to the End it was designed for, and deserves all the Encouragement that a Court of Justice can give to it; but in this as well as other Cases I must govern my Judgment by the established Rule of Law and Equity. There are three Things proper to be considered in this Case; 1st, What Doctor Radcliff's Intention was; 2^{dly}, If Doctor Stephens has complied with it, and if he has not; 3^{dly}, Whether the Relators are intitled to recover back the Money paid to him. It must be admitted, if Doctor Stephens has forfeited his Annuity, the Relators (who are intitled to the Residue of the Testator's Estate) are intitled to it.—That by the Will of Doctor Radcliff his Fellows were to travel five Years, is very plain, but the Time when is not fixed; and as their Travels were to be for their better Improvement, *i. e.* after they had laid a Foundation of Learning at home, it is most natural to suppose that he designed they should

Grounds and Rudiments of Law and Eq. P. 30. Ca. 5. S. C. states it thus: Dr. R. by Will devised 300 l. per Ann. to two Persons, to be chosen by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and certain other Trustees, out of University College in Oxon, which Sum he directed to be paid them for ten Years for their Maintenance, five Years whereof they were to spend in England in the Study of Physick, and the other five abroad; the Defendant was one so chosen, and studied here according to the Directions of the Will, and for that Time received his Salary, but after he did not go abroad on Account of his ill State of Health, and thereupon in 1730. he resigned to the Trustees, who accepted his Resignation, and in 1735. chose another in his Room; the Information was exhibited against the Defendant, that he might account for five Years Salary, by him thus received. Mr. *Fazakerly* for Defendant argued, that in a late Case, which came before the House of Lords upon an Appeal, their Lordships were of Opinion, that the Word *Maintenance* included *Education*, and therefore though that Word was used in the present Will, Education must be intended by it as implied; he also argued, that when the Defendant had spent half his Time in his Education here in England, and was prevented by ill Health from going abroad, and thereupon had resigned, and his Resignation accepted, and another chosen in his Room, he submitted it, that the present Bill must be thought an unreasonable one. Lord Chan. was of the same Opinion, and said, the Name of the Case cited was *Gandy and Anstis*, so dismissed the Information. *Grounds and Rudiments cites 2 Ju. Eccl. 157, 158.—Rule; Charity to pursue the Intent of the Founder.*

should travel in the latter Part of their Time; and tho' they were to travel some Part of their Time, yet I cannot think they were to travel at all Events, upon the Penalty of forfeiting whatever they had received from this Charity; to make this necessary, we must suppose that their travelling was the only Thing that Doctor R. had in View, which is impossible, for it was to be for their better Improvement. Besides, this Benefaction is for their Maintenance, and if, as it may happen, a Fellow should be disabled from travelling, and he should without any Fault in him be obliged to refund what he had consumed in his Maintenance, that would be exceeding hard.—It cannot be said that the Doctor has complied with Doctor Radcliff's Intention, for he has not been abroad; but then it comes to this Question, whether he has given a reasonable Excuse; the Loss of Sight, Understanding, and such like Visitations, would be undoubtedly good Excuses; but it is urged, that Doctor Stephens's Intention was originally fraudulent; that he designed from the first to put five Years Salary in his Pocket, and then to throw up his Fellowship without going abroad; and if such a Case had appeared, as it might have been made out by Circumstances, I should have made no Scruple of decreeing him to account; on the contrary, Doctor Stephens's Design of going abroad is proved by him, and that it was frustrated by a bad State of Health and a Decay of Nature; how unfit he was to go abroad does not appear, but as the Relators have not examined at all to this Point, nor endeavoured to shew him in a Capacity to take a Voyage, I must rely on the Evidence that is given for him; besides, in that Will the Words are not conditional, but only directory; and if at Law A. should promise to pay B. 300 l. a Year for ten Years, and B. should engage to go abroad for five Years of the ten, tho' B. should not travel, yet A. without Payment of the whole Salary, could not upon such executory Contract recover against B. for not going abroad.—In this Case it is very material, and a very strong Argument with me, that the Trustees of this Charity, as now standing in the Place of Doctor R. have accepted the Defendant's Resignation, which I must suppose to be done upon some reasonable Foundation. I consider their Act as the Judgment and Act of Doctor R. himself; suppose a Patron upon presenting to a Church should take a Bond from the Parson to reside there for 23 Years, if he should so long live, and he should afterwards assent to the Parson's Resignation, would not this Act of his dispence with the Consideration? In the same Manner I should think the Trustees have dispenced with the Obligation that Doctor Stephens lay under to go abroad, so that as to him the Information must be dismissed, but without Costs. As to Doctor Kidby, as a Fellow, he is Proprietor of his Chambers, and may use them as other Fellows do; he is a Member of the College, and I have no Business to give any Directions how he shall employ his Chambers there. So the Information as to Doctor Kidby was likewise dismissed (a). 11 May 1737. (a) 2. If not The Attorney General, at the Relation of University College, Oxford, with Costs. and Doctor Stephens and Kidby, MS. Rep.

(B) What shall be a Breach or Misemployment of a Charity;—Of a Commission to inquire into the same;—And here concerning Trustees of a Charity.

1. *J.* S. conveys a Messuage, &c. then in Lease at 8*l.* per Ann. to several Persons in Fee, in Trust for charitable Uses. After, by building, &c. the Rent of the Premises was increased to 450*l.* per Ann. and employed in Augmentation of the Charity; and the Trustees by Order of Vestry, for 1000*l.* paid for the Use of the Parish, make this Estate a Security for 100*l.* per Ann. Annuity; and now a Bill was brought to set aside this Deed of Annuity, as being in Breach of the Charity; and so decreed by the Commissioners of charitable Uses. Lord Keeper seemed clear to dismiss the Bill; but after the Plaintiffs (the Parishioners) submitting to pay the Arrears, and growing Payments, it was so decreed, and Costs spared. *Trin.* 1703. *Attorney General and the Parishioners of St. Clements Danes and Lady Hart, & al'*, *Prec. in Chan.* 225.

2. A College seised in Fee was restrained by its Constitution from making any Leases except for 21 Years, and at the Rack Rents. The College made a Lease accordingly to A. who having much improved the Premises by Building, &c. an Entry was made thereof in the Audit Book, and a Recommendation signed by the Master-Warden and most of the Fellows, to grant A. a new Lease at the Expiration of the End of the old Lease, at the same Rent, and under the same Covenants; and when the Term was near expiring, an Order was made at another Audit for such new Lease. The Bill was brought by B. A's Administratrix, to compel the College to make a new Lease, and the Master-Warden was B.'s principal Witness. And per Parker C. the Master-Warden who appears as a Witness, &c. has betrayed his Trust in Relation to the College, and has acted inconsistently with the Oath he has taken as Warden. His Lordship also disapproved of the Recommendation, &c. it being to wrong the College and break the Statutes; and that the Signing of a Contract for leasing by private Persons, i. e. the Master and Fellows, was not binding to the College, it not being under the College Seal (a). That there would have been some Equity if the Intestate had after this Order for a new Lease laid out Money in Improvements, in Confidence and Reliance on such Order; but even in that Case he should have had his Reparation only from the private Persons signing such Order, and not from the College; and as to Repairs done by the Lessee since the said Order, they are no more than what by his old Lease he was obliged to do, for which Reasons the Bill was dismissed with Costs. *Mich.* 1720. *Taylor and Dullidge Hospital*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 655.

(a) And a Contract to bind any Corporation as to its Revenue, must be under its common Seal. *Per Lord Chan. ibid.* 656.

(b) *Vide Doyley and Attorney General, &c. P. Ca.*

3. In Case of Misbehaviour of Trustees or Misapplication of a Charity, Chancery will oblige them to assign (b). *Mar.* 8, 1720. *Mayor of Coventry and Attorney General, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses*, (F) *Ca.* 16.

4. *J. S.* founded a Lectureship with a Salary of 50*l.* per Ann. charged upon his Lands to the Lecturer, so long as he should attend the Charge of diligent Preaching there once every Sunday, unless hindered by Necessity; and when the Lectureship should be void by Death, Removal,

Removal, Departure, or otherwise, then the Trustees were to appoint a new Lecturer. The Plaintiff in 1701, was appointed Lecturer by the Trustees expressly for the Term of his natural Life, but being much in Debt, about a Year and an Half afterwards he went away, and was Chaplain to a Regiment in Spain, and continued many Years abroad. In 1710. the Trustees appointed G. Lecturer, and in the Deed of Appointment they recite that the Lectureship was vacant by Plaintiff's Departure, and thereupon they appoint G. Lecturer. Plaintiff's Bill was to have an Account of the Profits and Salary of Lecturer, &c. First Point was, If the Trustees could remove the Plaintiff from the Lectureship for going abroad, and not personally Preaching there every Sunday, and appoint a new Lecturer in his Room? Second Point, admitting they had a Power to remove him for Absence, if J. S. ought to account to the Plaintiff for the Profits of Lecturer to the Time that the new Lecturer was appointed? And Parker C. was of Opinion, that J. S. employing another Person to preach in Plaintiff's Absence, acted therein as his Agent, and not as a Trustee of the Charity, and ought to account for the Profits of the Lectureship, deducting what was paid by him for supplying the Plaintiff's Place in his Absence; but whether the Appointment of the new Lecturer was good or not, yet J. S. having paid the whole Salary to G. will discharge him against the Plaintiff as his Agent in procuring a proper Person to preach, and to do the Duty for the Plaintiff. Upon taking Time to consider if the Appointment of the new Lecturer was good, (which he at first doubted) his Lordship held it was, and said, the Lectureship was not void by the 13 & 14 Car. 2. cap. 4. for not reading the Common Prayer (a); for that Act inflicts a Penalty, but does not make the Lectureship void; but the Lectureship was void by Plaintiff's Absence; and the Necessity of absenting himself by Reason of his Debts was not the Necessity intended by the Founder to be an Excuse for his Absence; and though he was declared Lecturer expressly for Life, yet he is subject to the Terms imposed by the Founder; for the Trustees cannot alter the Terms and Nature of the Trust, and the first Appointment is superseded by the second without any other Act. *East.* 6 Geo. 1. Phillips and Sir John Walters, Viner's Abr. Tit. Charitable Uses, (F) Ca. 14.

(a) It was proved that Plaintiff did not read the Common Prayer the first Time he preached, according to the said Act of Uniformity. S. 19. Ibid.

5. The King founds a School, and endows it, and appoints Governors, who have the legal Estate of the Endowments vested in them, and there are no express Words appointing them Visitors; resolved, that a Commission may issue to visit and call to an Account these Governors. *Per King C. Eyre C. J. and Gilbert C. B. Hil. 1725. Eden* and Foster, 2 Will. Rep. 325.

Gilb. Eq. Rep. 178. S. C.—*Sel. Cas. in Chan.* 36. S. C.—*Sed vide Tit. Visitor,* P.

6. Upon Exceptions to a Decree made by Commissioners of charitable Uses, where the Governors of a Free School joined in making a long Lease for Years of Houses belonging to the School, at 5 l. per Ann. though worth 50 l. per Ann. The Lords Commissioners decreed the Assignee of this Lease to surrender it back, and the Lessee and the Governors to pay 70 l. Costs; and King C. affirmed the Decree as to the Surrendring the Lease, but mitigated the Costs to 50 l. (b). *Trin.* 1725. *East* and Ryal, 2 Will. Rep. 284.

(b) Saying, there was no Reason that

the Charity should pay the Costs; that it was just that the Owner of the Lease, who was to have the Benefit of the Breach of Trust, should pay Costs; and as to the Governors; tho' they were to gain nothing by this, and were not guilty of any Corruption, yet they had been extremely negligent in their Trust, for which they ought to be punished with some Costs. *Ibid.*

7. *A Commission may be directed to inquire for a Town as a County, and a Jury may come out of the Town only and inquire of Lands lying out, if annexed to a Charity founded in the Town, as appears by the following Case :*

A Commission issued to inquire into the Misemployment of several Charities within the Borough of Ilchester, and the Commission directed the Commissioners to inquire by *twelve lawful Men of the said Borough in the County of Somerset*, or other lawful Means, concerning any Appointments to or Abuses of any Charities within the said Borough; and the first Exception to the Commission was, that it was to inquire for this Borough only, and not for the whole County.—
2dly, That if such a Commission was proper, yet the Authority to summon a Jury was not legal; but that especially since 4 & 5 Ann. c. 16. of the Body of the County. Lord Chan. Hardwicke, The first Objection is grounded on the Words of the said Act, which says, *Inquiry shall be made by twelve lawful Men of the County*; and the Objection supposes that it is *absolutely necessary that every such Commission should be for the whole County*; but I can see no Foundation for it, *the Statute does not fix the Extent, but only the Objects of every such Commission*. Had the Legislature defined the Bounds of those Authorities, they must have pursued the Directions of the Act; but as it has not, I do not see any Reason to find Fault with such a limited Commission as this is. As to Precedents, there are some produced, viz. eight Instances of such Commissions between 1 Jac. and 7 Car. for separate Places; and if the Words of the Act had been stronger, *after such a Series of Precedents*, I think it ought not now to be made a Question, whether those were called Commissions. *A Series of Precedents against the plain Words of an Act of Parliament have made a Law*, as in the Case of *Bewdely*, 13 Ann. which was a *Sci. Fa.* to repeal Letters Patent, the *Venire Fa.* was awarded *de Vicineto*, and there was no Doubt but that (it being a private Suit of the Crown to repeal its own Grant) the Case came within the Statute; and the King was bound by the Act, as being a remedial Law. But upon producing Precedents in the Exchequer in Civil Suits of the Crown, where the *Venire* had been so awarded, after the 4 & 5 Ann. c. 16. though they had passed *sub silentio*, yet all the Judges at *Serjeants Inn Hall* were of Opinion, that such a Series of Precedents had cured the Mistake. As to the other Objection, that the Authority to summon the Jury is too confined, and should have been from the Body of the County, what is said relating to 4 & 5 Ann. c. 16. can have no Weight; That *Statute concerning Issues only to be tried in Actions out of the Courts of Record at Westminster*; this is only an *Inquest* awaked by *Act of Parliament*, and what arises from the 43 Eliz. that *the Inquest shall be by Men of the County*, is answered by the Commission itself, viz. *Twelve Men of the said Borough in the Court of S.* and this Objection, as well as the former, is answered by the Precedents in all such limited Commissions. But it is said, that it appears by the Return this Jury which came out of the Town hath *inquired about Lands lying out of the Town in the County at large*; the Answer is, that *such Lands concerned such Charities founded within the Town*, and the Jury summoned under this Commission might as well *inquire into Lands out of the Town, as Juries in general Commissions for Counties inquire about Lands lying in different Counties that are annexed to Charities founded within the Limits of those Counties through which their Commissions extended*; and this is done daily,

daily, so I think their Commission is good, and properly executed, and the Exceptions must be over-ruled. *Mich. 11 Geo. 2. In the Case of the Borough of Ilchester in the County of S. MS. Rep.*

(C) Of the Right of Nomination to a Charity.

1. **A** Man founds a Charity for Almshouses: The *Founder* and his Heirs have a Right of *Nomination* of these Alms-People; but may forfeit it by a corrupt or improper *Nomination* of such as are not fit Objects of the Charity, or by making no *Nomination* at all; but this Neglect of *Nomination* must be after such Time as the Founder, &c. have had Notice of the *Vacancy*, and without *Proof* of such Notice it is no Fault. By Lord Chan. *Parker*, Attorney General and *Leigh*, *Trin. 1721. 2 Will. Rep. 146. in a Note (A).*

2. J. S. seised in Fee of a Manor, grants a Rent-charge in Fee thereof of 20 *l. per Ann.* for a Charity, towards the Support of several poor Men, and afterwards grants the Manor to J. S. in Fee. Lord Chan. King decreed that the Heir of the Grantor should have the *Nomination* of the poor Persons. *Mich. 1732. Attorney General and Rigby, 3 Will. Rep. 145.*

The Nomination being incident to the Founder and his Heirs, or to those whom he should appoint, when the Lands were granted away, the Rent-charge, a Thing independent and collateral did not pass therewith, like a Rent-service, which is incident to the Reversion; whereas this being a Rent-charge, and in Fee, had no Reversion. Per Lord Chan. But as the Grantees and Owners of the Land had for upwards of 60 Years enjoyed the Nomination of the Persons who had partaken of the Charity, the Court allowed to them all the Payments they had made to any of the Poor though nominated by themselves, and would not disturb any Thing that had been already done. *Ibid.*

(D) Concerning Commissioners of charitable Uses (a); — And here of Proceedings and Exceptions.

(a) Vide Tit. Visitor, P.

1. **U**PON an Order of Reference out of Chancery to Lord C. J. Keeling, and all the other Judges, of Exceptions there taken to a Decree made by the Commissioners of charitable Uses, in *Mich. 1668.* the Judges certified that they found that by *Inquisition taken before some of the Commissioners for charitable Uses, in the Absence of the Exceptants*, it was found that several Houses and Lands therein mentioned were given by several Persons, some in the Time of E. 3. some in the Time of Queen Eliz. and since, to several Uses within the said Parish. viz. some to the Poor, some to the Repairs of the Church, and some for preaching Sermons; and that since the Year 1646. the Rents and Profits had been received by thirteen several Persons, and not employed to the aforesaid Uses; and that the Commissioners thereupon caused a Charge to be drawn up of those Rents and Profits, amounting to 3847 *l. 10 s.* and because the Exceptants did not discharge themselves of that Sum, they have decreed the Exceptants, and every of them, being five of the said thirteen Persons, to pay the said 3847 *l. 10 s.* and to alter the Feoffees, which Decree they (*i. e.* Judges) conceived to be altogether erroneous, and ought to be reversed; 1st, Because the Exceptants were by Order of some of the Commissioners debarred from being heard before the Jury till after the *Inquisition* was found. 2^{dly}, For that it did not appear to them (*i. e.* Judges) but that as much or more has been yearly paid to and

for several charitable Uses, directed by the Donors, as is required by their respective Wills and Gifts, though the same has not been mentioned to be paid out of the Rents of the respective Houses and Lands by them given. 3dly, Because they (i. e. Judges) found that all the Parish Rents and Monies within the Time mentioned in the said Decree have been by the Exceptants, and the preceding and succeeding Churchwardens, paid and accounted for, and those Accounts audited and allowed according to the antient Usage of that Parish; and they (i. e. Judges) conceived that the Way used by the Exceptants and other Churchwardens of that Parish touching leasing out the Premises, receiving the Rents, and accounting for the same, is fit to be continued; and for an Expedient to prevent the Frustrations of Commissions upon the Statute for charitable Uses by the Wilfulness of any Person, they (the Judges) conceived it is requisite that the Persons who are complained of for diverting the Charity be heard before the Jury, and have Liberty to answer for themselves before the Inquisition be found, and thereby they will have less (if any Cause at all) to put in Exceptions to Decrees made against them. Mich. 1668. *Tattle and Bradshaw*, *Viner's Abr.*

(a) Note; Mr. Tit. *Charitable Uses*, (H) Ca. 3. (a).

Viner says,

this Rep. was taken from a MS. Rep. of Lord C. J. Keeling.

2. Urged, that in Case of a Charity, where the most speedy and least expensive Method ought to be pursued, Issue ought not to be directed, but the Court ought to decree upon the Proofs. Mar. 25, 1721. *Bishop of Rochester and Attorney General*, *Ibid.* Ca. 12.

3. Where Commissioners for charitable Uses intend to oppress, the Court will punish them. *Per Cur'*, 10 Geo. 1. in *Casu Wright and Hobert*, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 65.

4. A Power may be given to Commissioners to make By-Laws to regulate the Charity, but where such Power is too extensive, it will be void only *pro tanto*. *Per King C.* assisted by *Eyre C. J.* and *Gilb. B.* Hil. 1725. *Eden and Foster*, 2 Will. Rep. 325.

5. *A.* was summoned to appear before the Commissioners of charitable Uses, but never did appear; and now he takes Exceptions to the Decree of the Commissioners. Lord Chan. The Act says, any Person concerned in Interest may except. Trin. 11 Geo. 1. *Anon.* *MS. Rep.*

Sel. Cases in
Chan. 42.
Trin. 1725.
Rawson and
Turner S.C. in
totidem verbis.

C A P. XVIII.

Churchwardens.

(A) Cases in general relating to them.

1. **T**HE Bill was brought by the late Churchwardens against the succeeding Churchwardens to oblige them to make a Rate, according to an Order of Vestry, to reimburse them several Sums of Money laid out by Order of Vestry for *Repairs of the Church, and Building two new Galleries*; and their Accounts having, at their going out of their Office, been taken by *Auditors*, and passed and allowed by the *Vestry*, but the *succeeding Churchwardens being out of their Office*, and new ones chose, but the Court would give them no Relief, but they must take their Remedy against such particular *Parishioners* as employed them, or else in the *Spiritual Court*, the *Money for the Repairs being all paid*, and the Remainder due being for the *Galleries*. *East. 1692. Battily and Cook, Prec. in Chan. 42.—2 Vern. 226. S. C.*

Birch and Barston & al' Churchwardens of Lambeth, Trin. 2 W. & M. in this Court was cited, where the Court decreed the Plaintiff, who was late Churchwarden, to be paid the Money he had laid out for the Use of the Parish with Costs;

and then the Decree goes on and says, for which Purpose the Vestry of the said Parish are to take Notice hereof, (*viz.* of the Decree) and set a Rate accordingly; and what the *Churchwardens* shall pay in Obedience to this Decree, the same is to be brought into their Accounts, and to be allowed them by the Parish when they pass their Accounts. The Reporter in a Note says, That there are the like Words in a former Decree, *February 36 Car. 2. James and Rich & al'*, which Decree is cited in the above Decree of *2 W. & M.* and was read at the Hearing of the Cause. *Ibid. 43.*

2. Bill against 90 Parishioners by *Executrix of one of the Churchwardens of W. to be reimbursed Money laid out by the Testator as Churchwarden, for rebuilding the Steeple of the Church*. Objected, that this Matter was proper for the *Ecclesiastical Court* only. But by *Harcourt C.* The Plaintiff is proper for Relief here, and *there are many Precedents of the like Nature*; one in the Time of *Cowper C.* against the Parishioners of *St. Clements*, for the Organ in the Church, and *many more before*; and decreed that the Parishioners should reimburse Plaintiff the Money laid out by her Testator with Costs, and the same to be raised by a Parish-Rate. *East. 13 Ann. Nicholson and Masters & al', Parishioners of Woodford in Com' Essex, Viner's Abr. Tit. Churchwardens, (C) Ca. 9.*

3. Churchwardens, as *being a Corporation for the Goods of the Parish*, commence a Suit by and with the Consent, and by the Order of the Parish, concerning a Charity for the Poor, in which they *miscarried*; and then they brought a Bill against the subsequent *Churchwardens to be repaid the Costs by them expended*, and had a Decree for it. But it was proved that from Time to Time the Parish was made acquainted with what they did; and though there was no

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Vestry by Prescription, yet a *Vestry Book*, kept for the *Parish Acts*, was allowed as Evidence of their Consent; they are the Trustees of the Parish for all Matters, and therefore the *Cestuy que Trust ill.* Parishioners ought to contribute, and not lay the Burthen upon the Churchwardens. The *annual successive Churchwardens* need not be made Parties, as they are renewed. Per the Master of the Rolls, Trin. 1718. *Radnor Parish in Wales*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Churchwardens*, (C) Ca. 10.

His Honour took Notice, that Money or Charities given for repairing a Church is one of the Charities mentioned,

4. A. devises 500 l. to his Wife for Life, Remainder to the Parish Church of St. Helen's, which is an Impropriation; this 500 l. shall not go to the Vicar or Stipendiary of the Church, but to the Churchwardens for the Reparations and Adorning the Church. Decreed by the Master of the Rolls, on Time taken to consider, &c. Hil. 1722. *Attorney General and Ruper*, 2 Will. Rep. 125.

preserved and established by Stat. 43 Eliz. c. 4. That as on the one Hand the Parson of the Church is a Corporation for the taking of Land for the Use and Benefit of the Church, and not capable of taking Goods or any Personalty on that Behalf; so the Churchwardens are a Corporation to take Money, or Goods, or other personal Things, for the Use of the Church, but are not enabled to take Lands.—Goods given or bought for the Use of the Church are all *Bona Ecclesiæ*, for the taking whereof the Churchwardens may bring *Trespas*s, (cites F. N. B. 91. K.) and they may bring *Trespas*s for taking these Goods, as well in the Time of their Predecessors as in their own Time. Per his Honour. *Ibid.* 126.

5. It is said in the Books, that the Churchwardens are a Corporation, but very improperly; for all the Parishioners are the Body, and the Churchwardens are only a Name to sue by in Personal Actions; but the Property is in the Parishioners; and in all Actions brought by Churchwardens, it must be laid *Ad damnum Parochianorum*. Per *Macclesfield C.* Hil. 9 Geo. 1. *Whitmore and Bridges*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Churchwardens*, (A) in a Note under Ca. 1.

C A P. XIX.

Commissions and Commissioners.

(A) Of Commissions.

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1. **A** Commission of Rebellion by the Course of the Court issues only to the Sheriff of *Middlesex*. 2 *Will. Rep.* 657. in a *Note by the Editor*.

2. After the *Defendant* has been examined on Interrogatories, and Publication passed, the Plaintiff ought not to have a Commission to examine Witnesses in order to *falsify* the *Defendant's* Examination, this tending to *multiply* Causes, and make them *endless*. So ordered by King C. Hil. 1735. *Smith and Tanner*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 413.

3. An Affidavit made by a Solicitor, "That a Commission to examine Witnesses beyond Sea was necessary," is not sufficient to intitle the Party to such Commission (a), for the Solicitor by this Means takes upon himself to judge of a Matter which does not belong to him. *Per* Lord Chan. *Hardwicke, Mich.* 1740. *Jessup and Duport, Barnard.* *Chan. Rep.* 192, 193, 194.

For the Ground for granting such Commissions must depend upon the special Circumstances of the Case, and those Circumstances must be discovered upon Affidavit, or they may arise from the Nature of the Case itself, as in the present Case; for as on the one Hand it must not be laid down that the Granting such a Commission is a Motion of Course, so on the other Hand it must not be laid down that the Party applying for such Commission must shew, that there is an absolute Necessity for it; was that the Case, on Motions of this Sort the Court must be obliged to determine the Merits of the Cause, whereas in such Case it is sufficient to shew, that there is a probable Cause for the granting such Commission. *Per* Lord Chan. *Ibid.*

4. The Course of the Court is, that where an Account must necessarily be directed at the Hearing, a Commission before the Hearing shall never be granted to examine Witnesses beyond Sea, when the Granting such Commission will delay the directing the Account; and the proper Time to apply for such Commission is after the Account is directed. *Per* Lord Chan. *Hardwicke, Hil.* 1740 *Adams and Bobun.* *Ibid.* 270, 271.

(B) Of Commissioners.

2 *Mod. Ca. in I. THE Commissioners of Sewers assessed all the Lands from such a Place to such a Place in the Level to raise Money to build a new Sluice, and by Warrant appointed the Plaintiff to collect the Money, &c. who by Virtue thereof made several Distresses, and levied Money on the Defendant's Tenants, (the Occupiers of the Lands) for which he brought several Actions against the Plaintiff in their Names; and the said Assessment being not strictly legal, because it should be assessed on every particular Tenant proportionable to the Damage he might sustain, therefore the Warrant and Distresses were not good, and so the Plaintiff could not defend himself at Law, but a Verdict passed against him, and thereupon he exhibited this Bill to supersede those Actions, suggesting this Matter, and that the said Actions were vexatious. But Lord Chan. would not help in this Case, for if he did, then the Order of Commissioners of Sewers and of the Sessions would be made in this Court; and per his Lordship, here the Assessment was wrong, and Money was levied by Virtue of such Assessment, which ought to be refunded, and a new Assessment made, and the right way of making it is to assess the particular Lands according to the Damage they lie in; and that it is not necessary to name the Owners or Occupiers of such Lands, for the Commissioners may not know them; for if not naming the Owners should make the Assessment void, there would be an End of all Assessments by such Commissioners; therefore if that was the Fact, it might be proper for the Court to interpose. East. 10 Geo. 1. Anon. MS. Rep.*

2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 94. East. 10 Geo. Bow and Smith S. C. in totidem verbis* says, that the Defendant insisted that the Commissioners had no Power to tax him, for that there was an old Sluice near the Place where the new one was intended to be built, which was sufficient to secure all the Level, and that the new Sluice when built would be of no Manner of Advantage to him, and consequently he ought not to be contributory to the Charge of building it, and therefore that both he and his Tenants had good Right to bring Actions for the Money extorted from them. *Ibid.*

2. A Witness examined on a Commission (*the Commissioners on both Sides attending*) swears reflecting Words upon——yet he ought not to pay Costs, it being the Commissioners Fault to take down such Deposition (a). Per King C. Hil. 1726. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 406.

(a) 2. If the Interrogatories had led to it? for it seems in the principal Case it did not, it being the last general Interrogatory. *Ibid.*

3. Disputes which relate to the Building the fifty new Churches are by the Intention of the several Statutes to be determined by the Commissioners (b) only, and not by the ordinary Courts of Justice. But if the Commissioners do not do their Duty, the proper Court to apply to is the King's Bench for a Mandamus, and not to the Court of Chancery. Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, Hil. 1740. Vernon and Blackerby, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 377, 9, 10.

(b) The Intention of the Statute seems to have been the same in this Respect as it is in the Acts relating to the Turnpikes. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 379.

Vide P. 170. Ca. 30.

C A P. XX.

Of a Common (a).

(a) Vide 163.
Ca. 25.

1. **A** Bill was brought to *quiet Possession of a Right of Commonage* in a Common, Part of the Manor of *Moreton* in *Surry*, and to *prevent Distresses*; an Answer and Demurrer were put in, and then Plaintiffs amend their Bill, and obtain an *Injunction* till Answer and further Orders. The Defendants now moved to dissolve it, and the Plaintiffs produced *Affidavits of above 50 Years quiet Possession and Evidence of their Right in Queen Elizabeth's Time*; yet the Court refused to interpose till one or more *Verdicts at Law*, and dissolved the *Injunction* that it might be tried immediately. So ruled by King C. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 183.

2. Agreement between Lord and Tenants for inclosing a Common, that the Tenants should quit their Right of Common, and the Lord should release them all *Quit-Rents*: The Inclosure was prevented by pulling down the Fence, and the Tenants continued to use the Common, and some of them to pay their *Quit-Rents*; this is a *Waiver* of the Agreement. Jan. 2, 1719. *Lady Lanesbury and Ockshoth, Viner's Abr. Tit. Common, (A. a.) Ca. 31.*

3. Owner of Lands bound by Agreement of his Bailiff for inclosing of a Common *having acquiesced 30 Years*. Mar. 1720. *Tufton and Wentworth. Ibid. Ca. 32.*

4. Bills brought by Plaintiffs as *Tenants of a Manor to establish their Right of Common of Pasture, and Turbary in the Waste of the said Manor, and for Injunction against Defendant, Lessee of the Manor for Years under the Crown, to stay his digging of Brick Earth, and making Brick, and inclosing Part of the Common, &c.* The Motion upon the Bill filed, and Affidavits of making Brick and inclosing Part of the Common (*was for an Injunction* *) till Answer and further Order. King C. assisted by *Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, denied the Motion (b). *East. 2 Geo. 1. — and Palmer & al, Ibid. (A. a.) Ca. 33.*

* Not in the Original.

(b) For that the Lord of common

Right was in-

titled to the Soil of the Waste, and the Tenants had only a Right to take the *Herbage* by the Mouth of their Cattle; and by the Statute of *Merton*, the Lord might inclose Part of the Waste, leaving sufficient Common; that at Common Law in an Action brought against the Lord, the Tenant must alledge in the Declaration, that there is not sufficient Common left, or he cannot maintain the Action; and if that should be the present Case, (tho' no such Matter is made out by the Affidavit) the Tenants may have their Remedy at Law; — That the Lord has a Right to open Mines in the Waste of the Manor, and why not to dig Brick Earth, especially in the present Case, where the Bricks are made for a Tenant of the Manor, and to be employed in building upon the Manor. — As to the Inclosure, his Honour said, it was too soon for an Injunction before Answer. *Ibid.*

C A P. XXI.

Conditions (a).

(a) Rules;
Conditions a-
gainst Law,
and such as

are repugnant or impossible, are void. — Conditions which go to the Defeasance of an Estate ought to be taken strictly. — None but Parties or Privies may take Advantage of a Condition. — Condition dispenced with, or extinct in Part, is wholly gone. *Hob. 313.* — A Condition is only such as may be performed by the Party himself, from whom it moves, or his Heirs, and not where a Thing is to be performed by a third Person. Said per the Master of the Rolls, *East. 1718. in Casu Markes and Markes, Prec. in Chan. 488.* — *Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 106. Ca. 6. S. C.*

- (A) Who may take Advantage of a Condition.
- (B) Of Conditions precedent and subsequent.
- (C) In what Cases the Breach of a Condition precedent or subsequent will be relieved against, & econt'.
- (D) Where a Gift or Devise upon Condition not to marry without Consent shall be good and binding, or void, being only in Terrorem.
- (E) What Act shall be said to be a Performance or Satisfaction of a Condition, &c.
- (F) At what Place a Condition must be performed where a Place is limited.

(A) Who may take Advantage of a Condition.

1. *J.* S. devises Lands to his Wife for Life, and after her Death to his Son in Fee, upon Condition to pay his Daughter 1000 l. within a Year after the Death of A. with a Proviso, that if the Money be not paid, the Daughter may enter and receive the Profits till Payment. A. dies, living the Wife, the Daughter shall have the 1000 l. during the Life of the Mother, and in Default of Payment, Equity will decree a Sale of the Reversion (b). Decreed at the Rolls, *Mich. 1718.* and afterwards affirmed by Lord Chan. *Parker, Bacon and Clerk, 1 Will. Rep. 478.*

(b) A Reversion is an Estate, and a beneficial one too, and may

as well as any other Estate be devised upon Condition. Decreed at the Rolls in S. C. *Ibid. 479.*

(c) Rule; (B) Of Conditions precedent and subsequent (c).
Conditions precedent must be literally performed; not so if subsequent Conditions, where the Court can make Compensation.

Prec. in Chan. 387. S. C. in totidem verbis. 1. *J.* S. on the Marriage of A. his Son with B. conveys Lands to Trustees to the Use of A. and the Issue of the intended Marriage, Proviso that if the Marriage did not take Effect, and B. should not when she came of Age join in charging her Estate with 2000 l. then the Deeds of Conveyance to be absolutely void to all Intents.

And *per* Lord Chan. This is a Condition subsequent. *Easter* 1714.
Hunt and Hunt, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 43.

2. *A.* gave a Legacy of 6000 *l.* to *B.* (the only Child of *C.* his Sister) payable at 21 or Marriage, which should first happen, and died, leaving *C.* his Heir at Law, but he devised all his real Estate to *D.* The Legacy to *B.* was to be in Lieu and Satisfaction of all she might claim out of his real or personal Estate, and upon Condition that she should release all her Right and Title thereunto unto the Testator's Executors and Trustees. It was insisted, that *B.* had no Right during her Mother's Life-time; that she might marry while an Infant, and so her Legacy become due, and she not capable of releasing; or might intermarry with an Infant, and so neither she nor her Husband be capable of releasing, and yet the Legacy due; wherefore supposing it to be a Condition, it could be no more than a Condition subsequent. *Quod Curia concessit. Trin.* 1722. (*Macclesfield* Lord Chan.) *Acherley and Wheeler and Vernon, 1 Will. Rep.* 783, 785.

Comyns's Rep. 513, 522.
East. 9 Geo. 2.
in C. B. S. C.
in an Action of Debt,
where it is said, that
Reeve C. J. thought it a Condition subsequent, but the other Judges doubting, it was adjourned; and afterwards, East. 12 Geo. 2.
Willes C. J.

and the whole Court inclined to think it a Condition precedent, but held, that supposing it to be a Condition subsequent, yet not being performed, the Plaintiff was not intitled to the Arrear of the Annuity, and therefore the Verdict was set aside, and the Plaintiff to pay the Costs of a Nonsuit.—*Fortes. Rep.* 189, 194. S. C. adjudged; and Lord C. J. *Willes*, who delivered the Opinion of the Court, said, that his Brothers were of Opinion that it is a Condition precedent; but his Lordship said, that the same Words will make it a Condition subsequent as well as precedent, and cites several Cases.

3. Defendant agreed by his Note under Hand to pay *B.* 200 *l.* within two Years; and give him a Reek of Wheat, on Condition he married his Daughter, and settled 600 *l.* upon her for a Jointure. The Marriage took Effect, and there was Issue a Daughter, but both Mother and Daughter died before the two Years expired. Plaintiff insisted it was an Agreement proper for a Court of Equity to execute, and that he had married the Defendant's Daughter, and had been looking out for several Purchases to lay out the 600 *l.* and was only prevented by the Act of God. Defendant insisted it was a Condition precedent, and to be performed at all Adventures before Plaintiff could be intitled to the 200 *l.* and if any Damages, he might have his Action at Law; that the Plaintiff was not bound to lay out the 600 *l.* and therefore there were no (a) mutual Remedies. But the Court dismissed the Bill, but without Costs; for it was in Plaintiff's Power to have intitled himself to the 200 *l.* when he pleased, by laying out the 600 *l.* which not being done, he is not intitled to any Relief. *Hil.* 12 Geo. 1. *Powell and Pellett, MS. Rep.*

(a) Rule;
Remedies ought
to be reciprocal.

4. *A.* devises to his Niece, then about 17, the Surplus of his personal Estate, payable at 21, and if she should die before 21, or Marriage, then *A.* devised it over; the Niece shall have the Interest paid her in the mean Time tho' the Surplus be devised over, if the Niece die before 21, or Marriage, the Devise over being but a Condition subsequent. *Trin.* 1727. *Nicholls and Osborn, 2 Will. Rep.* 419.

5. *J. S.* in Consideration of 500 *l.* which he was to have with his Wife in Money and Goods, and of the Marriage, made a Settlement before Marriage, and gave her a Power to dispose of 200 *l.* by Will, which she accordingly did about 15 Years after. On a Bill by the Legatees, *J. S.* insisted that he never received more than 300 *l.* as a Marriage Portion with his Wife, and that his having 500 *l.* was as a Condition precedent. But the Master of the Rolls held otherwise, and that the Quantum of the Portion seemed rather a Compensation than otherwise, and that it was not to be imagined but that the Husband did look into such Quantum before the Marriage, and was satisf-

fied therewith. The 200 *l.* was decreed to be raised with Interest from the End of the Year after the Wife's Death, and with Costs. *Trin.* 1731. *North* and *Ansell*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 618.

(C) In what Cases the Breach of a Condition precedent or subsequent will be relieved against, & econ't

1. **P**laintiff married G. S.'s Daughter, and upon the Marriage it was agreed by Articles that the Plaintiff should settle 500 *l. per Ann.* for separate Maintenance, and should do several other Things, and likewise should purchase 800 *l. per Ann.* within 20 Miles of London, and settle it upon himself for Life, Remainder to his intended Wife for Life, with Remainders over; and G. S. did article, so soon as the Plaintiff should perform the Premises, that he would settle 3000 *l. per Ann.* upon the Plaintiff for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, and so to the first and tenth Son. The Plaintiff did perform all that was to be done on his Part, except the Purchasing of the 800 *l. per Ann.* and before that was done his Wife died without Issue. Plaintiff preferred his Bill against B. who married another Daughter and Heir of G. S. to have the Estate of 3000 *l. per Ann.* executed to him for Life, according to the Articles, having performed all on his Part, but the settling of the 800 *l. per Ann.* and in that he was prevented by the Death of his Wife. It was proved that G. S. in his Life-time said, that altho' the Plaintiff had not as yet purchased the 800 *l. per Ann.* it should be no Prejudice to him, but he should take his own Time for doing it; and a great many Expressions of this Kind from G. S. were proved, and were insisted upon by Plaintiff's Counsel to be in the Nature of Dispensations with the Performance of that Part of the Agreement. But Lord Chan. assisted by *North* C. J. and *Montague* C. B. delivered their Opinions *seriatim* against the Plaintiff, because what was done by the Plaintiff was in Nature of a Condition precedent, and ought to have been wholly done before Defendant was obliged to do what was to be done on his Part (a). *East.* 1678. *The Earl of Feversham and Watson*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 35.

(a) And as here the Plaintiff could not bring his Ac-

tion of Covenant at Law without Averment of the Performance of the Condition precedent; so neither shall he in Equity have an Execution of the Estate without doing that which by the Agreement of the Parties ought first to be done; and the Plaintiff ought at his Peril to have performed what he was to do in the Life-time of the Wife. And this Case is the more strong, because all the Acts that the Plaintiff hath done are no Prejudice to him; for altho' he intailed his Estate upon the Issue of his Wife, yet she being now dead without Issue, he is absolute Owner of the Estate again; but if Plaintiff had paid a great Sum of Money, or such like, tho' he had not fully performed every Thing, yet it may be he might have been relieved so as to have had the Estate executed, or a Compensation for his Money. *Ibid.* 36.—(*MS. Rep. accord*). And *per* Lord Chan. if the Wife had left Issue, the Issue might have had Relief here, for there was no Default in the Issue that the Condition was not performed; but here it must be intended that if G. S. had been living, he would not have agreed to have had the Estate so settled, his Daughter being dead without Issue. And the Case of *Cheeke* and *Lord Lisle* was cited to be a stronger Case than this, for there the Party had four Years Time to make a Settlement, and the Wife died in the four Years Time, and yet the Settlement not being made, the Party could not be relieved. And *per North*, The Chancery will never force the Execution of an Estate, but either where the Agreement is in Writing, or else where a valuable Consideration is paid or performed on one Part; and it must not be a trifling Consideration, as the Payment of 20 *s.* or such like; for this Court will not compel the Execution of an Estate thereupon where the Agreement is not in Writing. *MS. Rep.* in S. C. 2 *Freem. accord*.—*Fin. Rep.* 445. *East.* 32 *Car.* 2. *Lord Feversham and Watson* and *Sands* S. C. states it thus: F. on his Marriage of M. Daughter to Sir G. S. by Marriage Articles was to settle 2000 *l.* a Year, *i. e.* 1200 *l.* a Year of which he was then seised, and to purchase and settle 800 *l. per Ann.* more; but it was expressly agreed in the Articles, that before Sir G. S. should make the Settlement agreed to be made by him, which was 1000 *l. per Ann.* now, and 3000 *l. per Ann.* at his Death, the Plaintiff the Husband should purchase and settle 800 *l. per Ann.* Part of the intended 2000 *l.* on the said M. for Life, &c. The Marriage was had, Sir G. S. died before any Settlement

ment of the 800 *l. per Ann.* but the 1200 *l. per Ann.* was settled as agreed soon after. The Wife died without Issue, F. brought his Bill for the 300 *l. per Ann.* Lord Chan. said, it appeared that there was no Design, Surprise, or unwary wording the Articles, and that F. was to do the precedent Act; and the Article was penned in a different Manner from the other Articles, because the other Things therein mentioned had a Time prefixed for doing them; but there was no determinate or fixed Time for settling this 3000 *l. per Ann.* for that was to be after the Purchase and Settlement of 800 *l. per Ann.* and it was uncertain when that would be; and it does not appear that the Parties came to a new Agreement, or dispensed with the Performance of the Articles on the Part of the Plaintiff, but it was a *Condition precedent*, which *cannot be dispensed with in Equity*. If the Articles had been so penned that each had depended on the mutual Covenants of each other, there might be some Colour to relieve the Plaintiff, because in such Case the Father might have recovered Damages at Law, without averring the Performance on his Part; but otherwise where the Covenant is penned by way of Condition precedent, so as no Action lies at Common Law without averring Performance. It is true, if the Plaintiff had such a legal Advantage by the Penning this Covenant, perhaps this Court would not have restrained him. Had the Wife been living, or left Issue, there might have been some Ground for Relief, *because the Equity of the Contract had been still subsisting*; but as it is, the whole Reason of the Contract is dissolved, and the Plaintiff suffers not any Loss, but only the Disappointment of his reasonable Hopes and Expectancy. Bill dismissed.—*Skin. Rep.* 287. S. C. cited by *Hutchins* Commissioner thus: That upon the Marriage of a Daughter of Sir G. S. the late Earl of *Feversham* was to have by Agreement 3000 *l. per Ann.* when the present Lord *Feversham* settled 2000 *l. per Ann.* for a Jointure, the Estate in Possession of Lord *Feversham* was only about 800 *l. per Ann.* but he had Pensions in Ireland to commence *in futuro*, which being sold, would amount to what would purchase 2000 *l. per Ann.* The Marriage took Effect, and afterwards the Lord *Feversham* was upon Treaty to sell his Pensions in order to the Purchasing and Settling the 2000 *l. per Ann.* The then Lord *Feversham* hearing of it, told him that these Pensions not being in Possession, they would not sell for so much as when they came into Possession, and so advised him not to part with them yet, and he accordingly forbore; then his Wife dies, and the then Lord *Feversham* dies, and the present Lord *Feversham* prefers his Bill against Mr. W. who married the other Sister, and was the Daughter and Heir of Sir G. S. And it was decreed, and afterwards affirmed in the House of Lords, that the Lord *Feversham* should have an Execution of the first Agreement, and that this was a *Dispensation* in Sir G. S. of the Agreement for the present, which should not prejudice the Lord *Feversham*.

2. A. seised in Fee having three Daughters, devised to Trustees to convey to the Eldest, if she shall pay 6000 *l.* to her two Sisters in six Months; and if she shall not, then gives the like Pre-emption for the same Time to the second; and if she shall not, to the third: The Money must be paid punctually at the Time, and Equity will not enlarge it. Feb. 7, 1705. *Maston and Willoughby*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. Condition, (T. 3.) Ca. 12.

3. An Infant Feme marries A. having Lands of Inheritance; Articles are entred into, whereby she was during the Coverture to settle and convey over these Lands, and then she was to have a Rent-charge of 450 *l. per Ann.* for her Jointure, whereas before she had but 250 *l. per Ann.* A. dies, she marries B. B. and his Wife bring a Bill for to have the 450 *l. per Ann.* &c. *Harcourt* Lord Keeper decreed, that here was a Condition precedent to her having her Jointure augmented, which was to have been done during the Coverture; and a Court of Equity will not relieve in such a Case where Omission of it was but a meer Neglect in the Party, (and cited Lady *Bertie's* Case). But upon Appeal this Matter was in a Manner compromised by the Lords; and Lord Keeper here dismissed the Bill; for if he should relieve her, she would have both the Lands and the 450 *l. per Ann.* *Mich. 9 Ann. Wood and Ingram*, *Ibid.* (T) Ca. 65.

4. I give and bequeath to E. 100 *l.* to be paid him within six Months after he shall have served his Apprenticeship; he ran away from his Apprenticeship, and died. Decreed that the serving the Apprenticeship is not the Condition annexed to the Legacy, but only an Appointment when it shall be paid, and the rather, for if E. had died before Expiration of his Apprenticeship, his Representative would have been intitled to the Legacy. July 26, 1712. *Sidney and Vaughan*, *Ibid.* (T. 3.) Ca. 13.

5. Equity will not relieve against the Breach of a Condition precedent where the Damages accrued are contingent, and cannot be estimated. 1723. *Sweet and Anderson*, *Ibid.* (T. 3.) Ca. 15.

6. If there be a *Condition subsequent* which becomes *impossible* by the Act of God, this excuses and discharges the Condition. *Per* the Master of the Rolls, *Trin.* 1731. and he said, it is a Rule in Law; for *Lex non cogit ad impossibilia.* *Viner's Abr.* Tit. Condition, by way of Note to *Ca.* 13. *P.* 233.

(D) Where a Gift or Devise upon Condition not to marry without Consent shall be good and binding, or void, being only in Terrorem.

2 *Freem. Rep.*
41. *S. C. in*
totidem verbis.

1. FIVE Hundred Pounds was devised to the Plaintiff's Wife, if she married with the Consent of Trustees, and in Case she did not, then 20*l.* *per Ann.* for her Life; she married Plaintiff without the Trustees Consent, and he preferred his Bill for the 500*l.* and it was argued for Defendant, that this did differ from the common Case of a Devise upon Condition *in Terrorem*; for it has always been held, that where there is a Devise over to a third Person for Non-performance of the Condition, there if the Party marry without Consent, &c. all shall go to the third Person, because he hath a conditional Interest by the Will; and if there be no Devise over, then it is esteemed only *in Terrorem*, and the Party shall have the Legacy notwithstanding the Breach of the Covenant; but here this is tantamount, or as strong as a Devise over, when the Party himself saith, that if she marry without Consent she shall have but 20*l.* *per Ann.* But to that it was answered by Lord Chan. that this differed not from the Reason of the common Case of a Devise *in Terrorem*; and the Reason he said he had from Lord C. J. *Hale*, who (when it was objected in another Case here that this Court will not make Mens Wills for them, and give their Estates quite contrary to their Intentions) answered, that this Court holds Pleas of Legacies, and judges of them by the Rules of the *Civil Law*, and by that Law, any Condition added to restrain Marriage is void; so that where an Interest doth not accrue to a third Person by the Breach of the Condition, such a Condition is void, and only *in Terrorem*; and so the 500*l.* was decreed to the Plaintiff. But if it had appeared that any Surprise, Bribes, &c. had been used in obtaining a young Maid to marry unsuitably, perhaps this Court would order it otherwise. *Mitch.* 1678. *Hicks and Pendarris, MS. Rep.*

Prec. in Chan.
Trin. 1703.
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bis. — 1 Vol.
Eq. Abr. P.
41. *Ca.* 11.
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S. P.

2. J. S. devises his real and personal Estate, to make up the Portions provided for his Daughters by his Marriage Settlement 3000*l.* a-piece, *provided they marry with the Consent of their Mother and Brother*; and if without such Consent, then to be applied to other Purposes. Lord Keeper *Wright*, and the Master of the Rolls, held this to be a Condition subsequent; and that the additional Portions are payable at the same Time with the Portions provided by the Settlement, which was 18, or Marriage; and decreed the Lands to be sold, and the Money to be brought before the Master, and Interest paid the Daughters from their respective Ages of 18, and the Principal at 21, if they were then married without such Consent; and if not then married, they to give their own Recognizance to repay for the Purposes in the Will, if they after marry without such Consent; and the Court declared they would not dispence with the Forfeiture, nor alter the Will. *Trin.* 1703. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

3. J. S.

3. J. S. by Will leaves an Annuity of 10 l. *per Ann.* to A. for Life, and afterwards by a Codicil declares, that “ if A. shall marry “ with the good Liking of his Trustees, then she shall have 150 l. in “ *Lieu* of the Annuity, and her Annuity to cease.” She marries *sans* Consent a Man worth nothing; objected by Serjeant *Hooper*, that the Restraint of Marriage was only *in Terrorem*, and that A. notwithstanding her having married as above, ought to have the 150 l. But Lord Chan. *Cowper* decreed *cont'*, saying, here was a Provision made either way, and where the Provision for the Child is in the Alternative, and there is a *Condition precedent* to the Gift of the Portion, (*viz.*) If *she marries with Consent*, &c. and that is not performed, and the Child is still provided for, tho' not with the greater Portion, Equity in that Case does not relieve. *Mich.* 1715. *Gillet and Wray*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 284.

4. J. S. having Daughters A. B. C. and D. in 1705. devised several Parcels of his Estate severally to his four Daughters, & *inter al'* devised to Trustees his Lands in E. and F. in Trust for A. till her Marriage or Death, and in Case she marries with the Consent of her Trustees, then to her and her Heirs; but in Case she should marry without their Consent, then to her other Sisters equally between them, &c. In 1708. A. married W. with the Consent and Approbation of her Father, who settled upon this Marriage Part of those Lands devised to her, and also 7 l. *per Ann.* Fee Farm Rent. In 1709. J. S. dies without altering his Will. *Cowper* C. decreed that by the Marriage with the Father's Consent, the Condition was dispensed with, and the Devise became absolute; for Conditions of this Kind, whether precedent or subsequent, were in Nature of Penalties and Forfeitures; and if the substantial Part and Intent be performed, Equity will supply some small Defects and Circumstances, and favour the Devisee. Here is no Forfeiture, and it was never the Intent of the Testator that the Estate should be taken from the first Devisee when it cannot go to the Devisee over, and be let to descend to the Heir at Law. *Mich.* 3 *Geo.* *Clark & Ux'* and *Lucy & al'*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Condition*, (T. 2.) *Ca.* 6.

5. But where the Party cannot be compensated in Damages, it is against Conscience to relieve; and in *Fry* and *Porter's* Case, the Condition could not be compensated in Damages, being a Marriage without Consent. Precedent Conditions must be literally performed, and Equity will never vest an Estate when by Means of a Condition precedent it will not vest at Law; but as Conditions subsequent are to divest an Estate, there it is otherwise where there can be a Compensation in Damages, as above, but in any other Case, even in Case of Condition subsequent, it is otherwise. *Ibid.*

6. A. having Issue three Daughters B. C. and D. devises 1000 l. to B. to be paid her at 21, or Marriage, upon Condition that *she married with the Consent of his Executors*, and likewise devised to her several Messuages, &c. and after several other Legacies, he devised the Residue of his Estate to the Executors for the Benefit of his Children; tho' B. married a Person who made his Addreses to her in her Father's Life-time, which the Father knew and was dissatisfied at, and after the Father's Death the Executors expressed their Dislike thereof, and gave B. Notice of her Father's Will, yet there being no Limitation over (a), this will not amount to a Forfeiture, being only (a) There being no Limitation over, such a Condition as this is only *in Terrorem*; *secus* if there had been a Limitation over, for in such Case a Court of Equity cannot interpose. *Vide 2 Freem.* 10, 119.

in Terrorem. East. 1721. *Semphill & Ux'* and *Bayly & Ux'*, in the Dutchy Court, *Cor' Leckmere Chan.* King C. J. and *Dormer J. Prec. in Chan.* 562.

7. *A.* devised a Legacy to *B.* to be paid at 21 or Marriage, which should first happen, so as such Marriage be with Consent of *C.* and if not, then he devised the same to his other Daughters. *B.* marries *without* (a) Consent, and dies before 21, leaving Issue, and her Representatives bring a Bill for this Legacy. Lord Chan. said, that this is not to be considered under the Notion of a Forfeiture; that it is merely a Legacy given, and two Days of Payment appointed with a Devise over, and *B.* dies before the Legacy grew due, and so decreed that *B.* dying before Marriage *with* (b) Consent, or 21, an Account should be taken of her Part, and that that, and the Improvements of it, be paid to the surviving Sisters. *Trin.* 11 Geo. 1. *Piggot and Morris, Sel. Cases in Chan.* 26.

(a) *So in the Original.*
(b) *So in the Original.*
His Honour said, Surnames are not of very great Antiquity; for in antient Times the Appellations of Persons were by their Christian Names and the Places of their Habitation, as *Thomas of Dale*, (*viz.*) the Place where he lived, and that he was satisfied that the Usage of passing Acts of Parliament for the taking upon one a Surname is but modern, and that any one may take upon him what Surname, and as many Surnames as he pleases, without any Act of Parliament. *Ibid.*

8. *J. S.* devises a Legacy of 1000 *l.* to his Daughter, upon Condition that she marry a Man who bore the Name and Arms of Barlow, and if she married one that should not bear such Name and Arms, then he devised the 1000 *l.* to *B.* She married Defendant *Bateman*, but about three Weeks before the Marriage he called himself Barlow. On a Bill brought by *B.* for the 1000 *l.* as forfeited to him, Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, was of Opinion, that the Condition was complied with by the taking the Name of *Barlow*; and tho' it was insisted for the Plaintiff that the Defendant when he had received the Legacy would probably resume the Name of *Bateman*, and therefore prayed that he might be decreed to retain the Name of *Barlow* ever after; yet his Honour refused to make any such Decree. *Trin.* 1730. *Barlow and Bateman*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 65.

It is very clear that the Plaintiff, the Devisee over, has no Title to the *Residuum*; 1st, in the Nature of the Thing, and according to the Intention of the Testator,

9. *A.* by Will devised the Residue of his personal Estate to *J. S.* provided she married with the Consent of *B.* and *C.* his Executors, and if she should marry otherwise, then he devised over the same to *J. N.* one of the Executors dies, after which *J. S.* without the Consent of the surviving Executor, married, whereupon *J. N.* brought his Bill for the *Residuum*. She may marry without the Consent of the Survivor; and the Master of the Rolls thinking this a frivolous Bill, dismissed it with Costs. *Trin.* 1731. *Peyton and Bury*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 626. This could not be a Condition precedent, for at that Rate the Right to the *Residuum* might not have vested in any Person whatever for twenty or thirty Years after the Testator's Death, since both the Executors might have lived, and *J. S.* continued so long unmarried, during all which Time the Right to the *Residuum* could not be said to be in the Executors, they being expressly mentioned to be but Executors in Trust; besides, the Bequest of the *Residuum* is first to *J. S.* which if the Will had stopped there would have been an absolute Devise, so that the following Condition annexed must be a subsequent not a precedent one. Now the Rule (c) of Law is, that if there be a subsequent Condition, which becomes impossible by the Act of God, this excuses and discharges the Grantee from the Condition; *Lex non cogit ad impossibilia*; which Construction ought the rather to prevail with Regard to a Condition so odious as that in the present Case is, which restrains the Freedom of Marriage, and is void by the Civil Law (d), when annexed to a personal Legacy. The Plaintiff comes to establish a Forfeiture, and would have the Court add these Words to the Will, which the Testator might, but did not, *viz.* that *J. S.* should not marry without the Executors Consent, or the Survivor of them, and which the Testator might omit upon good Reason, as intending that both the Executors should confer together about the Marriage of *J. S.* in order that one by Arguments might convince the other touching the Suitableness of a Match, which cannot now be done when only one is left. *Per his Honour*, *loid.* 627, 628.—Where there is a Condition that

(c) *Vide* 1 *Inst.* 206.
Consent of the Executor, but if she should not marry with such Consent, then the Legacy to go over; tho' this is against the Rule of the Civil Law, according to which, *Maritagium debet esse liberum*, yet it is a good Condition by our Law, and when the Legacy is once vested in the Devisee over, Equity cannot fetch it back again. Said *per* the Master of the Rolls, *Trin.* 1729. in the Case of *Cleaver and Spurling*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 528. *Vide Ibid.* 531. *S. P. arg.*

(d) A Devise of a Legacy to a Child upon Condition that she married with the

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a Feme shall marry with the Consent of two Executors, and one without Reason is against the Match, the Court will dispence with his Consent. *Per his Honour*, who said he had known such a Case to have happened, that this Case of *Peyton* and *Bury* was not like the Case put out of *Litt.* of the Feoffment, which ought to be made *cy pres*, &c. because there the first Feoffee was not intended to keep the Estate to his own Use, but only as an Instrument for conveying it back to the Feoffor and his Family, of which whilst any were left the Reinfcoffment ought to be made as near the Intent of the Condition as might be; but in the present Case *J. S.* was to take the Devise of the Surplus to her own Use; moreover, this Consent directed to be had being like a bare Authority, and so different from that which is coupled with an Interest, could not survive without express Words for that Purpose. *Per his Honour* in the Case of *Peyton* and *Bury*, *Ibid.* 628.

10. *J. S.* charged his real Estate with 500*l.* to be paid his Sister *A.* within one Month after her Marriage, if she married with his Brother *J.*'s Approbation, (if living) else the 500*l.* was not to be raised. *A.* married in *J.*'s Life-time, and without Consent. The Master of the Rolls held, that this Case is to be governed by the same Rule as in Case of a Devise of Lands, (there Conditions precedent and subsequent take Place, &c. and this was *Fry* and *Porter*'s Case of an Infant bound by Condition relating to her Marriage being a Condition precedent) and is to be considered as Land, the Will must be attested in the same Manner; and this being plainly a Condition precedent, and nothing vested, (as is in Case of a Trust Term where the Term is vested, and the Trust only left open) it is too hard for this Court to charge the Land contrary to the express Will of the Testator, and to say the Money should be raised when the Testator has said it shall not; and held, that the Charge on the Land cannot arise otherwise than as a Devise of the Land itself; *ergo* dismissed the Bill as to this Point. *Mich. 4 Geo. 2. Reves* and *Herne*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition*, (Z. d.) *Ca. 41.*

His Honour said, that the Civil Law makes no Distinction in personal Legacies, between Conditions precedent and subsequent;—Neither does this Court as to mere personal Legacies given upon Condition of marrying, &c. with Consent, &c. But differs from the Civil Law in this, that whereas by that Law all

Conditions in Restraint of Marriage are void; but this Court says they are not void where the Legacy is given over, and another Person particularly substituted by the Testator to have the Benefit of it in Case the Condition be not complied with. But this must be a special Nomination as a Legatee, and therefore a Residuary Legatee or Executor should not have the Benefit of such Non-performance; and remembered a Case, that where a Legacy given upon such Condition of marrying with Consent, and if not, that it should sink into the Residue of the Testator's Estate, which he gave to *J. S.* It was held, that tho' the Marriage was without the Consent, yet the Legacy was not lost, because it would have been the same if Testator had said nothing about its sinking, and therefore was construed *in Terrorem*. So it is in Case of a Trust of a Term limited of Lands for raising Portions with such Restriction, this Court governing itself by the same Rules as in Case of a Devise of a Legacy with such Condition, because tho' the Term be a legal Estate and Interest, yet the Trust of the Term is a Creature of Equity only. *Ibid.*

11. *J. S.* by Will devised all his Lands unto *C.* and his Heirs, in Trust to pay Debts, and afterwards in Trust for his Granddaughter *M.* (the Plaintiff's late Wife) and the Heirs of her Body, Remainder to *C.* and his Heirs, upon Condition that he marry *M.* and gave *C.* his personal Estate in Trust for *M.* until she attain 21, and made *C.* Executor, and died. *M.* refused to marry *C.* and married *D.* (the Defendant) and afterwards at her Age of 21. *C.* and *D.* made a Bargain and Sale to *E.* to make him Tenant to the *Præcipe* in order to suffer a Common Recovery, in which *C.* and *D.* were vouched, and the Uses thereof to the Issue of the Marriage, Remainder to her own right Heirs; one Question was, whether the Condition annexed to the Defendant's Remainder be a Condition precedent or subsequent? And Lord Chan. was inclined to think it a Condition subsequent, saying there are no technical Words to distinguish Conditions precedent (a) and subsequent; but the same Words may indifferently make (a) *Vide P. Ca.* either according to the Intent of the Person who creates it: That in this Case the precedent Limitation was an Estate-tail in Possession, and therefore why should we not say, that as to this Remainder likewise it was the Testator's Intent to have it vest immediately in the Defendant. The Limitation is immediate, altho' the Condition upon which

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it depends is subsequent. *Hil. 1735. Sir John Robinson and Comyns, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 164, 166.*

*Comyns's Rep. 726. East. 13 Geo. 2. S. C. says, that on an Appeal from this Decree it was held, that A.'s Daughters were not intitled to their Portions by this Settlement, unless on their Marriage with their Mother's Consent; and Lord C. B. Comyns, who was called in to assist the Lord Chan. in his Argument, said, That Marriage with Consent of Mother or Trustees is a Condition precedent that must be performed before the Daughters can be perfectly intitled to the 2000*l.* to be raised by the Trust of this Settlement.*

12. *A.* by Settlement after Marriage creates a Term of 1000 Years, in Trust by Mortgage or Sale to raise 2000*l.* for the Portion of each of his Daughters, provided they marry with their Mother's Consent; and if any should die before Marriage with such Consent, her Portion to cease, and the Premises to be exonerated thereof; and if raised in Whole or in Part, then to be paid to the Person to whom the Premises should belong; and afterwards by Will he creates another Trust-Term to raise 4500*l.* whereout 2000*l.* to be paid to each of the Daughters in Augmentation of their Fortunes, but subject to such Conditions as in the Settlement; and by a Codicil he creates another Trust-Term for the better raising of his Daughters Portions. *A.* died, leaving two Daughters *B.* and *C.* *B.* after twenty-one married *D.* and *C.* before twenty-one married *E.* and both without the Mother's Consent. The Daughters and their Husbands brought a Bill against their Mother and Brother to have their Portions and additional Fortunes, and to have the real Estate applied towards Payment of the same, alledging that upon their respective Marriages their Portions became payable. *E. C.*'s Husband died, whereupon they brought a Bill of Revivor, and a Decree was made by Consent, with Liberty to apply, &c. And now *D.* and his Wife and *C.* preferred their Petition for Payment of their Portions, *D.* offering therein to settle his Wife's Fortune, and they insisting that the Lands were sufficient to answer the Daughters additional Portions. The Master of the Rolls (on Time taken to consider, &c.) observed, that by the Clause in the Settlement, declaring that if any should die before Marriage with such Consent, that her Portion should cease, which was insisted upon to be a good Disposition of it: But his Honour said, that this was not a sufficient Disposition within the Meaning of those Cases that allow a Limitation over to be good, for this is not to take Place upon marrying without Consent, but upon dying before Marriage with such Consent, and is no more than providing for Daughters dying unmarried, he taking it all along, that if they married they would do it with Consent. That here does not appear to be any Person in the Testator's View to whom these Fortunes should go over, as there does in all the Cases where those Limitations over are allowed, the Intent being as clear in those Cases to give it over upon Breach of the Condition, as that upon Performance of it the first Taker should retain it; that tho' these Portions are charged upon Land, yet there being no Distinction between Conditions annexed to Money charged upon Land, to dispose of it in what Manner and upon what Terms and Conditions he pleased; this he believed would be universally allowed. 2dly, That it is a fixed and settled Maxim of Law, That if an Estate in Land, or Interest out of the Land, is limited to commence upon a Condition precedent, nothing can vest or take Effect till the Condition performed; and this is so strong and so settled a Point, that it holds altho' the previous Act was at first impossible, or after becomes impossible by the Act of God, or other Accident, the Estate can never vest. This is in *Co. Lit.* 206, 219. and he said this is a Rule so well known, that he needed not cite Cases to prove it.— And his Lordship said, a third Reason which influenced him to this Opinion is, that it is most agreeable to the Rules of Equity to direct the Execution of the Trust according to the Intent of him who placed the Trust in him; it is said a Trust is construed favourably; and it is true, it is construed with as much Advantage as may be to make good and answer the Intent and Design of the Party, but it is construed strictly with Regard to the Execution of the Trust; and therefore it would be a strange Thing, when the Trust directs the Trustees to pay the Money at the Time of the Daughter's Marriage with her Mother's Consent, that the Court should direct them to pay the Money before that Time. 4thly, But that it is an Argument of no small Weight in his Lordship's Opinion, that the Restraint in the present Case is not only lawful, but prudent and reasonable, and no Consequence more likely to ensue from it than the Hindrance of an inconsiderate or imprudent Marriage. The Lords *C. J. Lee* and *Willes*, who assisted the Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* upon this Appeal, being of the same Opinion, his Lordship was pleased to concur, and thereupon the Decree at the Rolls was reversed. *Ibid.* 733, 744, 748, 757.

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and Conditions annexed to Portions arising out of the personal Estate; and Portions by Will being due by the Ecclesiastical Law, notwithstanding such Condition as this annexed to them, Portions by Settlement (tho' under the like Conditions) are likewise due by the Law and Rules of this Court; and therefore his Honour thought the Daughters well intitled to their Portions, and ordered *D.* to make Proposals before the Master as to the settling his Wife's Fortune, and that the Fortune of *C.* should be paid to her, *E.* her Husband being dead. *Mich. 10 Geo. 2. Harvey and Ashton, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 212, 217.*

13. In the Case of *Limitation over* it is admitted, that a *personal Legacy* given on a Condition precedent not to marry without Consent, should be lost if the Condition be broken. Said *per Lord C. B. Comyns*, in the Case of *Harvey and Ashton, Comyns's Rep. 755.*

(E) What Act shall be said to be a Performance or Satisfaction of a Condition, &c.

1. *J.* S. devised 10 *l.* *per Ann.* to *A.* for Life, chargeable on a Leasehold Estate, and made his Wife sole Executrix, and died. Afterwards she made her Will, and *B.* Executor, and thereby also devised 10 *l.* a Year to *A.* for Life. *B.* being afterwards seised in Fee of other Lands, settled his Estate on himself for Life, Remainder over, &c. Remainder to Trustees for 99 Years, to pay his Debts and Legacies; and afterwards that *A.* should have and receive 20 *l.* a Year for Life, and afterwards died without Issue, whereby the Term vested in the Trustees to execute the Trust. Lord Chan. agreed the Gifts by the Will good; and that where a Man is Debtor in 10 *l.* and gives 20 *l.* it shall be a Satisfaction, and not a Legacy; and that he believed, *in his own private Opinion*, that the 20 *l.* a Year Annuity was intended for a Satisfaction, and that there was no Case like this in Point; yet it was agreed the Costs should be decreed against *A.* the Plaintiff, because he knew in his Conscience that *B.* intended Satisfaction. *East. 7 Ann. Davison and Goddard, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 65.*

2. *J.* S. had an Estate in *S.* by his first Lady, which was to her in Tail; they levy a Fine, and declare the Uses to them and the Issue of their Bodies, Remainder to *J. S. and his Heirs*; they have a Daughter *M.* and the Feme dies. On this Marriage there were Articles, that *J. S.* should leave his Daughter 2500 *l.* if the Trustees demanded it within one Year after his Death. *A.* the Father of *J. S.* was then living; *J. S.* marries a second Wife, and by her has Issue (a) several Daughters. By Deed executed in his Life-time he gives the Estate in *S.* to *M.* and her Heirs; and by Deed also charges his Lands in *D.* which he had purchased, with 5000 *l.* a-piece to the three Daughters, and dies. *M.* demands the 2500 *l.* and Interest; and *Harcourt* Lord Keep. decreed that *M.* should have the 2500 *l.* with Interest from *J. S.*'s Death at 5 *l.* per Cent. That the *S.* Estate could not be an Equivalent, because it moved from her Mother, and was the Condition of the Agreement for the 2500 *l.* That the Reversion of the Lands in *D.* could not be so, because *J. S.*'s Father was then living, and there was no Respect had to these Reversions, neither were they then in Being, and to make it an Equivalent it ought to be in Being and in View at the Time of giving the Equivalent. *Mich. 9 Ann. Anon. Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 38.*

(a) 2. If it should not be two.

3. Bill to have a Performance of a Marriage Agreement contained in a Condition of a Bond, *viz.* *That the Husband should purchase Lands of the Value of 800 l. to be settled upon himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Husband begotten on the Body of the Wife, Remainder to the right Heirs of the Husband, &c.* The Eldest Son of the Marriage brings his Bill against his Father's Executors to have the Benefit of this Agreement. The Defendant insists, that the Father in his Life-time purchased a Copyhold Estate, which descended to the Plaintiff, and likewise by his Will devised 100 l. Legacy, to be raised out of Land to the Plaintiff, and that this Copyhold and Legacy shall be taken as a Satisfaction of the Marriage Agreement, especially in this Case where the Husband and Wife were Tenants in Tail, and might bar the Issue. *Harcourt C.* decreed the Plaintiff must have a Satisfaction of the Agreement in the Bond, and 4 l. *per Cent.* allowed him for Interest of the 800 l. from the Death of his Father; that the Copyhold Estate descended to him from his Father, must be taken as a Satisfaction *pro tanto* of the Agreement, according to the Value of the Land, and the Purchase-Money; but the Legacy of 100 l. being devised out of Land, is not to be taken in Part of the Satisfaction; and as to a Conveyance made of six Acres, said to be made by the Father to the Plaintiff in his Life-time, to inquire whether it was a voluntary Conveyance, and then to go *pro tanto* in Satisfaction of the Agreement; but if the Purchase-Money was paid to the Father, then to be no Part of the Satisfaction. *Trin. 12 Ann. Wilks and Wilks, Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 39.*

4. *H.* being seised in Tail of some Lands with Remainder over, and also seised for Life of other Lands, with a Power to make a Jointure in Bar of Dower, with Remainder over, &c. during his Minority, in Consideration of a Marriage he had with *U.*'s Daughter, and 1000 l. paid down, and 3000 l. more to be paid by *U.* to *H.* at his Age of 21. doth covenant by his Guardian to settle a Jointure of 500 l. *per Ann.* when he comes of Age, upon his intended Wife. The Marriage took Effect, and afterwards *U.* the Plaintiff's Father, pays *H.* the 3000 l. Residue of the Portion, when he came of full Age, and then *H.* in Pursuance of the Covenant entred into by his Guardian, doth settle a Jointure of 500 l. *per Ann.* upon his Wife the Plaintiff. Some Years after *H.* makes his Wife an additional Jointure of 250 l. *per Ann.* upon her Father's dying and leaving her the Value of 5000 l. and at the same Time perswades his Wife to join with him in a Fine of all the Residue of his Estate. Afterwards *H.* dies, and by Will devises an House and Lands to his Wife for her Life to the Value of 270 l. *per Ann.* and gives her a Legacy of 4000 l. and his Plate and Jewels to the Value of 2000 l. more, and makes her Executrix, and gives her the Moiety of the Residue of his personal Estate. It happened that the Jointure made pursuant to the Marriage Articles proved defective both in Title and Value, and thereupon she brought a Bill against the Remainder-man to have a Satisfaction out of the real Estate for the Deficiency of her Jointure. There were two principal Points in this Case; 1st, If the additional Jointure, being a *voluntary* Settlement after Marriage, should go in Satisfaction *pro tanto* of the Jointure made pursuant to the Marriage Articles. 2dly, If the 270 l. *per Ann.* devised to her for Life, should go in Satisfaction of the Marriage Articles; or if the Legacies left her by the Will should be deemed a full Satisfaction. *Harcourt C.* was of Opinion, that the additional Jointure of 250 l. *per Ann.* shall not go in Part of Satisfaction of the Marriage Agreement, *which though made by the Guardian did bind*
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H. as strongly as if he had been of full Age and had signed the Articles himself, especially since H. at his full Age did receive the 3000 l. Residue of his Wife's Portion, and did actually make a Jointure of 500 l. per Ann. on his Wife in Pursuance of those Articles. Now when he settled the additional Jointure of 250 l. per Ann. upon his Wife, he could not intend it in Satisfaction *pro tanto* of 500 l. per Ann. because before that Time he had made her a Jointure of 500 l. per Ann. pursuant to the Marriage Articles, which he then thought to be a good Settlement, and therefore there is no room left for the Presumption in Equity, that a voluntary Settlement shall be intended in Satisfaction of a precedent Covenant or Agreement though not made in Pursuance of it; and so as to the Devise of 270 l. per Ann. for Life, and the 4000 l. Legacy, &c. they cannot be intended by H. in Satisfaction of the Jointure by the Marriage Articles, but given her as a Bounty by her Husband, because at that Time he thought his Wife's Jointure was well settled and secured; besides, *Money or personal Estate shall never be deemed in Equity a Satisfaction for a Freehold*: And decreed that the Remainder-man do settle 500 l. per Ann. upon the Plaintiff for Life out of the Lands which came to him upon the Death of H. and that the Lands contained in the additional Jointure, or devised to the Plaintiff, shall not come in Aid of the other Lands *pro rata* to make a Satisfaction for the Marriage Articles, but the Whole 500 l. per Ann. shall intirely come out of the other Lands in Remainder notwithstanding the Fine levied by H. and his Wife, the now Plaintiff, of these Lands, tho' that be a Bar and Estoppel of her Dower at Common Law; and that the Plaintiff have a Satisfaction for the said 500 l. per Ann. from the Time of her Husband's Death; and directed the Defendant to account for the Rents and Profits of the additional Jointure of 250 l. per Ann. from the Death of H. But Defendant's Counsel moved that the additional Jointure was made out of the Lands of which H. was only Tenant for Life, with a Power to make a Jointure, &c. and that the Power was not well executed at Law, and being a voluntary Settlement, if the Power was not well executed, it ought not to be aided in Equity. To which his Lordship said, he saw no Reason why a defective Execution of a Power for the Benefit of the Wife, tho' otherwise provided for, should not be aided in Equity as well as want of a Surrender of a Copyhold in Case of a Devise to a Child, who had another Provision by the Will; but since it was insisted on, that there is no Precedent in this Court of supplying a defective Execution of a Power in Case of a voluntary Settlement, he gave Leave to try the Validity of the Execution of the Power at Common Law, and retained the Bill quoad that Part until it be determined at Law. Decree affirmed in Dom' Proc', Mich. 12 Ann. Lady Hooke and Grove & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 40.

5. A. had Issue two Sons B. and C.—B. married D.'s Daughter, C. having made his Addressee to a Lady, and all Things concluded upon for the Wedding; D. took C. aside, shewed him a Bond ready
Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 43. S. C. states it thus: A. having two Sons E. and H. has a Design to disinherit the Eldest, and to that Purpose gives an Estate to the Youngest, but the Eldest contrives (by insinuating as if the Father had commanded it) that he should give a Bond to leave 3000 l. to one of E.'s Children. The Bond was dated in 1668. H. makes his Will, and takes Notice of this Bond, and declares that he would never pay it as a Debt, but gives an Estate in Lands to these Children, &c. The Questions were, 1st, Whether the Court would not damn this Bond. 2dly, Whether considering the Length of Time, and here being a Devise, this shall not be taken as a Satisfaction; and Lord Chancellor chose rather to make his Decree on the latter, and the Master was directed to inquire into the Value of this Estate so given.—An Estate for Life is no Compensation for a Sum, because of the Uncertainty of its Duration. The Satisfaction arises according to the Party's Declaration, the Presumption is always in Favour of the Satisfaction, unless the Party's Intent appear to be otherwise, which must come on that Party who would not have it to be a Satisfaction.

drawn, which he said was prepared by *A.*'s Directions, and told him, that unless he would execute it, *A.* would not suffer the Match to proceed; and that he must not so much as mention any Thing relating to this Bond, as he valued his Father's Displeasure. The Condition of the Bond was, that if he should die without Issue of that Marriage, he would leave 3000 *l.* to one or more of *B.*'s Children. Under this Terror *C.* executed the Bond: Afterwards he spoke to his Father of it, who denied that he gave such Directions, and gave him 3000 *l.* to indemnify him against the Bond, which 3000 *l.* was, when this Bond should be delivered up to him, to be distributed among the Grandchildren. *A.* dies, *C.* in his Life-time, and by his Will, gave in Land and Money more than 3000 *l.* to one of *B.*'s Children, and dies without Issue. The only Evidence of the Manner by which this Bond was extorted was a Recital in *C.*'s Will. It was proved that when *C.* was making of these Gifts in Favour of *B.*'s Son, he was advised to declare, that this was in Satisfaction of the Bond; but he answered, "That this would look like complying with a Bond which he had all along declared had been unjustly extorted from him." This Bond was of 50 Years standing. *Parker C.* said, he made no Doubt but this Bond was fraudulently extorted, but knew not how to come at it; for to allow a Recital in the Will of the Obligor as Evidence to destroy a Bond, may be of dangerous Consequence; however, he thought the Bond had been satisfied; and the Reason given why he would not declare it to be in Satisfaction, does very plainly amount to a Declaration of his Intention, that he did not design to make the Gifts he did over and above the satisfying his Bond. *Trin. 5 Geo. 1. Hancock and Hancock, Lucas 438.*

6. In a Settlement a Term was raised for Daughters Portions, (*i. e.*) 10000 *l.* with a Proviso, that *if the Father by Deed or Will should give or leave the Sum of 10000 l. to his said Daughters, it should be Satisfaction.* The Father leaves Lands to the Daughters of the Value of 10000 *l.* this is no Satisfaction. Decreed by *Talbot C. East. 1734. Chaplin and Chaplin, 3 Will. Rep. 245.*

(F) At what Place a Condition must be performed where a Place is limited.

¹ *Will. Rep.*
696. *East.*
1721. *S. C.*
says, the Settlement and Will being made in *England*, and all Parties living *here*, the Money was decreed to be paid into Court with *English* Interest (*a*), and without deducting the Charge of the Return from *Ireland*.
(*a*) *Vide Wal- lis and Bright, Tit. Annuity and Rent-Charge, P. 62. Ca. 4.*

J. *S.* upon his Marriage with *C.* made a Settlement of Lands in *Ireland*, wherein, after the usual Limitation in Tail Male, there was a Term of 500 Years raised, in Trust for raising 12000 *l.* for Daughters Portions, to be paid at 18 or Marriage. *J. S.* died without Issue Male, leaving the Plaintiff *C.* his only Daughter, and by his Will devises to her 3000 *l.* to be added to her Portion, and 300 *l.* per Ann. Increase of Maintenance, which was only 100 *l.* per Ann. by the Marriage Settlement, and appointed her Guardians by the Will; two of the Guardians died soon after *J. S.* and there being a Suit in Chancery in Relation to the Guardianship of *C.* the Court did commit her to the Care of *D.* the surviving Guardian under the Will of *J. S.* with this Caution, that he should not treat of, or contract a Match for her without the Leave of the Court. *C.* was sent by *D.* in 1718. to her Aunt, to be with her during the Summer at *Windfor*, and while she was there the other Plaintiff got her away, and married her privately without the Consent or Privity of any of her Friends, &c. And now, they both being under Age, bring their Bill

Bill by their *procchein Amy* to have the Interest of the Portion and Legacy paid to Plaintiff the Husband, and to have the Portion itself and Legacy given C. by her Father's Will, laid out in Land, and settled upon her and her Children in such Manner as the Court should think fit. One Point was, If the 12000 l. Portion, charged upon the Term of 500 Years of Lands in Ireland without Impeachment of Waste, should be paid in England without any Allowance or Deduction for the Exchange from Ireland to England; and Parker C. was of Opinion, that the Portion ought to be paid here where the Contract was made and the Parties resided, and not in Ireland, where the Lands lie charged with the Payment thereof; for that this is a Sum in Gross, and not a Rent issuing out of Land (a); and it was certainly the Intention of the Parties that the Portion should be paid here, and not to fend C. over into Ireland to get her Portion. *Mich. 7 Geo. 1. Land, and not Phipps and Lady Catherine his Wife, by Sir Constantine Phipps their procchein Amy, and the Earl of Anglesea & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Condition, (Q. b.) Ca. 8.*

is sufficient, but a Tender of a Sum in Gross charged upon Land must be made to the Person who is to receive it wheresoever he is to be found.——If a Man in England lends Money here, and takes a Mortgage of Lands in Ireland for a Security, the Money is to be paid here where it was lent, and the Contract made, and not in Ireland, where the Lands in Mortgage lie. Said *arg'* in the above Case, *Ibid.*—Vide P. 62. Ca. 62. Wallis and Brightwell.

C A P. XXII.

Conquest.

1. **I**F there be a new and uninhabited Country found out by English Subjects, as the Law is the Birth-right of every Subject, so where-ever they go they carry their Laws with them, and therefore such new found Country is to be governed by the Laws of England, tho' after such Country is inhabited by the English, Acts of Parliament made in England, without naming the foreign Plantations, will not bind them; for which Reason it has been determined, that the Statute of *Frauds and Perjuries*, which requires three Witnesses, and that these should subscribe in the Testator's Presence, does not bind *Barbadoes*.——But where the King of England conquers a Country, it is a different Consideration; for there the Conqueror, by saving the Lives of the People conquered, gains a Right and Property in such People, in Consequence of which he may impose upon them what Laws he pleases. 2 *Will. Rep.* 75. cites it as said *per* the Master of the Rolls, 9 August 1722. to have been so determined by the Lords of the Privy Council, upon Appeal from the foreign Plantations.

In the Case of an *Infidel* 2. But until such Laws given by the conquering Prince, the Laws and Customs of the conquered Country shall hold Place, unless where Country their these are contrary to our Religion, or enact any Thing that is *Malum in se*, or are silent; for in all such Cases the Laws of the conquering Laws by Conquest do not intirely cease, Country shall prevail. *Ibid.*
 but only such as are against the Laws of God; and in such Case where the Laws are rejected, or silent, the conquered Country shall be governed according to the Rules of *natural Equity*. So held *per Cur'*, *Trin. 5 W. & M. Blankard and Gandy*, 2 *Salk.* 412. *Ca. 1.*—*Vide Mo. 670. pl. 918.*—*Calvin's Case*, 7 *Rep.* 17.—*And Show. Parl. Cas. 31. Howel and Dutton.*

C A P. XXIII.

Contempt.

1. **T**HE Question was, whether Defendant could be heard before he had cleared his Contempts, tho' he offered to pay all Plaintiff's Demands. Ordered that he bring before the Master, Principal, Interest and Costs, and then to be at Liberty to move to have his Sequestration discharged, but the Sequestration not suspended in the mean Time. *Feb. 20, 1719. Lord W. and Osbaldiston, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contempt, (C.) Ca. 6.*

2. The inserting an Advertisement in a News Paper, offering a Reward of 100 *l.* to any who will discover and make legal Proof of a Marriage in Question in the Court of Chancery, and which Marriage had been before adjudged good in the Spiritual Court, and also by the Delegates, and a Verdict given in *C. B.* in its Favour, was by Lord Chan. *Parker* held to be a Reproach to the Justice of the Nation, and a Thing insufferable, and a Contempt of the Court, and that in Justice the Inferter must stand committed. *Mich. 1720. Pool and Sacheverel, 1 Will. Rep. 675.*

3. Suing the Bail below while a Writ of Error is pending in Parliament, is a Contempt and Breach of Privilege. *Hil. 1720. Throgmorton and Church, in Dom' Proc', 1 Will. Rep. 685.*

4. Encouraging an Infant Ward of the Court of Chancery to go from his Committees, under whose Care the Court had placed him, is a Contempt. *Dr. Yalden's Case*, cited 1 *Will. Rep. 697.*

5. Contempts for acting against an Order of Court discharged, the Order being erroneous. *Jan. 28, 1722. Stone and Burn, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contempt, (D) Ca. 14.*

Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. P. 351. Ca. 7.

6. If one in Contempt to a Serjeant at Arms for want of an Answer puts in an Answer, and the Clerk in Court accepts the Costs of the Contempt, this purges the Contempt. *Trin. 1728. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 481. at the Rolls.*

7. Marrying an Infant Ward of the Court is a Contempt, tho' the Parties concerned in such Marriage had no Notice that the Infant was a Ward. *Trin. 1731. Herbert's Case, 3 Will. Rep. 116.*

Vide Tit. Wards, P.

C A P. XXIV.

Contribution and Average.

(A) Contribution and Average, in What Cases and in What Proportion.

1. *A.* *B.* and *C.* were bound in a Bond, *A.* being Principal, and *B.* and *C.* Sureties; afterwards *J.* becomes bound to the Obligee, that if the other three did not pay according to the Condition, &c. that he would. A Month after *B.* one of the Sureties, pays the Money, and prefers his Bill against *J.* for Contribution; and the Question was, whether he should be bound to contribute, he being but a supplemental Security. And the Master of the Rolls seemed to think that he should. *Trin.* 1686. *Cooke's Case*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 97.

2. *J. S.* made a Settlement of his Estate on himself for Life, then to Trustees for 99 Years, for raising 500 *l.* a-piece of *A. B.* and *C.* to be paid at their respective Ages of 24, Remainder to *D.* for Life, Remainder to his first Son in Tail, with Remainders over. Decreed that *D.* pay 700 *l.* and those in Remainders the other 800 *l.* and then *D.* to be let into Possession; and whereas 500 *l.* only was now due, and the other not in several Years, if the other 800 *l.* should become payable during *D.*'s Life, then he should pay it; but in such Case the Term for 99 Years was to be his Security to reimburse him again. *Hil.* 1690. *Rives and Rives*, *Prec. in Chan.* 21.

3. An Estate in Jointure was subject to a Mortgage. Resolved that the Jointress and the Reversioner must redeem in Proportion, viz. the Jointress one Third, and the Reversioner two Thirds. *Hil.* 1696. *Flud and Flud, in Canc'*, 2 *Freem.* 210.

with a Third; but it seems hard, because now an Estate for Life is worth nine or ten Years Purchase, though formerly it was worth but seven. *Ibid.*—And so it is if an Estate subject to a Mortgage is devised to *A.* for Life, Remainder to *B.* in Fee, there they may redeem in Proportion, viz. *A.* one Third, and *B.* two Thirds. *Ibid.*

4. One seised in Fee of some Lands, and possessed of Leases for Years of other Lands, devises the Lands in Fee to *A.* and the Leases to *B.* and dies indebted by Bond; on a Deficiency of Assets both the Devisees shall contribute in Proportion to the Value of the respective devised Premises towards Payment of the Bond Debts; but if the Devise had been to *A.* of all the Rest of the Testator's Estate, then *A.* should have paid the Debts. *Hil.* 1717. *Long and Short*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 403.

One feised in Fee of the Manors of *A.* 4000 *l.* and by Will charges all his real Estate with Payment of his Debts, and devises *B.* to *J. S.* and *C.* to *R.* and dies; *J. S.* shall compel *R.* to contribute to the Payment of the Mortgage on *B.* but in Case the Will should prove void, then there shall be no Contribution. *Mich. 1718. Carter and Barnardiston, 1 Will. Rep. 505.*

real Estates with Payment of Debts, and devises *A.* to *C.* and *B.* to *D.* and dies; the Devisee of *A.* shall have Contribution against the Devisee of *B.* to pay the Mortgage on *A.* but no Contribution if the Will shall prove void. *MS. Notes, and seems to be the S. C.*

6. *A.* was feised in Fee of the Manors of *D.* and *S.* and by Will gave *D.* to *B.* and *S.* to *C.* and charged all his real Estate with Payment of his Debts. Afterwards *A.* mortgaged *D.* for 4000 *l.* *B.* shall compel *C.* to contribute to the Discharge of the Mortgage of *D.* But if the Will is avoided, so as the Coheirs of *A.* become intitled to both Manors, so that they come into one Hand, the Right of Contribution is at an end; for a Man cannot contribute to himself; and the Right of Contribution, as it was given by the Will, so was in Force only while the Party claimed under the Will, and not where the Demand was set up in Defiance thereof. *Parker C. Mich. 1718. Carter and Barnardiston, Ibid. 505, 521.*

Gilb. 127. S. C.

7. By Marriage Articles it was agreed, that 6000 *l.* in Trustees Hands should be laid out in the Purchase of Lands, to be settled on the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life for her Jointure, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male successively, chargeable with 2000 *l.* for younger Children, Remainder to the Husband in Fee. The Marriage took Effect, and 6000 *l.* being vested in Lottery Annuities in 1720. with the Consent of the Husband and Wife was subscribed by the Trustees into the *South-Sea* Company, pursuant to the Act of Parliament which impowers and indemnifies Trustees for so doing, upon which there happened a Loss of near 3000 *l.* On a Bill brought by the only Son of the Marriage against the Trustee, his Father and Mother, and four Infant Sisters, for Execution of the Trust, *King C.* was of Opinion, that the Loss upon the Principal Sum of 6000 *l.* ought to be borne in Proportion or Average by all the Children; *the Loss happening under the Directions of an Act of Parliament*, the Trustees are not liable to make it good; and it is plain by the Articles that the Parties intended two Thirds for the eldest Son, and one Third for the younger Children; but if the eldest Son should be at the whole Loss, it would be just the reverse, the eldest Son would have but one Third, and the younger Children two Thirds. And decreed that the eldest Son bear two Thirds of the Loss, and the younger Children one Third, according to their several Proportions in the Money; and referred it to the Master to have a Settlement made accordingly. *Trin. 3 Geo. 2. Chambers and Chambers, Viner's Abr. Tit. Contribution and Average, (A) Ca. 60.*

8. If one who confesses a Judgment aliens Part of his Land, and the Rest descends, the Heir shall not have Contribution against the Purchaser. *King C. 4 Geo. 2. Harvey and Woodhouse & al', Rep. of Sel. Cases in Chan. &c. 3, 4.*

Ibid. P. 404.
The Editor in a Note says, that the *Trinity* Term fol-

9. Lease of a Coal Mine to *A.* reserving Rent; *A.* the Lessee declares himself a Trustee for five Persons, to each one Fifth. The five Partners

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lowing, on Appeal, Lord Chan. *Talbot* decreed one *R.* the Lessee (who made Default) to pay the Plaintiff the Contribution Monies he had received from each of the *Cestuy que Trusts*, towards working and carrying on the Coal

Partners entered upon the Work, and took the Profits of the Mine, which afterwards becomes unprofitable, and the Lessee insolvent; the *Cestuy que Trusts* not liable but for the Time during which they took the Profits. Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, *Mich.* 1735. *Clavering and Westley & al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 402.

Coal Mine; and if that should prove not sufficient, the *Cestuy que Trusts* that were living,

and the Representatives of such as were dead, and who were all before the Court to contribute each one Fifth, towards satisfying the Plaintiff the Arrears of Rent that had incurred during the Time they had concerned themselves in taking the Profits. The Plaintiff to have back the 10 *l.* Deposit.

C A P. XXV.

Copyhold (a).

(a) Copyholds, tho' now supported by Custom,

were at first established by Act of Parliament, as all other Parts of the Common Law were, till the Records of them came to be lost. Said per Lord Chan. *Trin.* 1721. in the Case of Sir H. Peachey and Duke of Somerset, *Prec. in Chan.* 574.—Rules; Copyhold must be immemorial.—Copyholder derives his Estate from Custom, and not out of the Estate of the Lord.—Copyholder is in by him who surrendered, and not by the Lord.—Customary Inheritances, such as Copyholds, shall not have any Collateral Qualities which do not concern Descents.—Copyhold Descents guided by the Rules of Common Law, but Customary Inheritances have not the Collateral Qualities of Freehold; nor doth a Descent bar an Entry. *Co. Copyh. c.* 15. *f.* 50.

(A) In what Cases Equity will interpose in Regard to Copyhold Estates, &c.—And here of Disputes inter Lord and Tenant.

(B) Concerning Surrenders of Copyhold Estates, Admittance, &c.—And in what Cases a defective Surrender, or the want of it, will be supplied in Equity.

(A) In what Cases Equity will interpose in Regard to Copyhold Estates, &c.—And here of Disputes inter Lord and Tenant.

1. **A** Copyholder preferred his Bill to be relieved against a Forfeiture for cutting Timber; and per Lord Bridgeman, if the Waste be voluntary, the Court will not relieve; and an Issue at Law was directed to try whether he cut the Trees with an Intent to do Waste; and the Lord Keep. being pressed to alter this Issue, would not. 24 *Car.* 1. (b), *Bishop of Worcester and one of his Copyholders*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 137.

(b) So in the Original; but I think it

should be 24 *Car.* 2. and have placed it accord'.

And Lord
Keck cited
Lyford and
Gower in
Lord Con-
ventry's Time,
where an In-
junction was
granted in the
like Case; and

the Case of *Pigeon and Loweday*, 11 Car. 1. where a Lease was attempted to be avoided for want of Livery; and also the Case of *Rose and Trelawny*, 35 Car. 2. *Ibid.*

2. A Writ of *Aiel* was brought in the Court of a Copyhold Manor to avoid an Estate, for *that there had been no Surrender*, Possession having gone with the Defendant there for *forty-five Years*; the Lords Commissioners granted a perpetual Injunction, for that *after so long Time a Surrender should be presumed*, and the Rolls may be lost, and no Reason the Estate should be avoided after so long a Possession. *Mich. 1689. Knight and Adamson, 2 Freem. Rep. 106.*

3. A Copyhold is granted in Reversion after two Lives, *Habend' post mortem, fursum-redditionem, &c.* of the Tenants for Life. The Tenants for Life sell their Estate to *A.* and surrender to the Lord, to the End that he may admit *A.* the Vendee; the Copyholder in Reversion enters and brings an Ejectment, and recovers at Law. *A.* brings his Bill, and has Relief, by *Lords Commissioners*, because the Surrender being only to admit *A.* the Purchaser, it was against Conscience that the Reversioner should enter. *Mich. 1691. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 118. Ca. 134.*

And it was
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Years since
this Court
would not
execute an
Agreement
for a Copy-
hold made
without the
Privy of the

Lord, because he was concerned to accept the Surrender and admit. But about twenty Years since that Difference between a Copyhold and a Freehold was laughed out of the Court. *Ibid.*

4. Held by the *Lords Commissioners*, that *if a Copyholder purchases a Copyhold for three Lives, and puts in his own Life and two others, Habend' successive secundum consuetudinem manerii*; if the first Taker paid the Money, the other two are but in the Nature of Trustees for him, and he may dispose of the Estate in Equity, altho' it be in a Manor where there is no Custom for the first Taker to dispose, unless it shall appear that the other two Lives were put upon some Consideration, or in Pursuance of some Agreement. *East. 1692. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 123.*

5. If a Man grants a Farm by Name, and all his Lands, &c. usually held and occupied therewith, and it happens that some of these Lands are Copyhold, this will not be a Forfeiture. Said *per Lord Chan. Hil. 7 Ann.* in the Case of *Oxwith and Plummer, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 14.*

6. Bill by the Heir of the Mortgagor to redeem a Mortgage of Copyhold Lands upon Payment of Principal and Interest. The Defendant insisted to have a Judgment, which he had assigned to him, first satisfied before Plaintiff should redeem. *Cur'*; *Copyhold Lands are not liable to an Execution upon a Judgment*; ergo the Judgment shall not be tacked to the Mortgage in this Case, but the Plaintiff shall redeem upon Payment of Principal, &c. without satisfying the Judgment. By Lord C. *Harcourt, East. 13 Ann. Heir of Cannon and Park, Viner's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (O. e.) Ca. 6.*

His Lordship
distinguished
between this,

of the Lord to the Use of the Surrenderee. And *Cowper C.* held *clearly*, which was a taking away the Lord's Property, and those Trespasses which die with the Person, as that of breaking up Meadow or antient Pasture Ground; but said, as to the Property of *Oar* or Timber, it would be clear even

clearly, that the *Executor* was liable. *Hil. 1717. Bishop of Winchester* even at Law
and *Knight*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 406. if it came to
the *Executor's*

Hands, that *Trover* would lie for it; and if it has been disposed of in the *Testator's* Life-time, the *Executor*, if *Assets* are left, ought to answer for it; but that it was stronger in the principal Case, by Reason that the *Tenant* is a sort of *Fiduciary* to the *Lord*, and it is a Breach of the *Trust* which the Law reposes in the *Tenant* for him to take away the *Property* of the *Lord*.—As to the Evidence, that the *Tenant* might do one Sort of *Waste*, as to cut down and dispose of the *Timber*, his *Lordship* said, that might be by special *Grant*, but that it was no Evidence that the *Tenant* has a Power to commit any other Sort of *Waste*, (*viz.*) *Waste of a different Species*, as that of disposing of *Minerals*; but that a Custom empowering the *Tenants* to dispose of one Sort of *Mineral*, as *Coals*, might be an Evidence of their Right to dispose of another Sort of *Mineral*, as *Lead*, out of a *Mine*. But this Question being doubtful, his *Lordship* ordered the *Lord* to bring *Trover* as to the *Oar* dug and disposed of by the present *Tenant*; but there never having been any *Copper Mine* before discovered in the *Manor*, the *Jury* could not find that the *Customary Tenant* might by Custom dig and open new *Copper Mines*, so that upon producing the *Posse*, the Court held, that neither the *Tenant* without the *Licence* of the *Lord*, nor the *Lord* without the *Consent* of *Tenant*, could dig in these *Mines*, being new *Mines*. *Ibid.* 407, 408.

8. Copyhold Lands were granted to the Husband and Wife and *J. S.* for their several Lives successive, and by the Copy it appeared that the *Fine* was paid by the Husband and Wife. And *per Macclesfield* Lord Chan. *J. S.* is in Equity to be intended but as a Trustee for the Husband and Wife, and the Survivor, by whom the Purchase Money was advanced; and it being mentioned in the Copy that the *Fine* was paid by the Husband, &c. is strong Evidence of the Facts being so; which tho' the Court will not look upon as conclusive, yet any Evidence given to contradict it ought to be very clear. *Hil. 1721. Benger and Drew*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 781.

9. Plaintiff's Father, a Copyholder in Fee, on his Marriage surrendered to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to his first and every other Son in Tail Male, Remainder to himself in Fee; but no Admission was made on such Surrender. The Father made *Leases*, not warranted by the Custom of the Manor, and worked a Quarry of Stone from his Freehold Lands into the Copyhold Lands, and did both without a Licence, and died. Afterwards Plaintiff, his Son and Heir, cut down Trees, and inclosed some of the Copyhold Lands, notwithstanding several repeated Admonitions from the Lord, who brought his *Ejectment*, and had a Verdict as for a Forfeiture. On a Bill brought for Relief, *Macclesfield C.* was clear of Opinion, that there was no Foundation for Equity to interpose; that it would be to alter the Nature of the Tenure, and the Terms whereby Copyholds subsisted; that if this was a Forfeiture at Law, a Court of Equity had nothing to do with it; and that it was like the Case of a Feoffment, or Fine levied by a particular Tenant, against which there could be no Relief. That Copyholders were but Tenants at Will (a), though it were according to the Custom of the Manor; that this intirely differed from the Case of a Forfeiture for Non-payment of Rent, Non-payment of a Fine, for there the Estate was but in the Nature of a Security for those Sums, and the Lord might be recompensed in Damages and Costs. That making a Lease for Years was a Forfeiture, as it was a Determination of his Will; and though the Lord should refuse to grant such Licence, yet the Tenant has no Remedy, nor would this Court compel the Lord to grant such Licence. That though these Copyholds are mended by Time, and are in the Nature of an Inheritance, yet still the Tenant is obliged to observe the Law and Custom to which they are subject. That these Customs are in the Nature of the Limitation of an Estate, which determines upon the Breach of them; that unless there were some equitable Circumstances in this Case, this Court cannot interpose, which would be to repeal and destroy

(a) Copyholds were at first but a kind of Tenure in Villenage, and in Respect of their base Nature were determinable at the Will of the Lord, though now indeed they have been supported and hardened by Time. *Per Lord Chan. Mich. 1 Geo. 1. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 110.*—Rule; Copy-
Co Lit. 60.

holders hold ad voluntatem Domini, but that must be secundum consuetudinem manerii.

destroy the Law. *Trin.* 1721. *Sir Harry Peachy and Duke of Somerset, Prec. in Chan.* 568, 572.

10. *J. S.* a Copyholder by a Surrender is Tenant for Life, Remainder to his first and other Sons in Tail Male successively, Remainder to himself in Fee, but no Admittance is made on such Surrender, for want of which it was clearly held, that *J. S.* continued and was to be considered as absolute Tenant to the Lord; and cites *Cro. Jac.* 403. *Bulst.* and *Yelv.* that consequently *J. S.* was but a Trustee for *B.* his Son, of the Inheritance of these Lands; yet that the whole Inheritance quoad the Lord was in *J. S.* and any Act of Forfeiture (a) done by him would bind the Inheritance (b), because there must always be some Tenants to answer for the Whole; but if there had been an Admission of *J. S.* for Life, and of the Son in Remainder, because they come as it were by two distinct Grants from the Lord himself, the Acts of the one will not bind the other; but till there is an Admittance on such Surrender, the Lord is not bound to take any Notice of it, but the Tenant continues to all Intents and Purposes the same Estate he had before, and the rather, because the Lord has no Means to compel him to come in and be admitted on such Surrender; but if *B.* the Son should bring a Bill against *J. S.* and the Lord to compel an Admittance pursuant to the Surrender, it might come then to be considered how far the Forfeiture of *J. S.* would bind *B.* *Trin.* 1721. *Sir Harry Peachy and Duke of Somerset, Ibid.* 568, 572, 573.

(a) Note; *J. S.* had committed a Forfeiture.
(b) If *J. S.* should commit Treason, it would be a Forfeiture to the Lord of the whole Inheritance, and so of any other Trustee of a Copyhold, and the Lord would not be bound by the Trust, nor would the

Lands in his Hands be subject thereto, for a *Cestui que Trust* is not Tenant, nor can any Acts of his, either of Treason, Felony, &c. affect the Copyhold Lands. *Ibid.*

Unless it be expressly found that the Custom of the Manor allows of Intails, then 11. *A.* is a Copyholder in Tail, the Lord grants the Freehold of the Copyhold to him in Fee, the Copyhold, though intailed, is extinct. *Per Macclesfield C.* on Time taken to consider of it, *Trin.* 1724. *Dunn and Green, 3 Will. Rep.* 9.

this is a Fee conditional, and plainly merged by the Grant of the Freehold in Fee: But supposing the Custom of the Manor does warrant Intails, yet the Copyhold is extinguished, because in the Eye of the Law that is but an Estate at Will, and must be merged by the Grant of the Freehold. The Premises by such Grant are severed from the Manor, consequently the Custom of the Manor cannot corroborate the legal Estate at Will. The Copyholder cannot hold of himself, and the Copyhold, though intailed, is swallowed up in the greater Estate of the Freehold; and as the Tenant after such Time as he took the Grant did not himself continue a Copyholder, so his Son, on the Descent of the Freehold, is likewise no Copyholder, which may be said from Son to Son *ad infinitum*. If the Intail of the Copyhold be not extinguished, it will be a *Perpetuity*, since the only proper way of barring the Intail of a Copyhold is by Recovery in the Lord's Court, but after such Severance as in the present Case no Recovery can be suffered in the Lord's Court. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid.* 10. The Editor in a Note refers his Reader to 2 *Chan. Rep.* 174. *Ca.* 1. *Vern.* 393, 458. *Parker and Turner* (c), where the Lord *Chan. Jefferys* delivered the like Opinion in the like Case. *Quære autem* (says the Editor) if *A.* be a Copyholder in Tail, Remainder to *B.* in Fee, and *A.* takes a Grant of the Freehold from the Lord to him and his Heirs, and dies without Issue; is not *B.* in whom there was once a vested Remainder in Fee of the Copyhold Premises, intitled to the same? *Ibid.* (c) *Vide* 1 *Vol. Eq. Abr.* P. 119. *Ca.* 7.

MS. Rep. S.C.
accord.

12. In this Case it was admitted, that a Lord of a Manor by Custom may make new Grants of Part of the Manor to hold by Copy; and a Case was cited to that Purpose; but Lord *Chan. King* said, that in the Case cited such Grants were made with Consent of the Homage. The Question here is, whether there be a Custom to do it without the Homage, and that must go to Law, and then it will be by them considered how far a Custom to make such Grants without the Homage be a good Custom. *Mich.* 12 *Geo.* 1. *Hughes and Games, Sel. Cases in Chan.* 62.

13. The Lord of a Manor brought his Bill, claiming an House built upon the Waste. Lord *Chan.* said, that the Lord of a Manor is never said to be out of Possession; that what is built upon the Waste

Waste is his, and that upon a Trial before Just. (John) Powell touching some Cottages built upon the Waste, though the Lord had not been in actual Survey of the Cottages in Question for 60 Years, ^{2. If it should} and there had been several Fines levied thereon, by the Opinion of ^{not be Posses-} the Judge the Lord had a Verdict (a). 13 July 1726. Loyd and ^{sion.} Bartlet, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (X. d.) Ca. 1.* (a) It has been ruled in Evidence at

the Assises, that a Cottager on the Lord's Waste lives there by the Lord's Consent, and so is only a Tenant at Will; but this is very doubtful where there has been a long Possession. By Pratt C. J. *Mich. 11 Geo. B. R. And per Cur'*, 20 or 25 Years Possession is a good Title in an Ejectment, as well as a Bar to an Ejectment. *Ibid. Ca. 2.*

14. A single Copyholder is not relievable in Equity for an excessive Fine, because this is determinable at Law. But to avoid Multiplicity of Suits, several Copyholders may join to be relieved against a general Fine that is excessive. King Lord Chan. *Mich. 1732. Cowper and Clerk (b), 3 Will. Rep. 155.*

(b) Vide Tit. Bills, P. 163. Ca. 22.

15. Defendant and others were Plaintiff's Tenants, and the Duke claimed a general Fine upon the late Dutchess's Death, and the Tenants denying his Right, as being only Tenant for Life by Settlement, &c. The Duke brought his Bill to establish his Right. Defendants by Answer insisted the Duke was not intitled to such a Fine, as next admitting Lord upon the Dutchess's Death; and they brought a Cross Bill to be relieved against the Duke's Demands, and to establish their Rights. Lord Chan. directed an Issue, whether the Duke was intitled, &c. which was found for him; and upon the Equity reserved the Court declared and established the Duke's Right to the general Fine, and decreed the Tenants to pay the Fines assessed, reserving a Liberty to such of the Tenants as think fit to try the Reasonableness of the Fines assessed upon Ejectment to be brought by the Duke, at the Peril of forfeiting their Estates. *Mich. Vac. 1735. Somerset (Duke) and Freame & al' & contra, Viner's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (A. c.) Ca. 5.* See Fortesc. Rep. 42. *Mich. 12 Geo. 1. in B. R. S. C.* under the Name of Duke of Somerset and France & al', who says, it was agreed that a Custom that every Copyholder shall upon the Change of every Lord pay a Fine, is a void Custom; but that the Court agreed that where the Lord is only Tenant for Life, or by the Curtesy, such Custom is good.

(B) Concerning Surrenders of Copyhold Estates, Admittance, &c. — And in What Cases a defective Surrender, or the Want of it, Will be supplied in Equity.

1. IF a Copyholder do for a valuable Consideration sell or mortgage, ^{But it was} or covenant to sell his Copyhold, and dies before any Surrender ^{made a Que-} made, the Heir is compellable to surrender. — But if a Copyholder de- ^{sion, if a} vises his Copyhold, and makes no Surrender to the Use of his Will, the ^{Copyholder} Heir shall not be compellable to make this good to the Devisee. *Trin. 1681. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 65.* ^{do devise} ^{Lands for} ^{Payment of} ^{his Debts, and} ^{dies without}

making any Surrender, whether the Heir be compellable to make a Surrender; and the better Opinion seemed that he should not, because altho' this be for Payment of Debts, yet it is merely voluntary to devise his Copyholds; and his Honour said, that if this should be allowed, the Lord would be censured of his Fine. *Ibid.*

2 *Fern.* 120. S. C. says, that a Bill brought by B. against the Wife and Daughters after the Husband's Death was dismissed, but *sans* Costs. 2. A. purchased a Copyhold in his own, his Wife and Daughter's Names, and afterwards surrenders it to B. and his Heirs, for securing a Debt due to him; this Purchase is an Advancement for the Wife and Daughter, and they are not Trustees; and the Husband and Wife take by *Intireties*, and so the Surrender can pass no Part of the Lands; and it being Copyhold, the Plaintiff might have informed himself how the Title stood. Bill dismissed, but without Costs, by all the Commissioners. *Hil.* 1689. *Back and Andrews, Prec. in Chan.* 1.

3. Where a Copyhold is devised, and no Surrender made to the Use of the Will, Equity will supply the Defect of a Surrender in Case it be for Provision for a Child; but it is the Circumstances of the Case that induce the Court to do it, for they will not do it in all Cases. *Hil.* 1690. *Anon. Ibid.* 115.

4. A Copyholder in Fee having Issue two Daughters, devised a Copyhold Estate to his younger Daughter, whereby her Fortune was made more considerable than the elder Sister's; there was no Surrender to the Use of the Will, but such Defect was supplied, it being intended a Provision for a Child, though it made her superior to her elder Sister in Fortune. *Mich.* 1699. *Baker and Jennings, 2 Freem. Rep.* 234.

The like was also decreed per Lord Harcourt in the Case of *Free-stone and Rant*, *Trin.* 1712. and it is observable that 5. The Opinion of the Master of the Rolls was, that the Devise of a Copyhold without a Surrender ought to be made good for Grandchildren as well as Children; and his Honour said, that if the same Case was to come then into the House of Lords it would be so ruled, and that he had and would decree it so. *Mich.* 1702. in the Case of *Watts and Bullas, 1 Will. Rep.* 61.

the Case of *Kettle and Townsend* being cited before Cowper C. in the Case of *Fursaker and Robinson*, *Mich.* 1717. his Lordship doubted thereof, in Regard that the Grandfather by the 43 *Eliz.* for maintaining the Poor, is bound to maintain his Grandchild, which he said he believed was not taken Notice of in that Case. *Ibid.* in a Note by the Editor.

As to there being a sufficient Provision by the Will for the younger Children besides the Copyhold, his Honour said, the Parent was the only Judge of that.—And that if it had been the Testator's Design that the Copyhold should not be surrendered, &c. he should have revoked it; and observed, that there was not so much as parol Evidence of a Revocation. *Ibid.*—6. A. seised of Freehold, Leasehold and Copyhold Land, made a Surrender of his Copyhold to the Use of his Will, (but did not present the same) whereby he devised his Copyhold to A. his eldest Son and the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder to C. his second Son, who was by a second Venter, and the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder to B. his third Son and the Heirs Male, &c. Remainder to his own right Heirs. The Devisor died, leaving the said three Sons and one Daughter, who was by the first Venter. The eldest Son entred upon the Copyhold, but did not present the Surrender, and died without Issue, whereupon his Sister of the Whole Blood, Defendant's Wife, claimed as Heir at Law to her Brother, whom she conceived to be seised in Fee, for want of a Surrender; the Tenant attorned to Defendant in Right of his Wife, whereupon the Plaintiff, second Wife of A. the Devisor, brought her Bill as Guardian to her two Sons C. and B. to have the Copyhold according to the Will. Decreed for the Plaintiff by Trevor, Master of the Rolls, and affirmed, on Appeal, by Harcourt C. who decreed that Defendants should join in a Surrender pursuant to the Will. *Mich.* 12 *Ann.* *Burton and Floid & Ux'*, *Viner's Abr.* *Tit. Copyhold*, (M. a.) *Ca.* 20. 3 *Will. Rep.* 285. S. C. cited by Lord Talbot, *Trin.* 1734. as decreed first by Sir John But the Deficiency of a Surrender was denied to be supplied in Case of a Wife, to whom the Husband devised it by his Will, it being suggested that she was otherwise amply provided for out of the Testator's Freehold and Personal Estates; but the Heir at Law had no other Provision but the Copyhold, (30 *l.* per Annum) whereas the Provision for the Wife was according to her Fortune, which was upwards of 3000 *l.* but the Court sent it to the Master to inquire into the Facts, and to report it specially before they would make any Decree. *Mich.* 2 *Geo.* 1, *Briscoe and Cartwright, Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 121.

Trevor at the Rolls in *Trin.* 1712. and affirmed by Lord *Harcourt*, *Mich.* 1713. And in a Note there the Reporter cites the S. C. by the Name of *Burton* and *Lloyd*; (as taken from the Register's Book) thus: The Bill was brought (*inter al'*) to supply the Deficiency of a Surrender left in the Hands of a Customary Tenant, and not presented at the next Court. The Uses of the Surrender were to the Testator's eldest Son and the Heirs Male of his Body, and for want of such Issue, to the Plaintiff the second Son and the Heirs Male, &c. Remainder over; so that the Plaintiff claimed a Remainder expectant on an Estate-tail, and was also, as appears by the Pleadings, otherwise provided for by the Testator. The Cause was heard before his Honour, 3 July 1712. and who decreed for the Plaintiff; and on 14 November 1713. the Decree was, on an Appeal, affirmed by the Lord Chan.

7. B. having several Freehold and Copyhold Lands, devises all his Lands, Goods and Chattels to his three Sons, equally to be divided between them; and also devises 100 l. to his Eldest, provided he gives a lawful, good and general Release to his two younger Brothers; and by his Codicil appoints, that if one of his younger Sons should die or marry in his Minority without Consent of his Executors, then his Portion to go to the other younger Son. Lord Chan. was of Opinion, that the Copyhold Lands do not pass by the Devise for want of a Surrender to the Use of the Will, though in the Case of younger Children, because there are Freehold Lands to satisfy the Words of the Will. *Mich.* 12 Ann. *Bullock* and *Bullock*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. Copyhold, (M. a.) Ca. 19.

8. Where a Copyhold is intailed, it will not be defeated or barred by a bare Surrender, unless a particular Custom be found to warrant it. *But per Lord Chan. Cowper,* a Surrender by such Tenant in Tail will bind his Issue, *Per Lord Chan. Harcourt, White and Thornborough & al', Mich.* 1715. *Prec. in Chan.* 225, 226.

unless a particular Custom be found. *Ibid.* 429. S. C. *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 107. S. C. *in totidem verbis.*

9. J. S. being seised of Copyhold Lands, and also of a considerable Estate in Fee, settled the same on a Papist, contrary to the 11 & 12 W. 3. cap. 4. sect. 4. but made no Surrender of the Copyhold Lands, &c. But it was said that he had done all that lay in his Power to surrender, for that he had made a Letter of Attorney to A. to surrender them, and the Steward or Tenants refused to accept the Surrender, insisting that they ought to keep the Letter of Attorney, upon which they broke off, and no Surrender was made. And *Cowper* C. thought this a lucky Accident in Favour of the Heir, which Equity ought not to deprive him of any more than if the Copyholder and the Lord had disagreed about a Fine, which had prevented a Surrender; and that *this being a voluntary Conveyance, was not to be assisted in Equity* as a Conveyance to a (a) Wife or Children would be. But if the Heir had himself done any Thing to have prevented the Acceptance of the Surrender, it had been material. Besides, it did not appear that J. S. had done all in his Power for the making the Surrender, for which Reason the Title to the Copyholds was declared, *per Cur'*, to be in the Heir. *Trin.* 1717. *Vane* and *Fletcher*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 352, 354, 355.

(a) *Vide Ibid.* 60. the Case of *Watts* and *Bullas*, where a voluntary defective Conveyance to a Brother of the half Blood was

made good by the Court against the Heir.

His Lordship said, that if the Copyhold passes, the youngest Son who is intitled to such Part thereof as is Borough English, must contribute to pay his Proportion of the Debts.

10. J. S. devises *all his real Estate for the Payment of his Debts*, and was seised of several Freehold and Copyhold Lands, but had not surrendered his Copyhold Lands to the Use of his Will, and died, leaving three Sons, and *Part of the Copyhold was of the Nature of Borough English*. And Parker C. was of Opinion, that if the Freehold Estate was not sufficient to pay the Debts, the Copyhold, being *real Estate*, should be liable; and directed the Master to see if there was enough without the Copyhold for Payment of the Debts. *Trin. 1718. Drake and Robinson (a), 1 Will. Rep. 443, 444.*

— That a Man is not just unless he takes Care to pay his Debts; for which Reason the Testator has made choice of Words large enough for that Purpose, a *Copyhold Estate* being a *real Estate*; that since the Testator's first Intention was to be honest and pay his Debts, to cramp such his Design by a narrow Construction, seems like being accessory to making the Testator a Knave even against his Will. *Ibid.* (a) Vide the Case of *Hastwood and Pope, P. Ca.* The like Resolution by Lord Chan. Talbot.—Vide *Mallabar and Mallabar, P. Ca.*

11. J. S. devised *Copyhold Lands to his Daughters, without surrendering them to the Use of his Will*, and died. His Son and Heir entered and mortgaged them, the Mortgagee assigned his Mortgage to one of the Plaintiffs. Lord Chan. decreed, that the want of a Surrender should be supplied for the Benefit of the Daughters, notwithstanding they had a very large Provision besides the Copyhold Lands, *because the Father was the best Judge what was a sufficient Provision for them*; and also decreed that the Mortgage being had *without Notice* (of the Devise) should be first discharged, there having been Laches in the Daughters. *Mich. 4 Geo. 1. Weeks and Gore, Vener's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (M. a.) Ca. 24.* Note; This is not the S. C. as 3 *Will. Rep. 184. in a Note there.*

12. Admittance by Virtue of a forged Letter of Attorney in the Name of a Copyholder to surrender a Copyhold to the Use of A. and the Attorney surrenders accordingly, whereupon A. is admitted, is a void Admittance. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Trin. 1722. in Casu Hildyard and South-Sea Company and Keate, 2 Will. Rep. 77, 78.*

13. A Surrender was made of a Copyhold Estate to Trustees to the Use of a Will; a Will was made with only two Witnesses to it. Admitted, that a Will of a Copyhold does not require *three* Witnesses; but this is a Devise of a Trust relating to Lands, so within the Statute of Frauds; — The Heir controverting the Surrender and the Will, this Point was not determined, but two Issues ordered; though the Chan. seemed to be of Opinion, that the Devise of a Trust must ensue the Nature of the Estate, and not make it to be necessary to have *three* Witnesses; as the Copyhold might be devised without *three* Witnesses, this may be a Question to be determined when the Issues are tried. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Appleyard and Wood, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 42.*

Where a Copyhold in Fee is surrendered to the Use of a Will, such

14. Copyhold *surrendered to the Use of a Will* shall pass by a Will attested by one or two Witnesses only. Decreed by Macclesfield C. *Mich. 1724. 2 Will. Rep. 258.*

Will, attested by one or two Witnesses, is good, *which is only a Declaration of the Use of the Surrender*; but if a Copyholder be seised only of the Trust or Equity of Redemption of the Copyhold, and devises such Trust or Equity of Redemption, there must be three Witnesses to the Will, for here can be no precedent Surrender to the Use of the Will to pass this Trust; and the Trust and Equity of Redemption of all Lands of Inheritance are within the Statute of Frauds, otherwise great Inconveniences would arise therefrom; and it is no Prejudice to the Lord of the Manor to comprise the Trust of a Copyhold within that Statute, *because the Person who has the legal Estate*

Estate of the Copyhold is Tenant to the Lord, and liable to answer all the Services. Hil. Vac. 1727. admitted by his Honour (in a Case at the Rolls) to be a settled Point. 2 Will. Rep. 261. The Editor by way of Note says, "But in the Case of *Tuffnell and Page* (a), East. 1740. the Lord *Hardwicke* was of Opinion, that the Trust of a Copyhold would pass by a Will not attested according to the Statute of Frauds; as a Copyhold surrendered to the Use of a Will would do; for that Equity ought to follow the Law, and make it at least as easy to convey a Trust as a Legal Interest;" and decreed accord. Ibid. (a) Vide P. Ca.

16. Equity will supply the want of Surrender in Case a Devise for Payment of Debts, or for a Wife or younger Children not before provided for. Per the Master of the Rolls, Mich. 1728. Tollet and Tollet, 2 Will. Rep. 490.

17. J. S. by Will charges all his worldly Estate with his Debts, and dies seised of Freehold and Copyhold Estates, which he particularly disposes of by the Will; and Sir *Joseph Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, was of Opinion, that the Copyhold (though not surrendered to the Use of the Will) as well as the Freehold was well charged with the Debts, since all the Copyhold was by express Words devised either to the Heirs, or to those that were not his Heirs, so that it appears the Testator took the Copyhold to be Part of his worldly Estate, all which is by the Will charged with the Payment of his Debts; and that it had been sufficient if the Testator had only said, *I charge my Copyhold Lands with the Payment of my Debts*, in which Case Equity would have supplied the want of a Surrender (b). Hil. 1730. *Harris and Ingledew*, 3 Will. Rep. 91, 96, 97.

(b) This the Reporter admits to be so;

he observes if it were but an equitable Charge, and the legal Estate of the Copyholder had descended to the Heir, that would have made it necessary that the Heir should be a Party, because otherwise the legal Estate of the Copyhold could not be conveyed to a Purchaser; but if it had appeared (which he thinks it did not) that the Heir at Law had since the Testator's Death conveyed away all the Copyhold Estate, then indeed the Grantee of the Heir being capable of conveying to the Purchaser, it might not be necessary to make the Heir a Party. Ibid. 97. by way of Note.

18. Bill by Plaintiffs for an Injunction against Defendant, eldest Son of a Copyholder, to make good the Defect of a Surrender of a Copyhold in Favour of a Will, whereby the Father gave this Copyhold, and all other his Estate, for the Maintenance of the Plaintiffs his younger Children till 21. and then to be divided amongst the Plaintiffs, and Defendant to have a Share. Lord Chan. said, the Rule is, when the eldest Son is totally disinherited, not to interpose; and this is very near to a total Disinherison, the Eldest not being to have any Thing till the Youngest are of Age. Injunction denied, Mich. Vac. 1733. *Hicken & al* and *Hicken*, Viner's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (M. a.) Ca. 20. P. 59.

19. S. M. having Issue three Daughters B. C. and D. and having Freehold Lands in A. J. and W. and some Copyholds in J. (some of which he had surrendered to the Use of his Will) he made a Will, and devised Part to Trustees for Charities, and to each of his two Daughters C. and D. distinct Part of his Freehold Lands, and Money and Legacies; to his Wife the House he lived in, and several Closets by Name, till his Daughter B. should attain 21. and then are these Words, "And after then the House and Grounds, and all other my Messuages, Cottages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever in A. J. and W. not herein before otherwise disposed of, with their and every of their Appurtenances, unto my said Daughter B. and to the Heirs of her Body, to enter upon at her Age of 21. and not sooner." B. marries Plaintiff, and the Bill was brought by them

Upon the Appeal it was objected, that the Copyhold Lands did not pass, and that Equity ought not to aid a Surrender to the Prejudice of two other Sisters, who with Plaintiff were Heirs at Law, and Plaintiff better provided for than they exclusive of

the Copyhold; and here there were other Freehold Lands whereon the general Words might operate. But Lord Chan. said, the Rule of Evidence is the same here as at Law; the proper Evidence of Surrenders or Titles to a Copyhold is the Court Roll, or a Copy of it, or it must appear they existed once, and are lost, &c. and so

so make way to go into parol Evidence. —Plaintiff has no Title at Law, and as to an Equity Title, if it does not appear to be the Testator's Intent to give this Copyhold to B. the Court ought not to give it, but must expound and collect Testator's Intent from the

them for an Injunction, and to have the want of a Surrender supplied. Quest. 1. Whether the Words of the Will were sufficient to pass the other Copyhold in A. to the Daughter B. 2dly, If Equity should supply the want of a Surrender in this Case. 10 Feb. 1732. Held at the Rolls, that the Copyhold not devised to Charities did pass by general Words to Plaintiff B. and that Equity should supply the want of a Surrender; and decreed accordingly, and a perpetual Injunction. On an Appeal Lord Chan. affirmed the Decree. Ejectment was tried before Cowper J. and a Case made for the Opinion of C. B. where it was held, that the Words were sufficient to pass Copyhold; and the Master of the Rolls was of the same Opinion. And as to the second Point, the Parent is the proper Judge of the Provision of his Children, and here are no Children provided (a) for. Decree was affirmed by Lord Chan. Hil. Vac. 1733. *Andrews and Waller, Viner's Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (W. c.) Ca. 12.*

Words of the Will. It is clear that the general Words (*viz. of all other*) will take in the Rest of the Copyhold as well as Freehold; as to Cases where a Surrender is not supplied, they stand upon this Reason, *that the Intention could not be collected to give Lands to Uses to which Testator could not give them; but when the Intention can be collected, though there are improper Words, yet they pass in Consideration of this Court*, where if there had been a Surrender, they would have passed in Favour of Creditors, &c. Per Lord Chan. And his Lordship was of Opinion, that Testator intended to comprise Copyhold in the Devise to his Daughter B. And if he did, the Rule is general, *That such Devise is good to a Wife, younger Children, or Creditors*; but objected, that B. is not the youngest Child, she is indeed eldest, but *Piece of a whole Heir at Law*; and if sole Heir, yet it is common in Cases of Portions that the Eldest is considered as the Youngest, if not provided for. In Case of Borough English, the Youngest must be considered as Heir; so in Gavelkind. In Regard to what does not descend in common, they stand in the Place of younger Children; to determine otherwise would be to determine upon Words, and not according to the Nature of Things.—As to the Provision made for B. his Lordship said, he did not know that the Court had gone minutely into the Consideration of that, &c. otherwise where the Heir is totally disinherited. In *Boss and Boss*, the Heir had but 6 l. per Ann. *Et de minimis non curat Lex*, and in Effect a total Disinheritance; but where there is a Provision not unreasonable, and where the Heir is not left in a despicable Condition, the Court has not gone so far. In *Burton and Floid*, it was laid down by Lord Harcourt in the strongest Terms, and there after an Estate-tail a Surrender was supplied; and here Defendants claim another Estate by the same Will, and where a Devisee claims a Point, he must take the Whole, or reject the Whole, according to the Will.—The Quantum of a Provision of a Child is in the Father's Power and Discretion. A Man is bound by Nature to provide for all his Children, and in this Case the Father had provided for two, and intended to provide for the third; he intended to make a compleat Provision, and give all that he had among his three Daughters, and to leave nothing to descend. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* (a) 2. If it should not be unprovided.

Vide the Case of Drake and Robinson, P. Ca. the like Resolution per Lord Chan. Parker.—Vide Malla-bar and Malabar, P. Ca.

20. If a Man devises all his Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in D. in Trust to pay his Debts and Legacies, and the Testator has some Freehold and some Copyhold Lands there, only the Freehold Lands shall pass; for his Will must be intended of such Lands and Tenements as are devisable in their Nature; *secus* if he had surrendered his Copyhold Lands to the Use of his Will, because this shews he did intend to devise his Copyhold. But even in the first Case, if the Freehold were not sufficient to pay his Debts, when the Testator devises all his Lands in Trust to pay his Debts, it seems rather than the Debts should go unpaid, that the Copyhold shall in Equity pass. Decreed per Talbot C. Trin. 1734. *Haslewood and Pope, 3 Will. Rep. 322, 323.*

21. One may devise an Equity of Redemption of a Copyhold without surrendering it to the Use of a Will. Decreed by Talbot C. Trin. 1735. *King and King and Ennis, on an Appeal from a Decree at the Rolls, Ibid. 358, 361.*

Vide the Cases of Drake and Robinson, P. Ca. and Haslewood and Pope, P. Ca.

22. J. S. devises his real Estate to be sold to pay Debts and certain pecuniary Legacies, and subject thereto devises his personal Estate to his Sister. Talbot Lord Chan. refused to supply the Defect of a Surrender of the Copyhold to the Use of his Will against the Heir, if the other Estates suffice to pay the Debts; and dismissed the Bill with Costs as to this Point, it having been confessed by the Answer that the Testator's other Estate (exclusive of the Copyhold) was more than sufficient.

sufficient to pay the Debts. *East. 1735: Mallabar and Mallabar, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 78, 79.*

23. If a Man expressly devises Copyhold Lands, and dies without making a Surrender to the Use of his Will, the want of a Surrender shall be supplied. — But if he died seized of Freehold and Copyhold Land, and devises his Lands generally, so that there is no evident Intention to pass the Copyhold, there, Equity will not interpose against an Heir at Law unprovided for, such Surrenders not being aided but where the Words of the Will cannot be satisfied without extending them to the Copyholds. *Attorney General and Mott & al', 8 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.*

24. Upon an Appeal from the Decree of the Master of the Rolls, the Case was as follows: *R. Cook*, the Plaintiff's late Father, was seized in Fee of several Copyhold Lands in *L.* in the County of *Norfolk* and in the City of *Norwich*; and by Will dated 28 April 1710. devised all his Messuages and Lands in the City of *Norwich*, and also in the County of the said City, and also in the County of *Norfolk*, whether Freehold or Copyhold, to his Grandson *Richard Cook (a)* for Life, Remainder to his first and every other Son in Tail for Life, Remainder to his Daughter in Tail, Remainder to his younger Son the Plaintiff in Fee; the Testator died soon after making his Will, and afterwards in 1718. *Richard Cook* the Grandson died without Issue, but before his Death surrendered the Copyhold Lands to the Use of his Will, whereby he devised them to his Mother *Susannah Cooke* and her Heirs, under whom the Defendant *Francis Arnham* claims. There was no Surrender made by the Testator *Robert Cooke* to the Use of his Will, under which the Plaintiff could make out his Title at Law by Virtue of the Limitations contained in the Will, though *Richard Cook* the Grandson was dead without Issue; therefore the only Question was, whether the want of a Surrender should be supplied in Favour of the Plaintiff, who was a younger Son of the Testator. The Master of the Rolls was of Opinion, that as the Interest in Remainder of the Copyhold Premises was not a present Provision for the Plaintiff; a Court of Equity ought not to supply the want of a Surrender to make good such Devise for the Benefit of a younger Child. Two Objections were made against supplying this Surrender; 1st, That the Plaintiff had an ample Provision made for him without these Copyhold Lands. 2dly, That the want of a Surrender should not be supplied in this Case, because the Estate was to arise on a Contingency upon *Richard's* dying without Issue Male or Female, which being after an Estate-tail, is of little Value or Consideration in Law, and therefore could not be intended a Provision for such Son. *Talbot Lord Chan.* The Design of supplying Surrenders in this Court was not in-

the Use of his Will, and devised it to his Mother and her Heirs. It had been decreed at the Rolls, that this being no present Provision intended for *C.* the Defect of a Surrender should not be supplied. But on an Appeal *Talbot C.* reversed the Decree, and ordered the Defect of the Surrender to be supplied; — And as to the other Provision being made for *C.* by *A.* his Lordship said, that it had been often held here, that the Father is sole and only Judge of the Quantum of the Provision; and that the Defects of Surrenders has been supplied even where the Copyhold Estate intended to pass has made but Part of the Provision, and so not liable to the Objection of leaving the Child intirely unprovided for in Case the Defect was not supplied; and as to the Remainder to *C.* after several Estates-tail, (not being intended as a present Provision) his Lordship held it to be a Provision, though not so good a one as a present Provision — That it could not be said that the Heir was disinherited, for when this Remainder is to take Place, *C.* then becomes Heir at Law himself by the Default of Issue of *D.* — Nor can it be said that there is an Heir unprovided for, for though he is made but Tenant for Life, yet there are Limitations to all his Issue, who are all to take before *C.* *Ibid. 36, 37.* — 3 Will. Rep. 283. *S. C.* decreed that the want of a Surrender should be supplied, and that the Defendant, who claimed under the Mother, should at the Plaintiff's Charge surrender to the Plaintiff and his Heirs. *Ibid. 288.*

(a) *Richard* was the Testator's Heir at Law. *Vide Talbot 35.*

tended to give the Party himself a greater Power over his Estate, but to assist and aid the Person for whom it was designed, being under equitable Circumstances. The Rule of the Court is, that a defective Surrender shall not be supplied in Favour of a younger Son, where the Eldest is unprovided for and totally disinherited. It has been said, that this Power has been first used in Favour of Charities, but the Rule that I found the Court in Possession of is sometimes to supply the want of a Surrender, or a defective one, for the Benefit of Creditors or younger Sons unprovided for, who are in the Nature of Creditors. But it is a general Rule, that the *Father is Judge of the Quantum of the Provision his Child is to have*, and it would be taking too great a Latitude for this Court to enter into the Consideration of that Matter. As to the second Objection, I am of Opinion that tho' the Limitation of the Remainder to the younger Son was not of such Value as if it had been an immediate Provision, yet as the Law allows of such Limitations, they must be of some Value more or less, as they are more or less remote; and the Case of *Burton and Lloyd* was a Case in Point (a), for there an Appeal was brought before my Lord *Harcourt*, from the Decree of Sir *John Trevor*, Master of the Rolls, wherein a Surrender was supplied in Favour of a younger Son after an *Estate-tail*, which is stronger than the present Case, where the precedent Limitations are in strict Settlement; therefore decreed that the Surrender should be supplied, that the Lady of the Manor (who was a Party to the Bill) should admit the Plaintiff Tenant in Possession to the Premises, and that the Plaintiff should have an *Account of the Profits only from the Time of filing his Bill, having been guilty of Laches*. *Trin. 8 Geo. 2. Cook and Arnham, MS. Rep.*

(a) Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 37. S. C. is said to have been cited as a Case in Point.

This not in Talbot or Will. Rep.

Though his Lordship had some little Doubt of this Point at the first Hearing of the Cause,

yet his Lordship at the second Hearing said, he was extremely well satisfied of it; and said the Case of the *Attorney General and Bains*, 2 Vern. 597. was an express Authority for that Purpose. That *the Party is in by the Surrender, and not by the Will*, and therefore it is good tho' the Will is not attested by any Witnesses at all; but that it is necessary that the Will be in Writing; and if it be so, it is sufficient if it be signed by the Party.—So where a Person is intitled to the Trust of a Copyhold, notwithstanding there was no Surrender to the Use of the Will, nor the Will attested by any Witnesses, yet it is sufficient to give the Trust of a Copyhold. Per his Lordship, who said, that the principal Case is merely the Case of a Trust, and that the Testator could not make a Surrender of it. *Ibid.* 13. That it has been often determined at Law, that a Will of this Sort need not be attested to convey the legal Estate in the Copyhold, and consequently such Attestation is not necessary to convey the Trust of the Copyhold, and in this Case Equity follows the Law. That this Court is never more strict in requiring Ceremonies to pass the Trust of an Estate, than it is to pass the legal Interest in it. And as to convey the legal Estate of the Copyhold, the Attestation of a Witness, &c. would not have been necessary, by the same Reason it is not necessary to convey the Trust of it. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 13. Vide the Notes to P. Ca.

C A P. XXVI.

Costs.

(A) Who shall pay Costs, and in what Cases (a).

(a) Although
an Answer
confesses every

Thing that is prayed by the Bill, so that the Plaintiff in that Case need not be at the Trouble of proving it; yet if the Defendants are Infants, the Court will compel the Plaintiff to prove every Thing. In this Case it was prayed that the Plaintiff shall have *Costs for all, and not for the Bill and Answer only*, which was granted. *Trin. 7 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*——Lord Chan. would not allow a Mortgagor to redeem until he paid the Mortgagee Costs; and said, a Redemption never was decreed without Costs; but if the Mortgagor only joined in the Sale of the Lands, (the Bill being for that End) he shall not pay Costs. *Trin. 7 Ann. Anon. Ibid.*

1. **P**laintiffs Daughters by a second Venter brought their Bill against the Defendants' Daughters by a first Venter, to prove their Father's Will, whereby Lands were devised to be sold to raise Plaintiffs Portions; and on a Trial at Bar, and Verdict for the Will, Defendants were ordered to join in a Sale, but were allowed their Costs both at *Law* and in *Equity*. *Trin. 1699. Crew and Jolliff, Prec. in Chan. 93.*

2. Trustees that act contrary to their Trust shall pay Costs. 1702. *Haberdashers Company and Attorney General, Viner's Abr. Tit. Costs, (A) Ca. 3.*

3. It is the Course of the Court of Exchequer, that *Plaintiffs* shall have Costs in *Equity*, where they recover, without any Order for them. 1702. *Warburton and Warburton, Ibid. (B) Ca. 30.*

4. If a Bill be brought in *Equity* for a Partition, no Costs can be on either Side, because it is an amicable Suit; so it is at *Law*. *Per the Master of the Rolls, East. 7 Ann. Anon. Ibid. Ca. 31.*

5. Constant Course of the Court where mutual Account is decreed, to reserve Costs till after the Report, that the Court may have it in their Power to punish the Wrong-doer. *Feb. 16, 1709. Rider and Bayley, Ibid. (B) Ca. 32.*

6. Decree against an Infant and his Trustees that the Costs should be paid out of the Trust-Money, but reversed, *because the Money was to be laid out in Land, wherein the Infant was to be but Tenant for Life.* *May 5, 1713. Peller alias Pollin and Husband, Ibid. (Q) Ca. 10.*

7. Costs shall follow the Event of an Account; but if it be intricate or doubtful, there shall be no Costs. *May 8, 1716. Pitts and Page, Ibid. Ca. 11.*

8. The *Heir at Law*, or *Heir Male to the Honour of a Family*, shall not pay Costs if there be probable Cause to contend for the Family Estate. *Mich. 1718. Shales and Sir John Barrington, 1 Will. Rep. 481.*

9. A Decree of Costs necessarily follows a Decree of Payment of Principal and Interest. *Dec. 1, 1718. India Company and Ekins, Viner's Abr. Tit. Costs, (Q) Ca. 13.*

10. If a Bill is brought for a *Matter properly determinable at Law*, the Defendant ought to demur, and not suffer the Cause to go on to a Hearing; and if the Bill be dismissed upon Hearing, the Defendant shall not have Costs. *Per Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, 4 Geo. 1. Tichburn and Leigh, Ibid. Ca. 14.*

11. If a Legatee or Creditor, *not Party to the Cause*, comes in before the Master, he shall have his Costs, for he might have brought a Bill for his Legacy or Debt, which would have put the Estate to further Charge. Resolved *per Macclesfield C. Trin. 1722. Maxwell and Wettenhall, 2 Will. Rep. 26, 27.*

12. If the Plaintiff in an *Issue directed* gives Notice of Trial, and does not countermand it in Time, the Court of Chancery, upon Motion, will give Costs, without putting Defendant to move the Court at Law where the Issue is to be tried. *Trin. 1722. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 68.*

13. *A.* by forged Letter of Attorney, attested by two Witnesses, transfers *South-Sea* Stock of *B.* to *J. S.* for a valuable Consideration paid by *J. S.* who after received the next Dividend. *Macclesfield C.* held this Transfer void, and decreed that the Company take the Stock from Defendant, the Transferree, and restore it to Plaintiff, the original Proprietor, and that Defendant pay back the Dividend to Plaintiff, and pay both the Company and Plaintiff their Costs. *Trin. 1722. Hildyard and South-Sea Company & al', Ibid. 76.*

If one makes a special Election to proceed at Law as to Part, and in Equity as to the other Part, with Regard to what the Plaintiff in Equity elects to proceed at Law, his Bill ought to be dismissed with Costs. *Per his Honour. Ib.*

14. An Order for making an Election recites only, *that the Plaintiff prosecutes Defendant at Law and in Equity for one and the same Matter, so that Defendant is doubly vexed*, wherefore it provides the Plaintiff his Clerk in Court, and Attorney at Law having Notice of the Order, do within eight Days after Notice make his Election in which Court he will proceed; and if he elects to proceed in Chancery, then the Proceedings at Law are by that Order to be stayed by Injunction; but if he elects to proceed at Law, or in Default of such Election within the eight Days, then his Bill is to be dismissed with Costs. By *Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, Mich. 1723. Anon. 3 Will. Rep. 90. in a Note.*

15. A Decree was for the Plaintiff *nisi*, who does not appear; the Master of the Rolls looked upon it as giving up of the Judgment, and dismissed the Bill with Costs. *6 Feb. 1724. Snape and Furdon, Sel. Cases in Chan. 6.*

16. A Bill was dismissed with Costs, and the Person who was intitled to them died before they were taxed; there is no Relief to be had in this Case. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Anon. Sel. Cases in Chan. 21.*

17. Decree was had by Default, and a Petition for a Rehearing, the Person in Possession of the Decree did not attend at the Rehearing. Bill dismissed with Costs as to the Petitioner. *Wilson and Dabbs, Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Sel. Cases in Chan. 50.*

2 Will. Rep.
197. S. C.

18. The Plaintiff being an Infant, brings in his Bill in this Court by his *prochein Amy*, to discover whether a Will was cancelled by the Defendant after the Death of the Testator, or by the Testator himself; and upon the Hearing, the Court directed an Issue at Law to try this Point, and upon the Trial of that Issue a Verdict was found for the Defendant. Upon the Day of Trial of this Cause the *prochein Amy* dies, and within a short Time afterwards the Infant comes of Age, but does not proceed any farther in the Suit. The Defendant brings

brings on the Cause upon the Equity reserved, and the Plaintiff's Bill was dismissed with Costs; upon which the Plaintiff obtained a Re-hearing as to the Point of Costs; and for the Plaintiff it was argued by *Talbot* and *Cowper*, that any Person might bring a Bill in this Court in the Name of an Infant, which the Infant could not discover whilst under Age; that it would therefore be very hard to make an Infant pay Costs in a Suit which might be commenced without his Consent, and that it had never been the Practice, unless the Infant avowed the Suit after he came to Age, which made it his own Act.

That the *prochein Amy* was the Person only relied on for Costs; and if at any Time it appeared to the Court that he was not responsible for this Purpose, the Court upon Motion would order a new one to be named that was so; and in Cases where it is necessary to examine the *Prochein Amy* as a Witness in the Cause, it can never be done till he be discharged from being *prochein Amy*, and a new one named, because of his Interest in the Cause, he being subject to the Costs. That they could not find one Instance where an Infant under these Circumstances ever paid Costs; that they had searched the *Subpœna* Office, and found that wherever an Infant's Bill was dismissed with Costs generally, that the *Subpœna* for Costs was always made out against the *prochein Amy*, from whence they argue that this Practice was only to make him liable. A Feme Covert, when she sues by *prochein Amy*, may be subject to Costs, but an Infant is not, for a Feme Covert may at any Time disavow the Suit, which an Infant cannot; and this they said was the Distinction, and therefore insisted that the Plaintiff, in Regard he had not prosecuted the Suit after he attained his full Age, should not be subject to Costs. For the Defendant it was argued by *Lutwyche* and *Mead*, that the Infant and *prochein Amy* were both liable, or ought to be so, otherwise the Infant might be as vexatious as he pleased; at Common Law the Judgment is always entered against the Infant, and the Execution follows the Judgment, so that at Law the Infant there is liable to Costs; and there being in this Case both Costs at Law and in Equity, a Court of Equity will not in such a Case take from the Defendant the Remedy he has at Law. It was admitted they knew of no Precedent in this Court where the Infant paid Costs, and therefore they would argue from Cases at Law, which they said were equally founded upon Reason, as Cases in Equity; and the Reason of the Common Law in subjecting Infants to Costs, was in Respect of their Interests in the Matters in Controversy. The *prochein Amy* has not an absolute Power to carry on a Suit against an Infant's Consent, for upon any Application to the Court on the Behalf of the Infant, suggesting that the Suit is not for his Benefit, the Court will refer it to a Master, if he reports it so, the Court will stop the Suit. The Case of Lord *Dudley* was cited, where an Infant would have controverted an Account before a Master, but the Court would not permit him to do it till he had given Security to answer Costs, from whence it was inferred that an Infant ought to be made liable to answer Costs. *King* Lord Chan. At Common Law no Costs were given either to Plaintiff or Defendant, but the Plaintiff found Pledges *de prosequendo*, and in Case it was found against him, he was amerced *pro falso clamore suo*. Infants found no Pledges at Common Law; the Statute of *Gloucester* was the first Statute which gave Costs to Defendants in real Actions; and the Power for Infants to sue by *prochein Amy* was first introduced by *Stat. Westm. 1.* in particular Cases; and by *Stat. Westm. 2.* it was made general; and *Coke* in his *Commentary* upon these Statutes says, that

that both Guardian and *prochein Amy* ought to be admitted by the Court; and that no one can have a Testamentary Guardian for this Purpose. I think it a proper Power lodged in the Court that they may have responsible Persons; for at Common Law if the Guardian lost the Infant's Land by mispleading, the Infant could not falsify the Judgment, but a Writ of Deceit lay to recover in Damages against the Guardian. I do not find that any Case has been cited where an Infant Plaintiff has been obliged to pay Costs either at Law or in Equity; and in 1 *Cro.* 33. *Grave* and *Grave*, an Infant brought Trespass by Guardian, and was nonsuited, yet the Court would not charge him with Costs; and in another Case, 1 *Bulstr.* 109. the Court seemed to be of the same Opinion. And his Lordship having inquired what was the Practice of the Register, who saying, he had never known an Infant liable to Costs in this Court, his Lordship dismissed the Bill without Costs in Equity, but left the Defendant to recover at Law as well as he could. *Trin.* 1725. *Turner* and *Turner*, *MS. Rep.*

19. On a Bill by the Lord of the Manor of *D.* against *B.* Lord of the Manor of *S.* to settle the Boundaries of the Manor of *D.* (the Parties insisting upon different Boundaries) it was ordered, that each Party should give to the other a Note of their Boundaries, and that the Matter should be tried in a feigned Issue, which being afterwards found for Defendant on three several Trials, it was admitted, that as to the Costs of the three Trials the Plaintiff must pay them, but as to the Costs *here* it was said, the Bill seemed to be in Nature of a *Bill of Partition*, (*where neither Side pays Costs*); but the Master of the Rolls dismissed the Bill with Costs, not only of all the Trials at Law, but also the *Costs in Equity*; for tho' the Objection, that this Bill was *in Nature of a Bill of Partition*, seems to be of some Weight, yet as the Defendant has no Bill here, and the Plaintiff might have tried the Matter at Law, and more especially since no Part of the Issue is found for the Plaintiff, who is in the Wrong *in toto*, his Honour said, why should he not be within the common Rule, and pay Costs throughout. *Mich.* 1726. *Metcalf* and *Beckwith*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 376.

20. By the Course of the Court, where a Cause is brought on upon Bill and Answer, and the Bill is dismissed as against a Defendant, only 40 s. Costs is to be paid by the Plaintiff; but if Plaintiff has a Decree against the Defendant, tho' upon Bill and Answer only, there if the Plaintiff has Costs given, it must be Costs to be taxed. *Mich.* 1726. *Anon.* 2 *Will. Rep.* 387.

21. A Witness examined on a Commission deposed reflecting Words upon — for which he was ordered to pay Costs; but upon a Motion to discharge the Order, Lord Chan. *King* said, that he found the Commissioners on both Sides attended at the Examination, and since it was their Fault to take down any Deposition that was scandalous or impertinent, he discharged the Order. *Hil.* 1726. *Anon.* 2 *Will. Rep.* 406.—But the Reporter says, *Quære*, If the Interrogatory had led to it. But that it seemed in this Case it did not, it being the last general Interrogatory. *Ibid.*

22. If an Answer be reported scandalous or impertinent, the Costs by the Rule of the Court are to lie upon the Counsel; said *arg'*, and not denied. *Hil.* 1726. 2 *Will. Rep.* 406.

23. Costs always to be allowed where the Facts contested are presumed to be in the Knowledge of the Party that contests them. *April* 4, 1726. *Cockraine* and *Blantire*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Costs*, (Q) *Ca.* 20.

24. Defendant not confessing Plaintiff's Title, but putting him to the Expence and Trouble of proving it, is a Circumstance to give Costs. *February 3, 1726. Trinity House and Ryal, Viner's Abr. Tit. Costs, (Q) Ca. 22.*

25. A Sum in Gross shall never be added to a Bill of Costs after it is taxed by a proper Officer. *April 28, 1726. Parker and Stanley, Ibid. Ca. 21.*

26. Equity will not give Costs at Law contrary to a Verdict. *February 17, 1726. Macguire and Maddin, Ibid. Ca. 19.*

27. Plaintiff always pays Costs where an Account turns against him, or where he prevails in nothing but what he might have insisted on at Law. *February 29, 1727. Lyre and Parnel, Ibid. Ca. 23.*

28. Held by Lord Chan. King, that where a Suitor having paid the Register his Fee for making an Entry, which he neglected, by Means whereof the Proceedings were irregular, and the Suitor obliged to pay 58*l.* Costs; the Register must reimburse the Suitor, and tho' he dies before the Costs ascertained, yet his Executor shall be liable, for this was not a bare Misbehaviour; but the Receipt of the Fee amounting by Implication of Law to a Promise and Agreement to procure an Entry. *Mich. 1731. in the Case of James and Philips, 2 Will. Rep. 657, 658.*

29. A Man ought not to be condemned in this Court for insisting on a Right which the Law gives. *Per King C. Mich. 1733. Brown & Ux' and Elton, 3 Will. Rep. 205.*

30. A Trustee misbehaving was ordered to pay Costs out of his own Pocket, and not out of the Trust-Estate. *Mich. 1734. Loyd & al' and Spillet & al', 3 Will. Rep. 347.*

31. An Heir at Law is made a Defendant, and insists on his Title, he shall have his Costs tho' it goes against him; but if he be Plaintiff and miscarries in his Suit, he shall not have Costs, but on his Suit appearing groundless he shall pay Costs. *Talbot Lord Chan. Trin. 1735. Luxton and Stephens, 3 Will. Rep.*

32. If J. S. incloses Lands in a Town under a Custom, and B. brings an Action against him in order to try that Right, and a Bill is thereupon brought to establish the Custom, if upon an Issue directed to try the Custom it is found against the Defendant, yet Plaintiff shall not have the Costs which were incurred in this Court, because in such Case the bringing a Bill was not necessary; but where eight several Persons inclose Land under a Custom, and another brings eight Actions against them on that Account, and a Bill is thereupon brought to establish the Custom, and to stay the Proceedings in those Actions; if upon an Issue directed to try the Custom a Verdict is found in Favour of it, Defendant shall pay the Costs in Equity as well as at Law, for in this Case Defendants at Law were put under a Necessity of bringing their Bill to stop such Multiplicity of Actions, and the bringing so many was most vexatious. *East. 1741. Codrington and England, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 437.*

C A P. XXVII.

Court.

(A) Concerning the Jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery (a), and in what Cases it will give Relief, &c.

(a) When Adjournment of the Terms comes, the

Chancery is not adjourned, for that Court is always open. *Bro. Jurisd. pl. 74.*—In former Times the Chancellor used to fend for the Judges, to know what should be admitted against the Common Law, and what not; because it is not to be alter'd for every Fancy, and it was a great Doubt in what Points Equity should hold Place. Agreed by *Doderidge* and *Chamberlain J.* *Trin. 21 Jan. B. R. 2 Roll. Rep. 434.* The Law of the Court of Chancery is as much the Law of the Land as the Common Law. *Per the Master of the Rolls in Casu Reeve and Herne, Mich. 4 Geo. 2. Viner's Abr. Tit. Charge, (C) Ca. 12.*

1. **T**HE Court of Chancery may decree a Conveyance to be fraudulent *merely for being voluntary*, and *that without any Trial at Law.* *Per the Opinion of all the Commissioners, Trin. 1690. in the Case of White and Hufsey, & al', Prec. in Chan. 13, 15.*

2. Equity will not relieve against the Terms of an Agreement, tho' it may seem in Nature of a Penalty. *Mich. 1699. Small and Lord Fitzwilliams, Prec. in Chan. 102.*

3. A Will as well as a Deed may be set aside in Chancery for Fraud or Circumvention. *Per Cur', Mich. 1700. in Casu Welby and Thornagh & Ux', & econt', Ibid. 123.*

4. In Cases in which Chancery and the Spiritual Courts have a concurrent Jurisdiction, Chancery will not hinder the Spiritual Courts (being first possessed of the Cause) from the Proceeding in it. *Mich. 1700. Nicholas and Nicholas (b), Ibid. 546.*

(b) *Nicholls and Nicholls,*

1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 160. Ca. 5. is not S. C.

5. The Spiritual Court cannot oblige a Guardian to pay Interest for the Infant's Money in his Hands, tho' they will compel him to give Security, but Chancery will do both. *Ibid.*

6. Chancery will grant an Injunction to stay the Husband's Proceedings in the Spiritual Court for a Legacy given to his Wife, *because that Court cannot oblige him to make an adequate Provision on her. Ibid.*

Sed vide Tit. Prohibition.

7. In Vacation Time the Court of Chancery (upon a Suggestion that the Spiritual Court has proceeded to grant Administration to a wrong Person) will grant a Prohibition returnable into B. R. or C. B. *Per Holt C. J. East. 1701. in the Case of Blackborough and Davis, 1 Will. Rep. 41, 43.*

8. A Bond *pro Esfiamento & Favore*, if reduced to a Judgment, is not avoidable at Law, nor even relievable in Equity. *Per Wright*

Lord Keep. *Trin.* 1702. in *Casu Ive* and *Ash*, *Prec. in Chan.* 199, 200.

9. Where one recovered in *Trover* against a Servant of the African Company, Equity would not relieve, because the Plaintiff in Equity might at Law have defended himself. *Trin.* 1703. *Langdon* and the African Company, *Prec. in Chan.* 221.

But decreed that the Company should indemnify the Servant, and that the Plaintiff at Law (one of the Defendants in Equity) might prosecute the Decree in the Servant's Name. *Ibid.*

10. A Matter examinable and already determined at Law, yet Equity may give Relief in it. *Mich.* 1704. *Kent* and *Bridgman*, *Prec. in Chan.* 233.

Vide P. Ca. this Case more fully abridg'd.

11. The Jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery is generally divided into three Parts, *Fraud*, *Trust*, and *Accident*; by *Accident* is meant, when a Case is distinguished from others of the like Nature by *unusual Circumstances*; for this Court cannot controul the Maxims of Common Law, because of general Inconveniences; but only when the Observation of a Rule is attended with some *unusual* and *particular* Circumstances that create a *personal* and *particular* Inconvenience; and this Maxim, *Boni est judicis ampliare legem*, is not to be understood as that a Judge in Equity should alter the Maxims of the Common Law, for this would be to assume a Power *paramount* to the Law. The utmost that can be meant by this Maxim, if it has any Meaning in it, is, that this Court, *provided it has the Law to justify it*, should sometimes usurp upon the Jurisdiction of the Courts at Law; and therefore in the Case of a vexatious Person in an Ejectment having tried his Right at Law five several Times, and been cast each Time, the Court of Chancery was moved for a perpetual Injunction to stop all further Proceedings at Law. But Lord Cowper (after Debate and Consideration) refused to grant an Injunction, for by a known Maxim of the Common Law a Man may try his Title as often as he pleases in an Ejectment, and for this Court to determine that one, two or more unsuccessful Trials in an Ejectment (*a*) should be peremptory, *quid aliud*, than to assume a Legislative Power, and alter the Maxims of Common Law. *Trin.* 8 Ann. *Anon. Lucas* 1, 3. *Prec. in Chan.* 261. S. C. *Trin.* 1706. S. C. under the Name of *Lord Bath* and *Sherwin*. *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 5 Ann. S. C. and stated as in *Prec. in Chan.*

Prec. in Chan. 261, &c. by Note.

See Tit. Bill, (D) P. 171. Ca. 1.

(a) The Proceedings at Common Law are tied up to very strict Rules; and a Man that has a very good Title may be

cast thro' some Slip in the Proceedings, or a Man may have better Evidence at one Time than another. *Be-sides*, as often as the Plaintiff loses in an Ejectment, the Court gives Costs, which is by Law intended as a Re-compence; and tho' where Fees are liberally given, it does not come near up to it, yet if Things were managed more frugally, it would come much nearer. *Per Lord Cowper, Ibid.* in S. C.

12. A. assigns a Bond to B.—B. sues this Bond in A.'s Name, A. has Judgment, and the Judgment affirmed in Error; and after Execution taken out, but before the Return thereof, A. gives a Warrant of Attorney to acknowledge a Satisfaction upon Record, and upon this a Supersedeas is sued out to stop the Execution; and upon Motion to set aside the Supersedeas, it was held *relievable only in Equity*. *Mich.* 11 Ann. *Parker* and *Lilly* in *B. R. Lucas's Rep.* 102.

The Assigning it is a Matter of Equity, and is more proper for the Court of Chancery than for the Court of B. R. And a late Case was

cited in C. B. where a Bond was taken in Trust for another, and the Obligee dying while the Suit upon this Bond pended, it was held the *Cestuy que Trust* could not go on in the Action, because this Court (i. e. C. B.) could not take Notice of the Trust, or of any other Plaintiff than who appeared to be so upon Record. *Per Cur'*, *Ibid.* 103.

13. When Issue is joined in Chancery, that Court always awards the *Venire*. 1 Geo. 1. *Lucas's Rep.* 259.

In this Case it was decreed, that the Defendant do account for the Rents and Profits of the Freehold Leases to Plaintiff, and Defendant to have all just Allowances for Debts and Legacies paid by him, and the Plaintiff to account for 150 Guineas to Defendant with Interest, &c. As to the Purchaser *bona fide* of Part of the Freehold Lands, he shall convey to Plaintiff upon Payment of the Purchase Money, with Interest at 5 *l. per Cent.* because he had Notice of the Invalidity of the Devise by common Report, tho' not actual Notice from Plaintiff or Defendant; and altho' he was not a fraudulent Purchaser, yet he was a rash one, and ought to have inquired into the Validity of the Will, or got the Heir at Law to join in the Conveyance to him. *Per Harcourt C. Ibid. in the Margin.* As to this, Mr. Viner says, *Ex relatione alterius.*

14. *J. S.* being seized of a considerable Estate in Fee, devised it to *T. B.* Defendant. *J. S.* executed the Will, but it was not attested in his Presence by three Witnesses. *J. S.* died, and *T. B.* finding that the Will was void, for 100 Guineas paid to Plaintiff, who was *J. S.*'s Heir at Law, procured from him a Release, which recited that *J. S.* by his last Will duly executed had devised his Estate to *T. B.* Afterwards *T. B.* for 50 Guineas more, prevailed with Plaintiff to convey the Lands by Lease and Release to *A.* who was *T. B.*'s Trustee, and to whom he afterwards conveyed; then *T. B.* upon a valuable Consideration, conveyed Part to *C.* who had not any other Notice of the Invalidity of the Will, save that he heard it mentioned in common Discourse. Plaintiff brought his Bill against *T. B.* *A.* and *C.* to have the Release, Lease and Release delivered up, as fraudulently obtained; and it not appearing that Plaintiff at the Time of making the Release, &c. knew that the Will was bad, *Harcourt C.* decreed that they should be delivered up; and it not appearing that *C.* was privy to the Fraud, tho' he had heard of the Invalidity of the Will, as above, it was decreed that he, upon receiving his Purchase Money with Interest, should convey to Plaintiff, and should account for the Rents and Profits which he had received, and be allowed what he had laid out in Repairs, or otherwise. *Mich. 12 Ann. Broderick and Broderick & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Circumvention, (A) Ca. 3.*

15. *A.* being Parson of the Parish of *C.* and *B.* having Lands in that Parish, told *A.* that there was a Modus of 40 *s. per Ann.* paid Time out of Mind for his Lands in that Parish; and to convince *A.* of it, he shewed a Copy of a Record in *B. R. Tempore Eliz.* where a Prohibition was granted against the Parson in a Suit for Tithes in Court Christian, upon a Suggestion of this Modus, whereupon *A.* agreed with *B.* to take 40 *s. per Ann.* but it appearing in the Cause that *B.* suppressed Part of the Record, wherein afterwards a Consultation was granted, and thereby deceived *A.* for that Reason the Lords did make void the Agreement, being obtained by suppressing the Truth. *Mich. 12 Ann. Viner's Abr. Tit. Circumvention, (A) Ca. 4.* said by him to be cited in the Case of *Broderick and Broderick*, as the Case of *Doctor Dent* and *Buck in Dom' Proc'.*

16. If a Copyholder sue by *Petition* in the Lord's Court, upon which the Lord gives Judgment, tho' no *Appeal* or *Writ of Error* will lie of the Judgment, yet the Court of Chancery will correct the Proceedings in Case any Thing were done therein against Conscience. *Per Parker C. J. Mich. 1716.* in the Case of *Cristian* and *Corren*, before a Committee Council at the Cockpit, 1 *Will. Rep.* 330.

17. A Court of Equity will not only grant an Injunction to stay Tenant for Life, without Impeachment of Waste, from defacing the Mansion House, but will likewise oblige him to put it in the same Plight. *Hil. 1716. Lord Bernard's Case, Prec. in Chan.* 454.

Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, P. 402. Ca. 21. S. C. ac- 18. Breach of Covenant is triable at Law, for a Court of Equity cannot settle Damages. 17 March 1719. *Stafford* and Mayor of London, *MS. Rep.*

19. The Court of Chancery only proper to compel an Execution of a Trust, and consequently a Distribution of the undisposed Surplus of a personal Estate. *Trin. 1719. 1 Will. Rep. 549.* See this Case P. Ca. more fully abridged.

20. Bill to be relieved against a Forfeiture for Non-payment of Rent, by a Tenant at a Rack-Rent, after a Recovery in Ejectment. King C. decreed, that upon Payment of the Rent, and Costs at Law and in Equity, the Defendant should make a new Lease for the Remainder of the Term to the Plaintiff; but ordered a Covenant to be inserted for the Tenant to repair during the Term, tho' no such Covenant was in the former Lease. *Mich. 12 Geo. 1. Taylor and Knight, Viner's Abr. Tit. Chancery, (Y) Ca. 31.* His Lordship said, he did not like giving Relief here in these Cases after a Judgment at Law, but said, the Precedents were too strong for him. *Ibid. in S. C.*

21. A Court of Equity has a concurrent Jurisdiction with the Admiralty (a). *Per Hale B. East. 12 Geo. 1. cites it as a Saying of Sir John Trevor, late Master of the Rolls. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 228.* (a) And Ecclesiastical Courts.

22. The Court (of Equity) ought to be very tender how they help any Defendant after a Trial at Law in a Matter where such Defendant had an Opportunity to defend himself; but still in some Cases Equity relieves after a Verdict at Law; as if the Plaintiff at Law recovers a Debt, and the Defendant afterwards finds a Receipt under the Plaintiff's own Hand for the very Money in Question. Here the Plaintiff recovered by Verdict against Conscience; and tho' the Receipt were in the Defendant's own Custody, yet he not being then apprised of it, seems intitled to the Aid of Equity, it being against Conscience that the Plaintiff should be twice paid the same Debt (b). *Per the Master of the Rolls, Mich. 1727. in the Case of the Countess of Gainsborough and Gifford, 2 Will. Rep. 425, 426.* (b) So if the Plaintiff's own Book appeared to be crossed, and

the Money paid before the Action brought. *Per the Master of the Rolls, Ibid. 426.*

23. An Estate *pur auter vie* is distributable in Equity, tho' not in the Spiritual Court; for tho' the Spiritual Court cannot intermeddle with a Freehold to distribute it (c), yet it doth not follow but that this Court may enforce such Distribution. *Per King C. and who decreed accord', Hil. Vac. 1730. in the Case of Witter and Witter, 3 Will. Rep. 99, 102.* Vide the Case of the Duke of Devon and Atkins, P. Ca. (c) It was the Opinion of that great Man Lord

Chan. Cowper, that an Estate *pur auter vie*, when limited to Executors, was personal Estate, and as such distributable within the Statute of Distribution. Said *arg'* by Talbot, Solicitor General, 2 Will. Rep. 382.—*Vide Salk. 464. Carth. 376. Oldham and Pickering contra.*—However, tho' in the Spiritual Court an Estate *pur auter vie* be not distributable on Account of its being a Freehold, yet it seems as if in Equity it should be distributable, and that the Administrator should be taken to be a Trustee for general Legacies, if any; and if no Will, then for the next of Kin. And as the Administration may be granted to one only a principal Creditor, he ought not to go away with the Residue of the Estate *pur auter vie* as Administrator. *Ibid. in a Note by the Editor.*—But see more particularly the Statute of 14 Geo. 2, whereby an Estate *pur auter vie* being devised, or in Part applied to the Payment of Debts, according to the Statute of Frauds, shall be distributed in the same Manner as personal Estate.

24. A weak Man gives a Bond; if it be attended with no Fraud or Breach of Trust, Equity will not set it aside only for the Weakness of the Obligor, if he be *Compos mentis*, for Equity will not measure Peoples Understanding or Capacities.—No such Thing as an equitable *Non compos*, if *compos* at Law. *Per Cur', Mich. 1731. 3 Will. Rep. 130.* Vide Tit. Bonds or Obligation, P. 186. Ca. 8. and the Notes there.

25. Heirs when of Age are under the Care of a Court of Equity, and then want it most, the Law taking Care of them till that Time. *Ibid. 131.* Vide same Notes.

26. In Matters within the Jurisdiction of this Court it will relieve, tho' nothing appears which strictly speaking may be called illegal; the Reason is, because all those Cases carry somewhat of Fraud in them, tho' it be not such Fraud as is properly Deceit, but such Proceedings as lay a particular Burden or Hardship on any Man; it being the Business of this Court to relieve against all Offences at the Law of Nature and Reason. *Per Lord Chan. Mich. 1734.* in the Case of *Bosanquet* and *Dashwood*, (who cited the Case of *Broadway*, which was first heard at the Rolls, and then affirmed by Lord King as an express Authority in Point (a).) *Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 38, 40.

(a) His Lordship also cited

the Case of Sir *T. Meers*, heard by the Lord *Harcourt*, as an Authority in Point, that this Court will relieve in Cases which (tho' perhaps strictly legal) bear hard upon one Party; and his Lordship cited that Case thus: Sir *T. Meers* had in some Mortgages inserted a Covenant, *That if the Interest was not paid punctually at the Day, it should from that Time, and so from Time to Time, be turned into Principal, and bear Interest.* Upon a Bill Lord Chan. relieved the Mortgagees against this Covenant as unjust and oppressive. *Ibid.* 40.

27. Where a Title depends on the Words of a Will, this is as properly determinable in Equity as by a Judge and Jury at *Nisi prius*. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot in Casu Tanner and Wise, Trin. 1734.* 3 *Will. Rep.* 296.

Vide Tit. Bills, P. 169. the Notes to Ca. 25.

28. The Court of Equity delights to do compleat Justice, and not by Halves: As first to decree the Heir to perform his Covenant, and then to leave another Suit for him against the Executor. *Mich. 1734. Ibid.* 334.

29. Plaintiff had a Decree in the Equity Court of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and Defendant being now in the Guards, and living out of the Jurisdiction, Plaintiff brought his Bill in Aid of a former Decree. Defendant by Answer denied his knowing any Thing of the Decree, but admitted the Proceedings there; and Plaintiff now moved for an Injunction. But *per Lord Chan.* An Injunction was denied; and his Lordship said, *he never knew a Bill in this Court to aid Jurisdiction in an inferior Court; and Plaintiff's Equity for an Injunction must appear upon Proceedings here, and upon Records of this Court; and it being mentioned that Plaintiff should have brought a Certiorari Bill, it was objected, that the Proceedings could not be removed out of a County Palatine no more by a Certiorari Bill than by Writ of Error at Law, in Case of Action or Judgment there. Trin. 1734. Duckingfield and Nosworthy, Viner's Abr. Tit. Court, &c. (S. 4.) Ca. 23.*

30. Where the Law provides a particular Remedy, to extend it is the proper Work of the Legislature only. But there are Instances in which a Court of Equity gives Remedy where the Law gives none; but where a particular Remedy is given by Law, and that Remedy bounded and circumscribed by particular Rules, it would be very improper for a Court of Equity to take it up where the Law leaves it, and extend it farther than the Law allows. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Hil. 1735. in Casu Heard and Stanford, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 173, 174.

31. *Thomas Styles* devised (inter al') an Annuity of 40 l. a Year to his Wife, chargeable upon the Residue of his personal Estate, and made his three Sisters Executrices; and the Wife in a Cross Bill prayed that they might give Security for the Payment of it. But by *Talbot Lord Chan.* There is no Colour to oblige them unless they had misbehaved

(b) *A. devifes themselves* (b). But as the Testator has expressly charged the Residuum to B. for Life the Use of the Goods in his House;

he shall not give Security without some Misbehaviour or apparent Danger of Loss; Security being always required upon Circumstances. *Earl of Pembroke and Sawyer, MS. Notes. 2. Term and Year.*

appropriated

propriated for that Purpose, and so it was. Stanway and Styles & contra, Mich. 8 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.

32. The Defendant gave a Bond to the Plaintiff's Daughter, Penalty 500*l.* and in the Beginning of the Condition there was a Recital, that *an Agreement has been made between the Defendant and the Plaintiff's Daughter, that a Marriage should be compleated between them within twelve Months after the Date of the Bond; then the Condition was that the Defendant should pay the Daughter 500*l.* in Case the Defendant should not marry her within the said twelve Months.* The Plaintiff's Daughter filed her Bill against the Defendant, suggesting that he had got the Bond away from her by Force, and had cancelled it; and prayed that he might be compelled to execute a new Bond to her under the same Terms with the former; and also prayed general Relief. To the Bill an Affidavit was annexed, that the Defendant had by Force taken the Bond from her, and had cancelled it, agreeable to the Course of the Court. The Defendant by his Answer swore he did not take the Bond by Force, but that she upon a Quarrel between them did deliver up the Bond to him, and told him she would have nothing to do either with his Bond or him; and also by Answer flung several Aspersions on the Daughter, as if she was a common Whore. It was proved positively by one Witness, on the Part of the Plaintiff, that the Defendant had taken his Bond from her by Force, and had cancelled it; and another Witness proved that the Defendant promised to execute a new Bond to the Daughter to the same Effect as the former, but the Defendant had made no Proof at all in the Cause of any Kind; the Daughter died before the Cause could be brought to a Hearing, and the Plaintiff her Mother took out Administration to her, and revived the Suit. Lord Hardwicke Chan. In this Case there are two Questions; 1. Whether the Plaintiff from the Nature of this Case has any original Equity to come into this Court for Relief. 2dly, Whether there is any Thing under the Circumstances of the Case to bar the Plaintiff of that Relief. As to the (1) I think the Plaintiff has such Equity; which is founded on this Bond having been once executed, by which the Plaintiff might have had a Remedy at Law; and afterwards coming into the Hands of Defendant, and being cancelled by him, where such Case is of a Bond, it gives the Plaintiff not only Ground for a Discovery, but also Relief, because the Admission of the Bond by the Defendant's Answer, or proving that there was such a one, would not be sufficient to enable the Plaintiff to bring an Action, because there must be a *profert in Curia*, and *oyer* may be prayed thereof. As to the second Point it is objected, that it is only proved by one Witness that the Defendant took this Bond forcibly from the Plaintiff's Daughter, which the Defendant hath denied by his Answer upon Oath; and it is generally true, that where the Equity of the Bill was only proved by one Witness, and is denied by the Defendant's Answer, that there is not sufficient Ground to make a Decree, because there is Oath against Oath; but the Rule is misapplied here, for in this Case the Plaintiff's Daughter was intitled to make the first Oath, which she has done; and has also proved the same Matter by one Witness, so that this is only the Oath of the Defendant in his Answer against two Oaths; but there is no Occasion to rely upon this, because the Answer is not a compleat Denial of the Plaintiff's Equity, but only a Confession and Avoidance; and then it is not sufficient to say it is only proved by one Witness, for the Defendant ought to make out his

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his Avoidance ; then again here is only one Witness that swears to the taking of the Bond by Force, and cancelling it ; yet there is another who swears that after the Bond was got into the Defendant's Custody and cancelled, the Defendant promised the Plaintiff's Daughter to execute a new Bond, which could be only because he had got the former wrongfully, and cancelled it ; and strongly corroborates what was sworn by the other Witness, so as to take it *out of the Rules of the Court, that there can be no Decree where there is one Oath against another*. It was further objected, that the Plaintiff's Daughter by her Bill had not averred or proved in the Cause that she was ready to perform her Part, and to marry the Defendant ; but it lies upon the Defendant to shew that he requested her, and she refused to comply ; for the Condition of the Bond does not oblige her to request the Defendant, but puts the Performance upon him. Another Objection has been taken, that it does not appear the Defendant had any Remedy to compel the Plaintiff's Daughter to marry him, there being only a Recital in the Condition of the Bond, that such an Agreement to marry each other had been made between them, but that no such Agreement had been signed on her Part in Favour of the Defendant, or any Evidence of it. The Answer is, I cannot take it the Defendant had no Evidence of such a Promise, and as he has recited there was such a one, I must take it to be true ; besides, the Statute of *Frauds and Perjuries* does not require Promises of Marriage to be in Writing, but only Money to be given in Consideration of Marriage. It has been said, it is very pernicious to give Relief in such Cases as this, because let the Woman behave ever so ill after the Bond given, yet that would be an Obligation on the Defendant to marry her, or pay the Money. But this Court would relieve against such Bond, if she became abandoned and profligate, so as to put herself under different Circumstances than she was at the Time of making the same ; but here is no Proof either that it was an improper Match, or that the Daughter ever misbehaved herself. Then the Case is no more than this ; here is a Bond given to a Woman of very good Character to marry her within a Year, or to pay her a Sum of Money ; as to the Case of *Key and Bradshaw*, 2 Vern. 102. that is a very general Reason, and would hold good in all Contracts of Marriage to be executed, either in the Ecclesiastical Court, or by Damages at Law ; but in that Case it was clearly an improper Agreement, and such as from the Nature of it was not right, that the Mistress should marry her Servant, which might be Evidence for the Court to believe she was drawn into it. It has been objected, that this Bill is brought for recovering a Penalty ; but that is taking it wrong, for it is only the Damages that have been adjusted and agreed on between the Parties themselves ; and if in an Action at Law upon a Promise of Marriage the Plaintiff had recovered so much Damage, the Court would not have relieved against it. In this Case the Court made a Decree that the Plaintiff should have the 500 l. and Interest from a particular Time, with Costs. *March 1, 1738. Atkins and Farr, at Lincoln's-Inn Hall, MS. Rep.*

Court of Chancery on the Petty-Bag Side.

1. **T**HE Plaintiff gets Judgment in the Petty-Bag, after which he is stopped by an Injunction for two or three Years, so that the Plaintiff in the Judgment could not regularly sue out Execution without a *Sci. Fa.* moved that the Plaintiff at Law might, under these Circumstances, sue out Execution without a *Sci. Fa.* and not suffer by the Act of the Court. But King C. said, he would not alter the Course of the Court, but would take Care to preserve it; and it being above a Year and a Day since the Judgment obtained, he ordered the Plaintiff to sue out a *Sci. Fa.* Hil. 1729. *Hodgson* and *Earl of Warrington*, MS. Rep.

son could not have taken out Execution, and continued it by *Viccomes non misit breve*, agreeably to what was said by the Court of B. R. in the Case of *Booth and Booth*, Salk. 322.

3 Will. Rep.
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son* (of the Six
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and the *Earl
of Warrington*,
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1729. S.C.
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of Note says,
Q. whether in
this Case the
Plaintiff *Hod-*

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Creditor (a) and Debtor.

contracted here, it was said, the Method is by *Procuracion* from hence under the Seal of the Mayor of London, and getting that recorded there; or an Acknowledgment of the Debt by the Owner of the Plantation upon the Place will do it. Trin. 1687. Vide 1 Vern. 460. Noel and Robinson.

(a) To make
a Plantation in
Barbadoes lia-
ble to a Debt

- (A) How far Creditors are favoured in Equity.
- (B) Concerning Agreements between Debtor and Creditor.
- (C) Concerning a Provision by Deed or Will for Payment of Debts, &c.
- (D) The Order and Manner in which Debts shall be paid.
- (E) Composition of Debts (a).
- (F) What Conveyance or Disposition shall be fraudulent as to Creditors.
- (G) Where there is Money due on two Contracts, and a general Payment is made, to the discharging of which Contract such Payment shall be applied.

(a) Vide (E)
P.

(*) The Testator substituted his

real and personal Estate to the Payment of his Debts, and his personal Estate alone not being sufficient to discharge all his Debts, the Question was, whether under these Circumstances the Testator's Widow should retain her *Paraphernalia*; and Lord Chan. decreed that another Fund (*i. e.* the real Estate) being substituted in Aid of the Personal, the Widow should be allowed to retain her *Paraphernalia*, which are *not to be applied but in Case of Creditors, and of Necessity.* Mich. 1 Geo. 2. (b) *Bingham and Ernelty, MS. Rep.*—Another MS. Rep. S. C. and P. (b) 2. If the Term and Year is right.

(A) How far Creditors are favoured in Equity (a).

1. **T**ENANT in Tail suffers a Recovery to let in a Mortgage of 500 Years, and then limits the Land to the old Uses, and makes his Will, and *devises all his Lands for Payment of his Debts.* The Court thought that the Equity of Redemption should be Assets to satisfy Creditors, or a subsequent Grantee of an Annuity.—Note; *The Redemption was limited to him, his Heirs or Assigns.* Hil. 1691. *Fosset and Austin, Prec. in Chan.* 39.

But in this Case it was held, that if a Man who had Power to raise Money dies in Debt, having made no Appointment for raising it, the Creditors cannot make this Assets, and raise the Money pursuant to the Power; but in the Case in Question the Money was appointed to be raised, which made the Difference. *Ibid.*

2. J. S. upon his Marriage with M. vested a Term in Trustees, upon Trust to raise 3000 l. for younger Children, and 3000 l. for such Uses and Purposes as he should appoint. He appoints 3000 l. to be raised for his Daughter, and the other 3000 l. he appointed to be raised, and by his Will gave the last 3000 l. to his Daughter also, and died. The Creditors brought a Bill to have the last 3000 l. applied as Assets towards Payment of their Debts. Decreed accord', for J. S. having appointed it to be raised, it was in the Nature of his personal Estate, and the Debts should take Place before the Legacy given to his Daughter. Hil. 1704. Lord Cornwallis's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 279.

For Defendant, who was Uncle and Heir at Law to A.'s Son, and who claims the 4000 l. as real Estate descended to him, was cited by Mr. Vernon the Case of *Whitrick and Jermin, Temp. Hale C. B.* which was the first Case where Trust Money to be laid out in Lands, was held to be real Estate.—*Atkins and Jeffries*; and

3. 4000 l. was put into Trustees Hands upon the Marriage of A. with B. to be laid out in Lands to be settled upon the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life for her Jointure, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Husband, Remainder to his right Heirs in Fee. The Wife dies, leaving Issue a Son, and then the Husband dies before the Money was laid out in Land, and devises all his Estate both real and personal to Trustees during the Minority of his Son, and for his Benefit; and in Case the Son dies before 21, then he gives several Legacies, and the Residue of his personal Estate to Charitable Uses, &c. The Son died before 21; the Creditors bring a Bill against A.'s Executors, and his Brother, who claims the 4000 l. as real Estate, and not subject to Debts by simple Contract, suggesting the want of personal Assets to pay his Debts, without the 4000 l. be taken as Money, there being left no Issue of the Marriage, and the Whole would have vested in A. if he had outlived his Son, &c. and the Consideration of the Marriage Agreement extends no further than the Issue of the Marriage, and not to the general Heir of the Husband, &c. *Harcourt C.* would not

such Trust Money shall be taken as real Estate, and shall go to the Heir, and not to the Executor, though the Articles be silent as to the Remainder in Fee; and the Limitation of the Articles went no further than the Issue of the Marriage. So a Wife shall have Dower of such Trust Money, and a Husband shall be Tenant by the Curtesy, &c. But *Harcourt C.* did not think the Cases cited came up to the principal Case; the first Case was in Favour of the Issue of the Marriage, and not for a collateral Heir; and in the second Case the Dispute was between the Heir and the Executors, but not of Creditors.—So in Dower and by Curtesy it has only been carried against Executors, and that does not come up to the Case of Creditors. *Ibid.*

not now give his Opinion, if the 4000 *l.* should be taken in Equity to be real Estate against the Creditors by *simple* Contract for the Benefit of a *collateral* Heir at Law, but referred the Account of the personal Estate of *A.* to the Master, to see if that be sufficient to pay the Debts by *simple* Contract; for if so, then his Lordship said, this Point cannot come in Question. 13 July, 13 Ann. *Fulham and Jones & al'*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor*, (A) *Ca.* 18.

4. A Bill by a Judgment Creditor to open a Decree of Foreclosure to which Suit he was not a Party, suggesting Fraud and Contrivance between Mortgagor and Mortgagee to cheat him of his Debt. The Mortgagee pleaded the Decree of Foreclosure, and Purchase of the Equity of Redemption; and by Answer denies the Fraud, but admits he had Notice of the Judgment when he brought his Bill to foreclose, but did not know the Person who had got Judgment, nor where to find him, and for that Reason did not make him a Party to the Suit. The Mortgagor by his Answer admits the Mortgage, but says he was in Prison at the Time of the Foreclosure; but owns he employed a Solicitor to appear for him, &c. that being very poor and necessitous, and in Prison, he was prevailed on to assign his Equity of Redemption for 20 Guineas, tho' the Estate is worth a great deal more. Per Cowper C. Since the Mortgagee had Notice of the Judgment before the Foreclosure and Purchase of the Equity of Redemption, the Plaintiff may go before the Master, and be at Liberty to surcharge or falsify the Mortgagee's Account, but the Mortgagee is not to account for the Profits since the Decree of Foreclosure; and Plaintiff being a Judgment Creditor, and not a Party to the Bill of Foreclosure, may redeem. *Mich. 2 Geo. Bird and Gandy, Ibid. (A) Ca. 20.*

Note; In this Case the Plaintiff being an obscure Person, was ordered to give Security to answer Costs in Case he did not redeem. *Ibid.*

5. A Bill was brought for a Sale of Defendant *F.*'s Estate for Satisfaction of Creditors by Mortgages and Judgments. *C.* a Papist profest, had a Mortgage for 2400 *l.* upon the Estate prior to Plaintiff's Mortgage, and he had also a Judgment subsequent to Plaintiff's Mortgage, and to several other Judgments, and to other Creditors; the Question was, among the Creditors, who should have the Priority in Payment, the Estate not being sufficient to pay off all the Mortgages and Judgments. Per Parker C. The Mortgage to *C.* being a Papist profest, is void by the *Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3.* for that is an Interest in Land; but as to the Judgment, though a Papist cannot take out an *Elegit*, for that gives him an Interest in the Moiety of the Debtor's Lands, yet if Lands are decreed to be sold for Payment of Debts, Equity ought to assist the fair Creditor (though a Papist profest) in obtaining a Satisfaction for his Debt; and when the Land is sold and turned into Money, why should not he be paid his Debts out of that Money as well as another Person? Ordered all the Lands to be sold, and an Account stated of the Debts, and their Priority; and if there be sufficient to pay all the Creditors, then the Money to be so applied; but if there be a Deficiency, then, upon the Master's Report the Court to determine as to the Preference of the Creditors. *Hil. 6 Geo. 1. Lowther and Fletcher & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (E) Ca. 4. 3 Will. Rep. 46. S. C. Hil. 1719. in a Note.*

Mr. Viner says, another Point was started, *i. e.* that one of Judgment Creditors had sued out a *Ca. Sa.* and taken Defendant *F.* in Execution, to which he says, *Quere*, if this Creditor should be let in, in a Court of Equity, to have a Satisfaction out of the Money raised by Sale, unless he will discharge the Execution at Law, and deliver the Defendant out of Prison, for by the *Ca. Sa.* this Creditor

has concluded himself from taking out any other Execution as long as Defendant lives; but indeed, if Defendant dies in Prison, after his Death Creditor may sue out an *Elegit* or *Fi. Fa.* but as long as his Body remains in Execution, no other Execution can be sued out against him. *Ibid.*

6. *J. S.* made a Jointure upon *M.* his Wife, after Marriage, of Lands which were his Father's, in Bar of Dower, and the Father joined

joined therein; the Uses in the Settlement were to the Use of the Father for Life, then to the Mother for Life, Remainder to the Use of J. S. for his Life, Remainder to M. his Wife (the Defendant) for her Life in Bar of Dower, &c. J. S. devises his Lands in Trust for Payment of his Debts, and died, leaving the Father, and then a Judgment Creditor (and who was Administrator with the Will annexed to J. S. as being the largest Creditor, the Trustees under his Will being deceased, or refusing to act) brings a Bill against the Widow and others of J. S.'s Creditors, to have an Account of the Estate, &c. The Wife by her Answer would waive the Settlement, as being made after Marriage, and not to take Effect in the original Creation of it immediately upon the Death of her Husband, as the Statute about Jointures requires, for the Father might outlive J. S. and in Fact did so, and so might the Mother, and tho' they are since dead, yet that will not make the Jointure more binding; she therefore insisted upon Dower. But Parker C. seeing that if she waived the Settlement the Lands would go to the Heir at Law, not subject to the Payment of any Debts, since it never was Part of the Testator's Estate, the Father outliving him, and that if she was to have Dower, the Assets would fall short; and that what the Wife did was in Favour of the Heir at Law, to the Prejudice of the Creditors. His Lordship decreed that she should take the Estate for her Life under the Settlement, but that she should assign it over in Trust for the Creditors, who should convey to her a Third of her Husband's Land for her Dower, free from Incumbrances. *East. 8 Geo. 1. Mills and Eden, Lucas's Rep. 487.*

His Lordship said, that this was no more than what was agreeable to what the Court does in other Cases; as in decreeing a Judgment Creditor, who has his Election at Law to resort for his Satisfaction to either real or personal, to make such an Election as simple Contract Creditors may not be defrauded. *Ibid. 489.*

7. A Creditor cannot sue one Co-executor alone without the other, nor as Residuary Legatee. *Hil. 10 Geo. 1. Scurry & Ux' and Morfe, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 89.*

Note; In this Case there was no Devise of the Land for Payment of Debts.

8. A. seised in Fee, and indebted to several by Bond, in which he bound himself and his Heirs, devised his Lands to B. for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Sons of B. in Tail Male, Remainder over, with a Power to B. the Tenant for Life, to lease for one, two or three Lives, at the old Rents, which were very small and Conventional Rents, the Lands lying in the West of England. B. took the Profits, and raised considerable Sums by Fines on Leases. On a Bill by the Bond Creditors, the Master of the Rolls decreed the personal Estate to be first accounted for, and then B. to account for the Rents and Profits of the real Estate.—*Macclesfield C. on Appeal*, held it sufficient that B. keep down the Interest, and that as A. died seised of some Lands let for Lives at Conventional Rents, and others at Rack-Rents, he directed first the Sale of the Lands let at Rack-Rents, and if those not sufficient for Payment of the Debts, then so much as is requisite of the Life Lands, and to account for the Fines of such of those Lands as shall be sold, to be taken as Part of the Purchase Money; but if the Lands at Rack-Rent be sufficient, then B. not to account for the Fines, because the Devisee in Remainder will have the same Benefit of raising what Money he can by Fines, and so every one in his Turn will enjoy the like Liberty. *Trin. 1724. Manaton and Manaton, 2 Will. Rep. 234.*

9. Where Debts by Specialty, which are a Lien at Law on the real Estate, are discharged out of the personal Assets by Executors in Ease of the Lands, the Creditors by simple Contract shall stand in the Places of the Creditors by Specialty to have their Debts satisfied out

of the Lands; and the Court decreed the Lands to be sold for that Purpose, and the Infant Heir to join in a Conveyance within six Months after he comes of Age. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Charles and Andrews, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 151, 153.*

10. Bill by Creditors of Testator, and one of the Residuary Legatees, against a Debtor to the Testator's Estate, the Executors and the other Residuary Legatee, to compel the Debtor to pay his Debt to satisfy their Demands. And per Lord Chan. The Bill is totally improper and inconsistent with the Principles of Law, and the Rules of this Court; *contra* by an Executor, the Representative of the Testator. The whole Management of the Estate belongs to the Executor, and the Right of it is vested in him, and not to be taken out of him by Creditors or Legatees. If he releases and is solvent, it is a Devastavit, and he is answerable himself for the Sum released to the Creditors and Legatees. If Collusion and Insolvency, it may be proper to come here for Satisfaction against the Debtor, but it must be always upon some special Case, which is not pretended either by the Bill or at the Bar; and for the many Inconveniences that would attend that Method of Proceeding, (except a Case particularly circumstanced) the Bill must be dismissed, but without Costs, because it might have been demurred to. *Mich. 11 Geo. 2. Bickley & al' and Donington, MS. Rep.*

11. One owes a Debt by simple Contract; six Years pass, whereby the Debt is barred, after which the Debtor by Will charges his Lands with the Payment of his Debts (a). Lord Chan. King and Raymond C. J. observed, that it had been held, that such Will (b) revives the Debt, in Regard the same, though the six Years are passed, continues still to be a Debt in Conscience. *Mich. 1730. Jones and Com' Stafford & al', 3 Will. Rep. 79, 89.*

devise his personal Estate in Trust to pay his Debts, whether would this as creating a Trust revive a Debt barred by the Statute, or would not such Devise be merely void, as saying no more than the Law of Course says, (*viz.*) that a Man's personal Estate shall pay his Debts? And if the Testator should say, that his personal Estate should not be liable to pay his Debts, or that his Book Debts shall be paid thereout before his Bonds, such Will would be plainly void. *Ibid. 89. in a Note by the Editor.*

12. A Legacy of 1000 l. was bequeathed to a Feme Sole Infant, charged upon Land, and payable at 25. She took a Husband, who assigned the same during her Infancy to J. S. in Consideration of 750 l. and afterwards she attained her Age of 25. Lord Chan. King decreed the Assignment good, and that J. S. was intitled thereto, with Interest from the Wife's attaining the Age of 25. (c). *Trin. 1731. Duke of Chandos and Talbot, 2 Will. Rep. 603, 609.*

there. (c) It was insisted against the Assignment, that it was made for less Money than was really due, *viz.* 750 l. instead of 1000 l. Answered, that the Interest of the 750 l. from the Time it was paid to the attaining 25. and the Hazard of the Wife's dying before that Age, made it a dear Bargain; and that with Regard to any Judgment or other Creditors of the Husband, as they claimed under him, and had no specific Lien on the Legacy, they could not be in a better Condition than he himself was. *Ibid.*

13. A. the Father and B. the eldest Son resettle an Estate to the Use of A. for Life as to Part, then to Trustees for 200 Years, to raise 1100 l. to be paid to C. the second Son within six Months after A.'s Death, or as soon after as the same could be raised, and in the mean Time Interest from A.'s Death for his Maintenance, Remainder to B. the Eldest, &c. C. died indebted, and two Years after him A. died, from whom a good Estate came to B. The Creditors of C. cannot have this Portion raised, the Contingency upon which it was payable never happening. 24 May 1736. *Bradley and Powell, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 193.*

Vide Bickley & al' and Donington, P. 253. Ca. 10. 14. Where there are *proper Persons to get in the Estate of another*; Chancery will not suffer the Creditors of the Testator to bring a Bill in order to get in that Estate; but if the Executors will collude with a Debtor, there is no Doubt but a Creditor may bring his Bill in order to take Care of the Estate, and charge the Executors with such Collusion. Per Parker J. who sat for Lord Chan. Hardwicke, Easter 1740. Franklin and Fern, Barnard. Chan. Rep. 32.

(B) Concerning Agreements between Debtor and Creditor.

Vide Composition, P.

1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 298. Ca. 2. Mich. 1700. Lord Castleton and Lord Fanshawe is not S. P. 1. *J.* S. by Will devises the Surplus, after Debts and Legacies paid, to his Wife, and makes *A.* and *B.* his Executors. The Creditors *fearing want of Assets*, compound with the Executors for less than their full Debts, but *Assets afterwards came in*. On a Bill by the Wife for an Account of the Surplus, the Executors would have let in the Creditors to their full Debts, which would have reduced the Surplus to little. But Lord Chan. said, he would not set aside the Composition the Creditors had made, they having no Bill for that Purpose, and only come in before the Master, and therefore must abide by the Composition. *Mich. 1699. Lord Castleton and Lord Fanshawe, Prec. in Chan. 99, 100.*

Another Point in this Case was, whether

the Creditors should be sent to Law to recover their Debts, and the Wife be ordered to make a Defence in the Executors Place, and so be enabled to bar them by Pleading the Statute of Limitations, which the Executors would not do. But Lord Chan. said, he could not consent that the Statute of Limitations should be pleaded, therefore their Debts must be paid. *Ibid. 100.*

2. *A.* was Executor and Devisee in the Will of *J. S.* and received the *personal*, and the Rents, &c. of the *real Estate*, but in a Suit in Equity touching the Will, being decreed to be but a Trustee, he was ordered to account, and on an Account was reported to be indebted to *B.* the Defendant and Cestuy que Trust in 4000 *l.* The Decree was affirmed in *Dom' Proc'*; afterwards *A.* went beyond Sea, and being there, a Composition was made, by which *A.* was to pay a small Sum to *B.* and *B.* was to indemnify *A.* from the Testator's Creditors. *A.* being threatened with Suits from some of the Testator's Creditors, brought a Bill against *B.* to indemnify him, &c. And Macclesfield C. decreed that *B.* execute his Part of the Agreement, and indemnify *A.* against the Testator's Debts. *Mich. 1721. Pollen and Sir John Hubbard, 1 Will. Rep. 757.*

His Lordship said, it must be admitted to have been in the Power of *B.* to make a

Composition of this Demand, and to release (if he had pleased) the whole Debt; that it was very lawful either for *A.* to ask a Composition, or for *B.* to grant it, wherefore all that Equity ought to guard against is, if no Fraud be used in obtaining the (Release or) Composition; that this Case is stronger, as it was *B.* who first proposed a Composition. Besides, *A.* having gone out of the Reach of Justice, it might be for the Benefit of *B.* to accept of this, tho' a small Composition. His Lordship took Notice, that there had been a fair Representation on the Part of *A.* and a just Compliance by *B.* and in a great Measure executed by *A.* therefore decreed, &c. *Ibid. 752. — Vide (E) Ca. 3.*

3. Equity on a Petition and with the Consent of the Wife and her Trustees, (who had about 5 or 6000 *l.* Portion of hers in their Hands, in order to compound with the Husband's Creditor) will order Part of the Trust Money to be paid to the Creditors, in Discharge of the Husband's Debts. Some of the Creditors at executing the Deed of Composition took private Securities, *post* dated, and for Part of their Debts, besides their Share with the Rest of the Creditors. His Honour thought this underhand Dealing a Fraud on the Wife, on the Trustees,

Trustees, and on the Court, therefore directed all such Securities to be set aside, and delivered up by the Creditors to the Husband. *Mich. 1721. Middleton and Lord Onslow & al', 1 Will. Rep. 768.*

(C) Concerning a Provision by Deed or Will
(a) for Payment of Debts, &c.

(a) *Vide Tit. Devise, P.*

1. *S.* Having several young Children, and being much in Debt, conveyed Part of his Lands *in Trust for Payment of his Debts, and by another Deed conveyed other Part to Trustees for Maintenance of his Children.* This last Conveyance being voluntary, was declared void as to Creditors, but good against *S. himself*, and therefore if his Creditors should fall upon those Lands for a Satisfaction of their Debts, and thereby strip the Children of their Maintenance, the Children should have a Recompence out of the Residue of the Estate which *S.* had reserved to himself for his own Maintenance; and compared it to the Case where Creditors that have a Lien upon the Land take their Satisfaction out of the personal Estate, which was liable to other Creditors of an inferior Nature, who have no Lien upon the Land; these Creditors in Equity shall stand in the Place of the other Creditors who had a Lien upon the Land, and have a Satisfaction out of that in their Stead; this Case is the same, for tho' the Conveyance was voluntary in the Father, yet he is bound by Nature to provide for his Children, and it is a sort of a Debt. *Per Cowper C. Mich. 4 Geo. Sneed & al' and Lord and Lady Culpepper, & eontra, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (D) Ca. 7.*

2. Lands given in Trust, or devised to pay Debts and Legacies, shall be deemed in Equity as Money in Respect to Creditors and Legatees, but not in Respect to the Heir or Residuary Legatee. *2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 171.*

3. A Will begins, *As to all my worldly Estate, my Debts being first paid, I give, &c.* the real Estate is liable to the Debts, nothing being devised till the Debts are paid. *Hil. 1730. Harris and Ingledew, 3 Will. Rep. 91.*

4. *J. S.* by Will charges all his worldly Estate with his Debts, and dies seised of Freehold and Copyhold Estate, which he particularly disposes by the Will; the Copyhold, tho' not surrendered to the Use of the Will, yet shall be applied to the Payment of the Debts *pari passu* with the Freehold. Decreed by Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, *Hil. 1730. Harris and Ingledew, Ibid. 91, 96.*

5. A Devise of one's Land after Debts paid, is a Charge of the Debts on the Land. *Trin. 1735. King and King and Ennis, Ibid. 358, 359.*

(D) The

(D) The Order and Manner in which Debts shall be paid (a).

(a) In Case of
legal Assets,
all Creditors

shall be paid according to the *legal or equitable Lien* they have on the Assets in a Course of legal Administration. MS. Notes.—If *A.* has a Jointure of Leasehold Estate, with Covenant that it is of a considerable Value, and the Term is assigned to her Trustee, yet she shall not hold the Lands against other Creditors till the Deficiency in Value is made up, but must come in ratably with them, such Covenant not being any specific Charge on the Lands. MS. Notes.

1. *A.* Was indebted 1500*l.* whereof 500*l.* was secured by Mortgage, and the Residue by Bond; *A.* before his Death made a Lease of all his Lands to Trustees for Payment of his Debts, which was worth about 1200*l.* *A.*'s Heir after his Death sells as much Land as pays 1400*l.* whereof the Mortgage was Part, (which was more than the Value of the Trust Estate). *P.* who was a Creditor for the other 100*l.* brought his Bill against the Heir and the Trustees to have his Debt satisfied out of this Trust Estate. It was insisted for the Heir, that having paid as far as the Value of the Trust Estate did extend, he ought not to have his Lands charged any further. But it was ruled by Lord Chan. That since the Trust Lands were not sufficient to satisfy the whole Debts, the Heir, and the Trustees and the Mortgagee, should not juggle together to cheat other Creditors by paying the Mortgage first off; but on the contrary, the Trust Lands should be applied in the first Place for the other Debts, because the Mortgagee could be at no Damage, being secured by this Mortgage; but on the contrary, if the Mortgagee should be first satisfied, the other Creditors might lose their Debts, and so the Plaintiff in this Case had Relief for his Debt. *East.* 1680. *Povy's Case*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 51.

2. *A.* is Tenant for Life, subject to a Mortgage of 15000*l.* to *B.* Remainder to *J. S.* in Fee; *A.* acknowledges a Statute to *C.* for 500*l.* and afterwards *A.* sells his Estate for Life to *J. S.* for 3000*l.* who had no Notice of the Statute to *C.* The 3000*l.* was borrowed by *J. S.* of *D.* who likewise paid off the 15000*l.* and took an Assignment of the Mortgage for the 15000*l.* and also charged with the 3000*l.* and *J. S.* covenanted to pay the Money, and the Equity of Redemption is limited to him, and *D.* covenanted on Payment to assign to *J. S.* or as he should direct. *J. S.* acknowledged a Statute to *E.* who had no Notice of the 500*l.* Statute to *C.* and after devises the Lands to *A.* and charged with Debts and Legacies. Decreed that *B.* must come in last of all even after Debts and Legacies; and affirmed by Lord Keeper, with the Assistance of Trevor J. C. and Blencowe J. and compared it to the Case of a third Mortgagor buying in a first. *East.* 1701. *Blake and Hungerford*, *Prec. in Chan.* 158.

3. An Incumbrance by Judgment being a Lien on the Land, if made prior to the Grant of an Annuity, shall be preferred before the Grant of the Annuity, because his Charge on the Land is posterior. Per Lord Chan. *East.* 7 *Ann.* in the Case of *Davison and Goddard*, *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 66.

4. Where a Person who has a Bill of Sale of Goods for securing a Sum of Money lent, shall be preferred to a Judgment Creditor. *Vide* the Case of *Buckwel & al'* and *Roiston*, *P. Ca.*

Gilb. Eq. Rep.
32. *S. C. in*
totidem verbis.

5. *J. S.* a Freeman of London, by Will (made about 24 Years since) devises one Third Part of his personal Estate to *L.* his Wife, and the other two Thirds to his Children, and dies, leaving only

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two Daughters C. and D. who afterwards died intestate and unmarried. L. possessed herself of the whole Stock, and carried on the Trade, and sometime after married E. who also employed the whole Stock in Trade, without making any Distribution to the Children. On a Treaty of Marriage between G. and C. the Daughter, a Computation was made of what Fortune would be coming to C. and the same appearing to be short of what G. expected, E. agreed by Parol to make up her Fortune 4000 l. and paid 2500 l. of it. E. about four Years after the Marriage makes his Will, and entred into a Bond to G. for Payment of the 1500 l. but kept the Bond himself, but shewed both the Bond and Will to G. whereby he had likewise given G. and his Wife a Legacy; and sometime after E. died indebted to several Persons; the Agreement by E. to pay the 4000 l. and the Execution of the Bond, was proved. *Harcourt* Lord Chan. thought the Bond made so long after the Marriage as *four* Years could not be tacked to the Agreement, so as to make it any Evidence in Writing of that Agreement, especially on the Circumstances that the Bond was then made, without any Application of G. and C. and was not delivered into his or her Custody; and that it being made at the Time the Will was, and shewn to them with his Will, and after his Death found with his Will, he looked on it only in Nature of a Legacy, and *voluntary* as against his own Creditors, and to be *postponed* to them. *Trin.* 1713. *Loffes* and *Lewen*, *Prec. in Chan.* 370, 372.

6. Executors in *Equity* as well as at *Law* may prefer any Creditor in equal Degree, or after an Action at Law brought by one Creditor may confess Judgment to another. At the Rolls, *Mich.* 1715. *Waring* and *Danvers*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 295.

7. J. S. by Will devises his Lands for Payment of his Debts; Bonds and simple Contract Debts shall be paid equally, but if by Will he only charges his Land with the Payment of his Debts, so that the Lands descend charged with the Debts, (and consequently are legal Assets by Descent, as to the Bond Creditors, and charged only in Equity by the Will as to simple Contracts) the Bonds shall be preferred before the simple Contract Creditors (a). Decreed per *Parker C. East.* 1718. *Freemoult* and *Dedire*, & *econtra* 1 *Will. Rep.* 429.

brought has sold the Lands, and then the Bond Creditors had brought their Actions, they should have been paid only their Share out of the Assets; and it is observable, that by the express Words of the Statute of 3 & 4 W. & M. cap. 14. (of fraudulent Devises) where there is any Devise or Appointment by a Will of Lands for Payment of Debts or Childrens Portions, according to an Agreement before Marriage, other than the Heir at Law, such Will shall be of Force. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 431.

8. Whether a Judgment Creditor may as well secure himself by buying in a prior Incumbrance, as a second Mortgagee may by taking an Assignment of the first Mortgage. *Vide P. Ca.*

9. The late Earl of *Winchelsea* died seised of some Lands in Fee, and considerably indebted by Judgment and simple Contract, and after the Death of the said Earl, and before the Effoin Day of the next following Term, many of the Judgment Creditors delivered *Fi. Fa.* to the Sheriff, and took the Goods and Furniture in Execution, whereupon the simple Contract Creditors petitioned (for it did not come before the Court upon Bill) that the Judgment Creditors might be paid out of the Land, or at least that as to so much as the Judgment Creditors had by taking it from the personal Estate exhausted the same, they (the simple Contract Creditors) might stand in their Place, and be paid out of the Land. *Sed per Cur'*, The Rule of Equity is very just, but not applicable to the present Case: Here the Judgment Creditors have lodged their Writs of Execution with the Sheriff in the

same Vacation that the Party died, it relates to the Teste of the Writ as to all but Purchasers; and consequently by Relation the personal Estate, of which the simple Contract Creditors would avail themselves, as being in the Possession of the Earl at his Death, was not so, being evicted from him in his Life-time by the Execution; and therefore the simple Contract Creditors seem to be without a Remedy, as to such of the Assets as have been seized by these Executions. *Per Parker C. Hil. Vac. 1719. Finch and the Earl of Winchelsea, 3 Will. Rep. 399. in a Note by the Editor, who says sed Quære.*

10. *A.* lent Money on Bond to *B.* who dying intestate, *C.* took out Administration to him; after which *C.* dying, *A.* took out Administration *de bonis non, &c.* to *B.* and it was determined (*inter al'*) that *A.* might out of the Assets of *B.* retain for such Bond Debt contracted before he took out Administration; and tho' *A.* happened to die before he had made any Election in what particular Effects he would have the Property altered; yet the Court said, it must be presumed he would elect to have his own Debt first paid, and this being presumed, there would remain no Difficulty as to altering the Property, for as the Executors of *A.* were to account for the Assets of *B.* they must on the Account deduct to the Amount of the Money lent by *A.* to *B.* At the Rolls, *Mich. 1720. Weekes and Gore, 3 Will. Rep. 184. in a Note.*

Ibid. 489. S.P.
per Lord
Chan. King in
Mills and
Eden.

11. Where a Man dies indebted by *Specialties* and *simple Contract*, and leaves both a *personal* and *real* Estate, this Court will not suffer the Debts by *Specialty* to be flung upon the *personal* Estate, and that being exhausted, leave the Debts by *simple Contract* unsatisfied, the Land not being liable to pay them, but will decree the Debts by *Specialty* to be satisfied out of the *Land*, and the Debts by *simple Contract* out of the *personal Estate*. *Per Parker C. Mich. 6 Geo. 1. in Canc' in Casu Blundell and Barker, Lucas's Rep. 462.*

12. Any *voluntary* Bond is good against an Executor or Administrator, unless some Creditor be thereby deprived of his Debt; but if the Bond be merely *voluntary*, a *real* Debt, tho' by *simple Contract* only, shall have the Preference. *Per Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, Lechmere and the Earl of Carlisle and Lechmere, Mich. 1733. 3 Will. Rep. 211, 222.*

13. *A.* having a Wife who lived *separate* from him, afterwards courted and married another Woman who knew nothing of the former Wife's being alive; but it being discovered to the second Wife that the former was alive, *A.* in order to prevail with the second Wife to stay with him, some Years afterwards gave a Bond to a Trustee of the second Wife to leave her 1000*l.* at his Death. *A.* died, not leaving Assets to pay his *simple Contract* Creditors; if this Bond had been given immediately on the Discovery, and as a Recompence for the Injury done the second Wife, and they had parted thereupon, it had been good, and to be paid before any *simple Contract* Debt; but being given in Trust for the second Wife, after such Time as she knew the first was living, and to induce her to continue with *A.* this was worse than a *voluntary* Bond, and decreed to be postponed to all the *simple Contract* Creditors. *Mich. 1734. Lady Cox's Case (a), Ibid. 339, 341.*

(a) Vide P.
Ca.

14. *J. S.* possessed of a Term of 1000 Years, articles to purchase the Inheritance, but died before a Conveyance made, having by Will given 3000*l.* to his Daughter, and made his eldest Son Executor, who assigns the Term in Trust to attend the Inheritance, and of which he takes a Conveyance in his own Name; afterwards the Son

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acknowledges a Judgment to *A.* and mortgages the Inheritance to *B.* without taking any Notice, or making any Assignment of the 1000 Years Term, and died insolvent. *A.* the Judgment Creditor of the Mortgagor, shall be first satisfied according to the Priority of Liens affecting the real Estate; then the Mortgagee shall be paid his Mortgage, and then the Daughter (being Administratrix to her Brother) is intitled to her Legacy of 3000 *l.* in Preference to the simple Contract Creditors. *Talbot C. Mich. 1734. Charlton and Low, 3 Will. Rep. 328.*

15. Resolved by Lord Chan. *Talbot*, that if *J. S.* devises his Lands to Trustees to pay all his Debts, and dies indebted by *Specialty* and *simple Contract*, and the Bond Creditors recover Part of their Debts out of the personal Estate, and afterwards they apply to be paid the Rest of their Bond Debts out of the real Estate devised for that Purpose; in this Case, as the Testator intended all his Creditors should be equally paid their Debts, the Bond Creditors shall not come in upon the Land until the simple Contract Creditors have received so much thereof as to make them equal in Payment with the Bond Creditors. *Trin. 1734. in the Case of Haslewood and Pope, 3 Will. Rep. 322, 323.* And this his Lordship said was what the Master of the Rolls had very rightly decreed on great Consideration (a). *Ibid.*

(a) This seems to have been the Case of *Deg* and *Deg*, 2 *Will. Rep. 416.*

16. *A.* owes Money by several Judgments and Bonds, and dies intestate; his Administrator pays the Judgments, and some of the Bonds, and pays more than the personal Estate comes to; what the Administrator paid on the Judgments must be allowed him, but as to what he paid on the Bonds, he must come in *pro rata* only with the other Bond Creditors for a Satisfaction out of the Money arising by Sale of an Advowson, which is real Assets. Decreed *per Talbot C. Mich. 1735. Robinson & al' and Tonge, Dunn & al', 3 Will. Rep. 398, 400.*

(E) Composition of Debts (a).

(a) Vide (B) P.

1. *J. S.* by Will devises the Surplus, after Debts and Legacies paid, to his Wife, and makes *A.* and *B.* his Executors. The Creditors compound for less than their full Debts, from an Apprehension of Assets; but Assets afterwards came in. On a Bill by the Wife for an Account of the Surplus, the Executors would have let in the Creditors to their full Debts, which would have reduced the Surplus to little. But the Court would not set aside this Composition, the Creditors having no Bill for that Purpose. *Mich. 1699. Lord Castleton and Lord Fanshawe (b), Prec. in Chan. 99.*

(b) Vide (B) P. 254. Ca. t.

2. The Court of Chancery, with Consent of the Wife and her Trustees, who had about 5 or 6000 *l.* Portion of hers in their Hands, in order to a Composition with the Husband's Creditors, ordered Part of the Trust Money to be paid to the Creditors, in Discharge of the Husband's Debts. Some of the Creditors at executing the Deed took private Securities, *post dated*, &c. this underhand Dealing is a Fraud on the Wife, on the Trustees, and the Court. *Per* his Honour, who directed all such Securities to be set aside, and to be delivered up to the Husband. *Mich. 1721. Middleton and Lord Onslow & al', 1 Will. Rep. 768.*

(F) *Talbot*

(F) **What Conveyance or Disposition shall be fraudulent as against Creditors.**

*Vide Tit. De-
wife, P.
Ca. S. C.
abridg'd.*

1. **O**NE being in an undue Manner drawn in to execute a Conveyance of his Estate, after makes his Will, and thereby *devises all his Lands to be sold for Payment of his Debts*; his Creditors may set aside the Conveyance, *having a Right in Nature of an Equity of Redemption as the Testator himself had*, tho' urged that it was but in Nature of a *Chose in Action*, and not assignable. *Hil. 1700. Blake and Johnson, Prec. in Chan. 142.*

2. S. Having several young Children, and being much indebted, conveyed *Part of his Lands in Trust for Payment of his Debts*, and by another Deed conveyed other Part to Trustees for the Maintenance of his Children. This last Conveyance being voluntary, was declared void as to Creditors, and still liable to their Demands as before, but it was good against S. himself, and should bind him; and therefore if his Creditors should fall upon those Lands for a Satisfaction of their Debts, and thereby strip the Children of their Maintenance, the Children should have a Recompence out of the Residue of the Estate which S. had reserved to himself for his own Maintenance; and compared it to the Case where Creditors that have a Lien upon the Land take their Satisfaction out of the personal Estate, which was liable to other Creditors of an inferior Nature, who have no Lien upon the Land; these Creditors in Equity, shall stand in the Place of the other Creditors who had a Lien upon the Land, and have a Satisfaction out of that in their Stead; this Case is the same, for tho' the Conveyance was voluntary in the Father, yet he is bound by Nature to provide for his Children, and it is a sort of a Debt. *Per Cowper C. Mich. 4 Geo. 1. Sneed & al' and Lord and Lady Culpepper, & contra, Viner's Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (D) Ca. 7.*

3. On the Marriage of the Defendant, her intended Husband being under Age, and so incapable of making a Settlement, the Wife's Father gave a Bond for the Payment of 1500 l. on his making a suitable Jointure on her *without taking any Notice whatsoever of the Issue*; the Marriage took Effect, and the Husband some Years after, on Payment of the 1500 l. made a Settlement of 147 l. per Ann. on himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, &c. with Remainders to their first, &c. Sons, in the usual Form. — Plaintiffs were Bond Creditors of the Husband, and after his Death brought their Bill against the Wife and Children to set aside this Settlement as voluntary and fraudulent, being made after Marriage, especially as to the Children, for whom no Provision appeared to be made on the Treaty previous to the Marriage, and that therefore they ought to be let in for a Satisfaction of their Debts. But his Honour was clear of Opinion, that this Bond was not fraudulent nor voluntary against the Bond Creditors. *Mich. 1719. Brunfden and Stratton, Prec. in Chan. 520.*

4. A. upon his Daughter's Marriage, assigns 300 l. to Trustees to pay the Interest to the Husband as long as he shall continue in good Circumstances; but if he shall fail, then to pay it to the Wife. The Husband became a Bankrupt, and the Assignees brought a Bill against the Trustees to have the Produce of the Money paid to them during the Husband's Life; but the Bill was dismissed, for by the Court it is a reasonable prudent Settlement, and the most proper Period of Time

for a Father to provide for his Child. *Lockee and Savage, Hil. 6 Geo. 2. in Scacc', MS. Rep.*

(G) Where there is Money due on two Contracts, and a general Payment is made, to the discharging of which Contract such Payment shall be applied.

1. *A.* Contracted with *B.* to have his Iron split at his Mill, and made into Hoops, and to pay as others did: Upon this Contract Money is due to *B.* Afterwards *A.* undertaking to furnish the Victualling-Office with a Quantity of Iron Hoops at 24 *l.* the Tun, (the Money becoming due for the same being to be paid at a certain Day, or Bills which do carry Interest to be then given him) makes another Contract with *B.* for the Hoops to be delivered to him in such convenient Time as he might furnish the Victualling-Office at 24 *l.* per Tun; and upon this Agreement *A.* covenanted either to pay the Money by a certain Time, or at the Expiration thereof to give a Bond for it with Interest at 6 *l.* per Cent. *B.* delivers all the Goods agreed for by the Contract, except 36 *lb.* weight, which by Mistake was delivered to a wrong Person, and then the Time limited for the Delivery expired. *B.* being acquainted with the Mistake, offered to make up the Defect of the Quantity; but *A.* having no Occasion for them, the Parcel never was delivered; and *A.* never complained of any Prejudice he received by the Disappointment. Several Sums were paid generally to *B.* the last of which was 60 *l.* which was more than enough to satisfy the first Contract; and afterwards another Sum was paid, and an Acquittance wrote upon the Bond which was given upon the second Contract; and *A.* placed several of these Payments in his own Book to the Account of the last Contract; the Question was, whether they shall be intended to be applied to the Discharge of what was due upon the *first* or *second* Contract? And *per* Lord Chan. The Money shall be first applied to the discharging of the Demand of the *first* Contract, and the Surplus to the Discharge of that upon the *second*. A Man that pays Money may pay it upon what Condition he pleaseth; and the Person that receives it, receives the Condition with it; but then the Condition must be expressed at the Time of Payment. It is most natural that the Debt which was first contracted should be first paid. The Money for which a Discharge was given upon the Bond, his Lordship allowed applicable to the last Contract; and he from hence argued, that *A.*'s Intent in his other Payments was to discharge the Debt due upon the first Contract. *East. 7 Ann. Wentworth v. Manning, MS. Rep.*

Curtesy. Vide Tenant by the Curtesy, P.

C A P. XXIX.

Custom of London (a).

(a) It is to be observed, that Questions

touching the Custom of London have been less frequent since the making of the Act of the 11 Geo. 1. than theretofore, for by that Act, (cap. 18. sect. 17.) it is enacted, *That it shall be lawful for all Persons who after the first of June 1725. shall become free of the City, and for all who at that Time shall be unmarried, and not have Issue by any former Marriage, to dispose of their personal Estate.*—And Sect. 18. says, *But if any Person who shall be free of the City hath agreed, or shall agree by Writing, in Consideration of his Marriage, or otherwise, that his personal Estate shall be distributed according to the Custom of the City; or in Case any Person so free shall die intestate, his personal Estate shall be subject to the Custom of the City.*

(A) Of the Custom of London with Respect to the Children of a Freeman, and what is a Bar of the Childrens Orphanage Part;—And here of Advancement and bringing into Hotchpot;—And also of Survivorship.

(B) Concerning the Widow of a Freeman, and what shall be a Bar of her Customary Share.

(C) Concerning the Legator's or dead Man's Share.

(b) The Custom of London is the Remains of the old Common Law, i. e. that a Man could not give away any Part of his

(A) Of the Custom of London (b) With Respect to the Children of a Freeman, and what is a Bar of the Childrens Orphanage Part;—And here of Advancement and bringing into Hotchpot;—And also of Survivorship.

Estate without the Consent of his Children, and is so taken Notice of in Brañon; but it being found extremely inconvenient and hard, it was by the tacit Consent of the whole Nation abrogated and grown to disuse, (for what Law has ever been made to repeal it?) but in the City of London, where the Mayor and Aldermen had the Care of Orphans, they by that sole Authority and Power have preserved this Part of the Common Law in London, which is disused and disapproved every where else. Per Lord Chan. Trin. 1722. in the Case of Kemps and Kelsey, Prec. in Chan. 596.

1. **W**HERE a Citizen of London devises a Legacy to one of his Children, notwithstanding that, that Child shall have his Share out of the Customary Part, unless it doth appear that by the Intent of the Testator that Legacy was to go in Satisfaction of his whole Share. *Hil. 1677. Resolved per Lord Chan. in Ireton's Case, 2 Freem. 28.*

2. *A. devised 3000 l. to his Daughter, and the Residue of his personal Estate to his Brother; the Question was, whether this Daughter should have her Customary Part besides this Legacy, by Reason that he gave the Residue to his Brother, which is a kind of an Implication that the Daughter should have the 3000 l. and no more; and if she should have her Customary Part too, there would be nothing left for the Brother. But it was held clearly per Lord Chan. That the Daughter should have her Legacy and her Customary Share too; there*

being no Words to exclude her, she *shall not be barred by Implication*; tho' it was urged, that in this Case *there would be nothing left for the Brother.* Trin. 1681. *Bravell and Pocock*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 67.

3. If a Freeman of *London* dies leaving several Orphans, and any of them die under Age, the Question was, whether this Part is by the Custom to go to the Survivor; and 1702. the Recorder certified the Custom to be, that *if the Orphan Son dies before 21. his Share survives*; and *if a Female dies unmarried, and within the Age of 21. her Share survives likewise*, and the Orphan cannot give it away by Will. Mich. 1702. *Jaffon and Essington*, *Prec. in Chan.* 207.

4. A Freeman of *London* having Children by two *Venters*, and being desirous to make a Difference between them in Point of Fortune, by Will gives two of them a Bond of 3000 *l.* afterwards by Advice the Clause was obliterated, and the Will republished, and a new Bond given in the Name of *J. B.* in Trust for the two Daughters. *Cowper C.* held, that this Bond must be brought into Hotchpot, to intitle them to a further Share. Mich. 1708. *Hedges and Hedges*, *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 12, 13.

Prec. in Chan. 269. *S. C. in totidem verbis.* *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Customs of London*, (B. 8.) Page 215. *S. C.* and says, tho' in this Case some of the other Children had

given Receipts, but knew nothing of their *equitable* Right, Lord *Cowper* declared that this was but Evidence, and that he would notwithstanding let them into their Right; tho' otherwise if there had been a Receipt under Seal. Cites it from a *MS. Rep.*—2 *Vern.* 615. *Hodges and Moor S. C.*

5. A Citizen of *London* seised of a Freehold, and possessed of a personal Estate, had Issue a Son and a Daughter; the Son died, and left three Children; the Daughter married the Plaintiff, to whom the Father gave a Fortune; the Father assigns over his *personal* Estate to *B.* and by the Deed of Assignment expressly reserves that a Disposition of 1000 *l.* should not be without his Approbation; and in Case that it should not be disposed of during his Life, then *B.* after his Death to dispose of it as he should think fit. This Assignment was made for the Benefit of the Grandchildren; four Days after the Assignment was made, the Father makes his Will, and devises the Freehold to his Grandchildren, and some small Sum to his Daughter; and inserts a Declaration of having advanced her, by giving her 500 *l.* upon her Marriage. The Father after the Assignment collects the Rents, gives Receipts, and made a Lease. *B.* lived with him in the House, and the Writings were liable to be taken back by the Assignor whenever he pleased. Upon the Father's Death the Daughter and her Husband exhibit their Bill to have a Moiety of the personal Estate, according to the Custom of *London*. Lord Chan. Where a Citizen doth by Deed in his Life-time convey away his personal Estate, and put it absolutely out of his Power, such a Disposition is good; but if he so dismisses himself of it as to have himself an Hand over it, this is not good, and is in Defraud of the Custom. This Deed of Assignment hath the Marks of Fraud in all its Circumstances: It appears to be made when the Father was very much indisposed; he hath reserved a Disposition to himself during his Life, and doth not absolutely dismiss the Estate out of himself; but he still continued in Possession, and it was in his Power whenever he pleased to have possessed himself of the Deed. If this was allowed, there would be an end of the Custom. I would favour the Gift if I could. A Writing must be produced to ascertain the Advancement, or the Daughter will be taken to be fully advanced. The Custom doth not extend to
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(a) The Custom of London does not extend to Grandchildren; as if A. the Grandfather dies, leaving the Father with several Daughters; these Daughters are not within the Custom. *Per Cowper Lord Keep. Hil. Vac. 5 Ann. Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London, (B. 5.) Ca. 4.*

Grandchildren (a); but if there is a want of Provision for them, the Equity of the Statute of Distributions will help them, and stretch out the Custom to the Childrens Representatives. But here is no Occasion for this Equity, for a Moiety, the Wife being dead, the Husband had Power to dispose of; and then the Freehold Estate is devised to them, and there is no Colour to make Maintenance or Education an Advancement. Then it was urged, that the Daughter should bring her Advancement into Hotchpot. Mr. *Vernon* alledged it to be contrary to the Custom, that being only allowed between the Children of a Citizen. Lord Chan. *Coke* in his *Littleton* is of another Opinion; but I remember when I was reading it I consulted some *Serjeants* upon it, who told me that the Custom was otherwise; upon which I laid *Coke* before them, which did surprize them. They answered that *Coke* did not understand the Custom; for they knew of their own Knowledge that the Custom was, a Hotchpot only amongst the Children; and his Lordship made his Decree accordingly *Trin. 7 Ann. Finner and Longland, MS. Rep.*

6. A Freeman by Will charges 1500 *l.* on his real Estate for his Daughter, and also gives her 1500 *l.* out of his personal Estate.—She would take the 1500 *l.* out of the real Estate, (as that is not within the Custom) and also claims her Orphanage Part; but in Regard the Testator had disposed of all his real and personal Estate amongst his Children, and intended an equal Division, the Court would not suffer the Child to disappoint her Father's Will, but *compelled her to abide intirely by the Will, or by the Custom. Hil. 1731. Cowper and Scot & al, 3 Will. Rep. 123.*

7. If there be a Widow and two Daughters, and one Daughter dies, the Orphanage Part which belonged to such Daughter shall wholly *survive* to the other Daughter, even after Division and Partition between them; but if the Father's *Legatory* Part was devised to the Daughters, that is *under the Direction of the Statute as a Legacy*, and must be distributed between the Mother and surviving Daughter accordingly. Note; *This Difference was taken and agreed to by the Court, Trin. 1713. in the Case of Loeffes and Lewen, Prec. in Chan. 372.*

If a Mother is compounded with, the Estate is to be divided as if there was no Wife, and

8. The Children of a Freeman of London, where there is no Wife, are intitled to a Moiety, the other Moiety being the dead Man's Part. Admitted by both Sides; and decreed *per* Master of the Rolls, *Hil. 1716. Northey and Strange, 1 Will. Rep. 341.*

the Children take a Moiety. *MS. Notes.*

*Prec. in Chan. 470. Northey and Burbage, East. 1717. seems to be S. C. says, Testator by his Will declared that he had given 1000 *l.* to each of his Children in full of their*

9. A. a Freeman's Son was by his Father's Will mentioned to have had 400 *l.* and consequently the *Quantum* of A.'s Advancement *appeared under the Father's Hand*, yet this very Declaration by the Custom let the Son in for his Orphanage Part; and *tho' A. afterwards received farther Sums amounting to 600 *l.* from his Father, and the Certainty appeared by his own Answer*, yet these Sums, which were additional Gifts to his Advancement, being with the other 400 *l.* brought into Hotchpot, would not be a Bar to his Orphanage Part. Decreed *per Trevor, Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1716. Northey and Strange, Ibid. 340, 342.*

Orphanage Part; yet this very Declaration let them in (bringing those Sums into *Hotchpot*) to their full customary Shares of the Whole; but whether the Sum mentioned in the Will should be taken to be the Whole of what the Testator had given them, or if the Parties concerned were at Liberty to prove more paid to them, was the greater Question; and the Court seemed inclinable to let them into the Proof thereof. *Ibid. 471.—Gilb. Eq. Rep. 136. S. C. in totidem verbis.*

10. *Smith* was a Freeman of *London*, and had Issue one Child only, a Daughter, and gives her 3000 *l.* Portion, and marries her to the Plaintiff *Maggot*, and is a Party to the Marriage Articles, wherein this 3000 *l.* is declared to be given to her for her Portion by her Father; afterwards *Smith* the Father makes his Will, and devises 1000 *l.* to his said Daughter, and gives several Legacies to her Children; he also gives to his Daughter certain Lands for her Life, &c. and then follows this Proviso, (*viz.*) *Provided if my said Daughter shall not within six Months after my Decease, upon Request to her made by my Executrix, give a good and sufficient Release to my Executrix, of all her Right and Interest to her Customary Share of my Estate, &c. then my Will is, that the 1000 *l.* Legacy, and the several Legacies aforesaid to her Children, shall be void; and makes his Wife (the Defendant) sole Executrix and Residuary Legatee. The Bill was brought by the Husband and Wife in Right of the Wife for her Customary Share of the Testator's Estate.—1st, It was agreed, where the Portion of the Child appears in certain under the Father's Hand, such Portion shall not be taken for a full Advancement in the Life-time of the Father, to exclude and bar such Child of her Customary Share.—2^{dly}, Where a Freeman dies, leaving only one Child, who has had a Portion from her Father in his Life-time, such Child shall not put her Portion in Hotchpot, but is intitled to her Customary Share, besides what she had for a Portion, because where there are more Children than one, such Portion shall be put in Hotchpot, only with the Customary Share belonging to the Children, that they all may be equal (a). —3^{dly}, It was resolved, that Plaintiff's Wife need only release her Chattle Legacy, and not the Devise of the Lands to her for Life, because the expresse Condition in the Will doth controul the implied Condition by the Custom, that she must renounce all Benefit by the Will, if she will take Advantage of the Custom in Subversion of the Will.—4^{thly}, If the Daughter's Children, being Infants, shall forfeit their Legacies according to the Proviso, or not, by the Act of the Mother. This Point Lord Chan. would not now determine upon this Bill, but said it would be Time enough to do that when they should bring a Bill for their Legacies; but as to the other Matters decreed *ut supra*. Per Cowper C. *Trin.* 2 Geo. *Maggot and Smith, Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London*, (B. 6.) Ca. 19.*

(a) See Lord
Delaware's
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11. Bill by Plaintiff, as only Child of a Freeman, for her Share of her Father's personal Estate. Plaintiff at several Times had received several Sums of her Father in his Life-time, and he had transferred 1700 *l.* Bank Stock, in Trust for himself, in order to dispose of it by his Will to Defendants. *Tracy J.* who sat for Lord Chan. ordered an Account to be taken of what Money Plaintiff had received from her Father in his Life-time, and on what Account, and reserved the Consideration, whether such Money should be taken in Part of her Customary Share, or whether she should have a Moiety of her Father's Estate, besides what he had given her in his Life-time, there being no other Child. *Curia avisare vult. Trin.* 3 Geo. *Stanley and Norcliff, Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London*, (B. 8.) Ca. 13.

12. With Regard to the Advancement of a Child, it has been determined, that small inconsiderable Sums occasionally given to a Child cannot be deemed an Advancement or Part thereof: Thus Maintenance Money, or an Allowance made by a Freeman to his Son at the University, or in travelling, &c. is not to be taken as any Part of his Advancement, this being only his Education; and it would create Charge and Uncertainty to inquire minutely into such Matters.—

But the Father's buying an Office for the Son, tho' but at Will, as a Gentleman

So putting out a Child Apprentice, is no Part of his Advancement, for it is only procuring the Master to keep him seven Years instead of the Parent. *Hendern and Rose*, at the Rolls, *Trin.* 1718. 3 *Will. Rep.* 317. in a Note.

Pensioner's Place, or a Commission in the Army; these are Advancements *pro tanto*. By the Lords Commissioners *Rawlinson and Hutchins*, *Mich.* 1692. *Norton and Norton*, *Ibid.*

13. S. brings a Bill for one Third of his Wife's Father's personal Estate; a Settlement by Agreement was made on the Marriage, and the Father gave with his Daughter an Estate, as for her Marriage Portion. By Will the Father gave 1000 l. to his Wife and five Tenements, (which were his on Leases) to Trustees in Trust for the Daughter's separate Use, and made the Wife Executrix. S. being beyond Sea, left the Wife and Children upon the Mother, who maintained them. *Per Cowper C.* First, an Advancement of a Daughter by a real Estate as her Portion was not an Advancement within the Custom, but if it were in Land the Certainty doth appear, and the Land must be valued and brought into *Hotchpot*; the Custom has no Relation to an Estate of Inheritance; — If a Freeman lays out his Money the Custom is defeated; but if there was any Provision made by Agreement, that instead of Money as a Portion the Father should diminish his personal Estate by making a Purchase, it would be a Question how far this would be within the Custom; but Lands descended or purchased are not. 2dly, That S. must have one Third of the clear personal Estate, deducting the Widow's Chamber, Paraphernalia, &c. 3dly, That the five Tenements given to the separate Use of the Wife should not go in Part of this one Third, to which the Husband was intitled, for that the Daughter had no Election in this Case; she could not choose the one Third, because that was in the Power of the Husband, and to his Account; and as the five Tenements are here given to the Trustees, it is of a different Kind from the Husband's one Third; nor is it to the same Person; so it cannot go in Satisfaction within the Meaning of the Testator. In Cases of the Custom, the Legatee has an Election whether he will renounce his Legacy, or his one third Part. Here the Father has under all Events, *ex abundanti*, made a Provision for the separate Use of his Daughter out of the Part he had Power to dispose of. 4thly, If the Legacies fall short, every one must abate in Proportion; but if the Daughter's separate Provision fall short which the Father intended her, the Court ought to lay hold on that which the Husband ought to recover till the Account is taken; and it ought to go before the Master, especially if the Husband's going away were without the Wife's Default. 5thly, This specifick Legacy of the five Tenements must be valued, and every one must abate in Proportion. 6thly, The Wife and Executors (a) must have 1000 l. besides her one Third Part. *Mich.* 4 *Geo.* *Stanton and Platt* (b), *Viner's Abr.* *Tit. Customs of London*, (B. 6.) *Ca.* 21.

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14. If a Freeman gives a Legacy to his Child, and disposes of his whole personal Estate, the Child shall not have both the Legacy and the Orphanage Part, even tho' the Legacy does not exceed the dead Man's Part; otherwise if the Legacy be given expressly out of the Testamentary Part. But in no Case shall the Child be obliged to make his Election till after the Account taken. 4 July 1718. at the Rolls, *Hender and Rose*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 124. in a Note by the Editor.

15. It has been much questioned whether a Freeman's Will can any way operate on the Orphanage Part; formerly it seems to have been held, that a Freeman had a Power to appoint by Will, that if any of his Children

Children should die within Age, then such Child's Part should go to the surviving Child or Children. 1 *Lev.* 227. *Hamond v. Jones*, ruled by *Kelyng C. J.* at *Nisi prius*, and said by *Wyld*, Recorder of *London*, to have been so adjudged in Chancery; but latterly it has been admitted to be otherwise. See the Case of *Jeffson v. Elfrington*, *Prec. in Chan.* 207. — In the Case of *Biddle v. Biddle*, heard before *Parker C. Hil.* 1718. A Freeman having a *Wife and one Child*, (*inter al'*) devised the Orphanage Part to the Child, and in Case of the Child's Death before 21. then to go over to the Testator's Father. And it was held, that this Devise over was void, for that the Father had nothing to do with the Child's Orphanage Part, which came to him by the Custom, and not from the Father; and were such Devise over to be good, it would be a Prejudice to the Child, who in Case there were but one Child, might Devise over such Part at 14. which would take Effect were the Child to die before 21. or if the Mother died intestate and unmarried, it would go all to the Mother as his next of Kin, and not according to the Father's Will; or if the Child should marry and die within Age, leaving Issue, the Widow and Issue would be destitute, were such Will to be good. 3 *Will. Rep.* 318. in a Note by the Editor.

16. A Freeman having no Wife, and only one Daughter, devised all his personal Estate to his Daughter, who was married, for her own separate Use, and which was enjoyed accordingly. The Husband died, his Representatives are not intitled to such Part as was the Daughter's Customary Share, but the Whole belongs to the Wife. *Trin.* 5 *Geo. Merriweather and Hester*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Custom of London*, (B. 10.) *Ca.* 18.

17. In this Case was cited a Case of *Ambrose and Ambrose*, and another of *Rawlinson and Rawlinson*, where it had been certified to be the Custom of *London*; and was accordingly decreed by the Lord Chancellors *Harcourt* and *Cooper* successively, That if a City Orphan dies before 21. his Orphanage Part survives to the other Orphans; and that he can make no Disposition by Will to contradict it; but if he dies after 21. at which Time he might have by Will disposed of it, there, tho' he die intestate, it shall go according to the Statute of Distributions, between his Mother and surviving Brothers and Sisters; and that in the other Case the Survivorship holds only as to the Orphanage Part belonging to himself, so that if he had by Survivorship the Part of any other of his Brothers or Sisters, that should go according to the Statute of Distributions. It was also said, that if a Man married an Orphan, yet till 21. his Right was not so vested as to prevent his Wife's Share from surviving in Case she died before 21 (a):

—Tho' whether the Marriage was before or after 21. the Husband was fineable, and might be committed (b) if he had not the Licence of the Court of Orphans. *Mich.* 1720. in an *Anon. Case*, *Prec. in Chan.* 537. *Ca.* 332.

a Man marries an Orphan who dies under 21. her Orphanage Part shall not survive to the other Children, but shall go to the Husband. *Vide* 1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P.* 156. (b) One not a Freeman of *London* married an Orphan, and tho' it did not appear the Party had any Notice of his Wife's being a City Orphan, yet it was held such Person was punishable by the Court of Orphans: For every one is obliged at his Peril to inform himself concerning the Person whom he marries; and here no Body is obliged to give Notice, consequently the Party must at his Peril take Notice. 2 *Lev.* 32. 1 *Vent.* 178. *Hil.* 23 & 24 *Car.* 2. *B. R. The King v. Harwood.* 3 *Will. Rep.* 118. in a Note by the Editor. — *Mod.* 77. *Ca.* 36 & 79. *Ca.* 43. *S. C.* the Husband's not knowing that she was an Orphan is not material.

18. Plaintiff's Wife was a Freeman's Daughter, and after her Marriage her Father gave her 100 *l.* and Plaintiff executed a Release for

And afterwards in *Trin.* 1722. Lord Chan. decreed that the Release is a Bar. *Ibid.* 594. *Vide* the Case of *Blunden and Barker*, *P.* *Ca.*

(a) 1 *Vern.* 88. *Mich.* 1682. *Fowke and Lewen cont.*, for according to that Case, if
Prec. in Chan. 544. *Mich.* 1720. *Kemp* and *Kelsey* *S. C.* accord.

the 100 *l.* in full of all his Wife's Customary Part or Share which was or might be due to her by the Custom of London by her Father; her Father afterwards by Will devised to Plaintiff's Wife 400 *l.* and made Defendant his own Wife Executrix, and died possessed of 10000 *l.* leaving one other Daughter. The Bill was for a Discovery of the personal Estate, and that upon the Plaintiff's bringing the 100 *l.* into *Hotchpot*, they might be let into a Customary Part of the Father's Estate. Defendant pleaded the Release in Bar. And *per* Lord Chan. The Husband had no Power to release a future Right of his Wife's; that she might survive him, and would then be intitled to it in her own Right; besides, this Release is suggested to be fraudulently obtained, and therefore his Lordship ordered the Plea to stand for an Answer, with Liberty to except, so as to have an Account of the Freeman's personal Estate, and the Benefit of the Release to be saved to the Hearing, when the Question would come more properly, whether the Release by the Custom was good, or not. *Mich.* 1720. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

19. It is not necessary that the *Quantum* of an Orphan's Portion should appear under the Father's Hand, since according to the Case of *Dean & Ux'* and *Lord Delaware* (a), if the Certainty of the Portion with which the Child has been advanced appear in the Freeman's Books of Account, tho' written by the *Freeman's Book-keeper*, or his *Servant* (b), it is as sufficient as if written by the Freeman himself, and such Advancement may be brought into *Hotchpot*. *Per Parker C. East.* 1720. in the Case of *Blunden and Barker*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 642.

(a) 2 *Vern.*
(b) But *Ibid.*
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ranted by the Certificate cited in the Case of "*Dean & Ux'* v. *Lord Delaware*, May 9, 1710. in Pursuance of an Order of 16 December then last it is certified, that if a Freeman of the City dies, leaving a Wife and one Daughter married in his Life time, and it appears by the Books of such Freeman that he had paid several Sums of Money in Part of such Daughter's Portion unto her Husband, and afterwards several other Sums, which ought to be taken as paid on Account of the Portion, but not expressly entred in such Freeman's Books as paid in Part of Advancement, or in Part of the Portion, (all which Entries are of the Testator's own Hand Writing) and Sums taken all together do not amount to a third Part of such Freeman's Estate put together, with what he left at his Death, such Daughter ought not to be taken as fully advanced, but in part advanced only; and in such Case, by the Custom of the City, such Child and her Husband are to have a Third of what the Testator left at his Death, without Regard to what was received in the Father's Life-time, and without putting what had been so received to the Estate left at his Death."

20. A Freeman left at his Death a Wife and several Children, one of the Children died seven Years old. It was agreed that Share should survive, and that it was subject to the Statute of Distributions; but whether it survived to the Mother, as well as Brothers and Sisters? — The Orphanage Part is not due till 21. so that an Orphan cannot dispose of it sooner. *Mich.* 7 *Geo.* *per Master of the Rolls, Knipe and Wale*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Customs of London*, (B. 7.) Ca. 3.

21. J. S. in 1718. made his Will, and thereby gave to his Daughter 7000 *l.* and to his Son and Executor all the Rest of his Estate. He declared that this Legacy to the Daughter was in Satisfaction of all she could claim, &c. under the Custom, and she was to declare within one Month after his Death whether she would abide by that or not, and she was to release, &c. The Testator lived two Years after this Will, and after his Death the Daughter marrying within a Fortnight, they were both made acquainted with the Will; and the Executor and Son came one Morning and made a Delivery of some Plate, &c. specifically devised, and also assigned an Annuity in the Exchequer, which was given to the Daughter, and being asked to execute a Release, some Time was desired for Consideration. In Michaelmas Vacation the Question was, on a Plea to the Discovery, and Account prayed by a Bill, whether what the Daughter and her Husband had done did amount to such an Acceptance as did determine their Election,

tion, and to exclude them from a Share by the Custom. And *per* Lord Chan. the Plea was allowed, because they had not made any Election by the Bill to wave the Will, but with a Saving to any further Claim or Right they might make, that is by amending their Bill, and running the Hazard of the Account of the personal Estate; for whether it be more or less they must abide by the Event. He declared that it was the Testator's Intention, that if she accepted of the Legacy, she was to take it in Satisfaction of the Whole under the Custom, and that he never intended she should have an Account of the personal Estate, to see whether it was her best way to abide by the one or the other; she was to have no such Liberty; and therefore his Lordship confined her to a Month's Time to declare herself; so that all Objections made from her being under any Surprize, or having any Thing misrepresented unto her, is out of the Case. It is likely *J. S.* thought the Custom very hard, and he had a Mind to tie her down; but yet this must be a compleat Acceptance by her of all that he had imposed; but in this Case it doth not appear that all was finished and compleated, some Things she did accept of; but the Execution of the Release was put off, and other Matters, for further Consideration, so that this was not a full and intire Acceptance; tho' he thought that if all had been done and accepted of without the Release, that was not so necessary to be done within this Month, but might be executed at any Time. *Per* Lord Chan. *Mich. Vac. 1721. Smith and Withers, Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London, (B. 6.) Ca. 22.*

22. *J. S.* a Freeman of London, had two Daughters *H.* and *E.* and one Son; *B.* married *H.* and upon receiving a suitable Portion, released all Right and Interest which he had or might have to any Part of *J. S.*'s personal Estate by the Custom or otherwise, except what *J. S.* should give by Will or otherwise, and covenanted that at any Time after the Death of *J. S.* he would do any further Act for the releasing of any Right which he might have by the Custom to the Executor or Administrator of *J. S.* *Jekyll and Gilbert* Commissioners, seemed inclined to think that the Release being for a valuable Consideration, purporting an Agreement to quit the Right to the Orphanage Part to be binding in Equity (a); but tho' this might not be so clear, yet the Covenant for a valuable Consideration to release the future Right is good, and the Executor of *J. S.* having before the Bill brought tendered a Release, which *B.* refused to execute, the Court decreed an Execution of the Release to the Executor, and *B.* to pay Costs. *East. 1725. Cox and Belitha, 2 Will. Rep. 272, 273.*

(a) *Vide the Case of Blunden and Barker, P. Ca.*

23. In the above Case *J. S.* had left his other Daughter *E.* 3500*l.* by his Will, but it appeared to the Court that she was but a weak Woman, and 40 Years old, and not like to marry; and it was positively sworn by the Answer of *B.* the Son-in-Law, that *J. S.* after the making of the Will had desired him to secure an Annuity of 250*l.* per Ann. to *E.* in Satisfaction of her Legacy; and accordingly *E.* after the Death of *J. S.* (in a publick Manner, with the Consent of her Relations and Friends, and *B.* and his Wife, and the Trustees in the Father's Will, were Witneses to the Deed) released the said Legacy, and all her Right to her Father's personal Estate by the Custom, to *B.* and in Consideration thereof *B.* by Mortgage secured an Annuity of 250*l.* per Ann. to *E.* and *B.* and his Wife after the Death of *E.* bringing a Bill to set aside this Deed, and to have *E.*'s Orphanage Part, the same was dismissed with Costs. *Ibid. 272, 274, 275.*

24. Where a Freeman's Daughter accepts of a Legacy of 10000 *l.* left her by her Father, who recommended it to her to release her Right to her Orphanage Part, which she does accordingly; if the Orphanage Part be much more than her Legacy, tho' she was told she might elect which she pleased, yet if she did not know she had a Right first to inquire into the Value of the personal Estate, and the *Quantum* of her Orphanage Part, before she made her Election, this is so *material* that it may avoid her Release. *Trin.* 1724. *Pusey and Desbouvrie*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 316.

25. Where a Daughter who married without the Father's Consent was afterwards *advanced in Part*, and the Father *settled some Leasehold Estate to the separate Use* of the Daughter the Feme Covert, this ought to be brought into *Hotchpot*, it being in the strictest Sense an Advancement of the Child *pro tanto*. *Per Jekyll and Gilbert*, Lords Commissioners. *East.* 1725. 2 *Will. Rep.* 273, 274.

26. Any Lands of Inheritance settled by a Freeman upon his Children, is not to be called an Advancement either in Part or in the Whole within the Custom of *London*, in Regard such Lands are not within the Custom, *which affects only the personal Estate of the Freeman*; otherwise of a Lease for Years.—But if Lands of Inheritance are given to a Child *in Bar* of the Orphanage Part, and *accepted as such*, it will be binding, or at least the Child cannot have both. So held by *Jekyll and Gilbert*, Commissioners, *East.* 1725. *Cox and Belitha*, *Ibid.* 274.

27. The Custom of *London* is, where there are several Children, the Father may appoint a Right of Survivorship amongst them. If there be a *Male Child* only, the Father may devise over his Orphanage Part, if *Male Child* should die before the Age of 21. and if there be a *Female Child* only, then the Father may also devise over in Case such *Female Child* die before 21. or Marriage. *East.* 13 *Geo.* *Piddington and Mayne*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. *Customs of London*, (B) *Ca.* 16.

28. Where the Husband was attainted of Felony, and Pardon on Condition of Transportation; and afterwards the Wife became intitled to some personal Estate as Orphan to a Freeman of *London*; this personal Estate was decreed to belong to the Wife, as to a Feme Sole. *Trin.* 1729. *Newsome and Bowyer*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 32.

29. A Freeman of *London* having but one Child, advances that Child in Part only; the Child shall still come in for *her Orphanage Share* (a) *without bringing what she had before received into Hotchpot*, for the Child's bringing her *partial Advantage* into *Hotchpot*, is only in order to make an *Equality among the Children*, and *not for the Benefit of the Mother*, or to *increase the dead Man's Share*. Adjudged upon solemn Debate at the Rolls, *Trin.* 1729. *Cleaver and Spurling*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 526, 527.

(a) *Salk.* 426.
—2 *Vern.* 234,
622, 754.

30. If a Freeman *having several Children*, or *one Child*, does *fully advance all his Children*, or *his single Child*, this satisfies the Custom, and is the same as if the Testator had no Child; or if the Husband, a Freeman *before his Marriage*, compounds with his intended Wife as to her Customary Part, it is the same as if there were no Wife. Adjudged *per his Honour*, *Trin.* 1729. *Cleaver and Spurling*, *Ibid.* 527.

31. Adjudged by the Master of the Rolls, that if a Freeman shall have advanced his Child in Marriage, and the Certainty of that Advancement does *not* appear under the Freeman's Hand, this is to be taken as a full Advancement. And *per his Honour*, the Advancement in the present Case being above 40 Years *before the Death of the Freeman*, a Declaration in his Will that he had fully advanced his Child

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was an Evidence thereof, especially it being so difficult a Thing for the Legatees in the Freeman's Will to prove an Advancement made at that great Distance of Time; but it being objected, that the Father's own Declaration in his Will was of very little Avail, since at that Rate it would be in the Power of every Freeman, by making such Declaration, to bar his Child of the Orphanage Part. Thereupon a Proof was read, that the Daughter's Husband had confessed he had received above 1000 l. Portion with his Wife from the Freeman at his Marriage, which was satisfactory. *Trin. 1729. Ibid. 527, 528.*

32. Bill against the City of London by Plaintiff in Behalf of himself and the Rest of the Proprietors of Orphan Stock, to have an Account of the Produce of the Orphanage Stock, and to have the Surplus of that Fund for some Years past applied to make good the Deficiencies of former Years; for that by Stat. 5 & 6 W. & M. cap. 10. sect. 13. the Produce of that Fund is applied for the Payment of the annual Sum of 4 l. per Cent. to the Proprietors, or so much thereof only as the Money, by this Act appointed to be raised and paid, shall yearly amount unto, to satisfy and pay towards the said Interest to the said Orphans equally in Proportion, &c. and that there is no Provision by the said Act for making good the Deficiency of any former Year by the Surplus of any subsequent Year, &c. King C. assisted with Raymond Ch. J. and Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, held, that the Intent and Scope of this Act was to secure 4 l. per Cent. to the City Orphans for ever, for the respective Sums due to them from the City; and the several Funds thereby raised are appropriated for that Purpose, and the City is made Trustee for them, and are to have no Benefit by those Funds until the 4 l. per Cent. be paid to the Orphans. And though Sect. 13. of the Act says, *That the Fund shall be yearly applied only to the Payment of the annual Interest of 4 l. per Cent. yet the Word (only) in that Place shall not controul and overthrow the general Tenor and Scope of the whole Act; and that Clause seems chiefly calculated for the Benefit of the Orphans to prevent any Misapplications, or to apply any Part of the annual Fund to make good former Deficiencies before the 4 l. per Cent. for the current Year, be fully paid and satisfied, and not give the Benefit and Advantage of any yearly Surplus to the City till all former Deficiencies be made good to the Orphans.* Decreed that the City account for the several Years Surplusses received by them, and pay over the same to the Orphans *pro rata*, until the former Deficiencies be made good to them, &c. *Hil. 2 Geo. 2. Ladds and London City, Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London, (B) Ca. 17.*

33. Devise of Lands to Trustees in Fee, in Trust within six Years after the Testator's Death to raise and pay 1500 l. to his Daughter A. A. dies within the six Years; the 1500 l. shall go to her Administrator, here being no certain Time limited when, but only the ultimate Time within which it shall be raised. *Per Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1731. Cowper and Scot & al', 3 Will. Rep. 119.*

34. A. having seven Children, makes an Executor in Trust, and devises to each Child one Seventh of his personal Estate; one of the Children dies in his Life-time, and one of the six surviving Children has been advanced by the Father in his Life-time, yet this Child shall take his full Share of the seventh Part without bringing what he had before received into Hotchpot. *Hil. 1731. Cowper and Scot & al', Ibid. 124.*

35. If a Child has any Thing by the Will more than the Rest, which is declared as a Satisfaction for her Advancement, if she will claim

claim the Benefit of the Custom she must waive this. *Per Cowper C. Hil. Vac. 5 Ann. Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London, (B. 8.) Ca. 10.*

36. *A.* on his Daughter's Marriage agrees to give her 3000*l.* which she being of Age covenants to receive in full of her Customary Share as a Freeman's Daughter; and tho' it was objected, that such a future Right cannot be released, and that Parents might make an ill Use of the Power they have over their Children in forcing them to give such Discharges, yet this was held a good Bar of the Custom, there being no Fraud in the Transaction. *Lockere and Savage, Mich. 6 Geo. 2.*

37. By the Custom of London a Freeman cannot devise either the Orphanage Part, or the Contingency of the Benefit of Survivorship among Orphans; neither can an Orphan devise his Orphanage Part, or the Part which accrued by Survivorship. But such Freeman may give by Will to his Children Legacies inconsistent with the Distribution under the Custom, and then such Children must make their Election whether they will abide by the Will or by the Custom; but they cannot abide by the Will in Part only, and take the Benefit of the Custom also. *Trin. 1735. Harvey and Desbaurie, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 130.*

38. A Freeman had Issue two Sons *A.* and *B.* and four Daughters *D.* *E.* *F.* and *G.* the Freeman in his Life-time gave to *A.* and *B.* and *D.* and *E.* 1500*l.* a-piece, which they acknowledge by two several Receipts, in the Words following, viz. "Received of my Father 1500*l.* which I hereby acknowledge to be on Account and in Part of what he has given, or shall by his last Will give unto me his Son (or Daughter) in or by his last Will." Then the Freeman makes his Will thus, viz. "And whereas I have heretofore paid to, given or advanced with my Children *A.* *D.* and *E.* (omitted *B.*) 1500*l.* a-piece, now I do hereby in like Manner give and bequeath unto my three other Children *B.* *F.* and *G.* the several Sums of 1500*l.* a-piece; and then gives the Residue equally amongst all his Children." The Custom being waived on all Sides, the Question was, whether *B.* should have another 1500*l.* upon the latter Words of the Will, or should be in the same Case with *A.* *D.* and *E.* they being equally advanced by the Father; and his omitting *B.* seeming only a Mistake in the Testator. It was insisted, that the Receipt could not controul the express subsequent Gift of the Father, and that the omitting *B.* should be plainly intended a Difference between them. But *Talbot C.* decreed the 1500*l.* received by *B.* in his Father's Life-time to be a Satisfaction for what the Father gave him by Will, and that he should not have another 1500*l.* upon the latter Words of the Will. *East. 8 Geo. 2. Upton and Prince, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 71.*

39. The Plaintiff's Wife was the Daughter of *John Burroughs* a Freeman of London, and the Bill was brought to be relieved against an Agreement entred into with her Father before he purchased his Freedom to preclude her from her Orphanage Share, and for an Account of his Estate, and a Distribution of it according to the Custom of London, offering by the Bill to bring it into Hotchpot what she had received upon the Marriage. *J. B.* lived at *Thame* in *Oxfordshire*, and had five Children, three of Age, and two Infants; and a Deed to the following Effect was executed by the Father, and the three Children who were of Age, one of whom was *Elizabeth* the Plaintiff's Wife. The Deed recited, that whereas *J. B.* apprehended it would be for his Interest to become a Freeman of London, but was informed he should be thereby disabled from absolutely disposing of his personal Estate by Will,

Will, or otherwise, to and amongst his Children, as he might now do; and whereas the said Children were desirous that he would become a Freeman in order to improve his Estate, and were contented and agreed that their Father should have and retain to himself full Power and Authority to give and dispose of his personal Estate in such Manner as if he was not a Freeman, and they severally and respectively release, discharge and disclaim any Right, Title, Interest, Claim and Demand whatsoever, to all the personal Estate of the said *J. B.* that he should die possessed of, other than such Part thereof as he shall by his last Will in Writing, or otherwise, legally give unto them severally and respectively; or (in Case the said *J. B.* shall die intestate) that they shall be legally intitled unto by the Laws of the Land and the Custom of the City of *London*: And they further covenant with *J. B.* that if he make a Will, they will not sue for, claim or demand any other Part or Share of the said Estate whereof he shall die possessed, than such Part as shall be given to them by such Will; but upon Payment thereof they will execute Releases to the Executors of their Demands to any Part or Share of the personal Estate. By Will the Father had given the Plaintiff *Elizabeth* some Legacies; and the Bill was in the Alternative for these Legacies in Case the Court should be of Opinion that she was precluded from the Orphanage Share. The Question was, if she was barred by this Agreement. *Hardwicke* Lord Chan. This is a Case of the first Impression, and must therefore be determined upon the Reason of the Thing, and Cases bearing Analogy with it. It has been objected, that the Plaintiff is not proper to be relieved against her own Agreement; and as the Court is not obliged to enforce voluntary Agreements, so on the other Hand it will not relieve against them if there be no Fraud in obtaining them, which is not pretended in the present Case; but this Bill is not singly to be relieved, but for an Account and Distribution of the Estate; and one way or other she is intitled to a Decree, if not to the Orphanage Share, yet to a Satisfaction for the Legacies given her by the Father's Will; and therefore as she is intitled to an Account of the Estate, it is necessary to determine as an Incident to the general Question, what Interest she has in that Estate, as in the Cases of Redemption and Trusts; and it is often incumbent upon the Court to determine mere Points of Law before the Court can come at the Equity; as where there are two Volunteers, one in Possession, and the other not, a Suit is commenced, tho' the Court will not interpose in Favour of Volunteers, yet if there be a Trustee, the Court must take Cognizance of the Suit, in order to determine for whom he shall be Trustee; and the Question is, if this Agreement shall be binding, either as a Release, or as a mutual Agreement. If the Father had been Free it could not have operated as a Release, for the Party has neither *jus in re*, nor *ad rem*; and I think it can have no Effect as an Agreement, it is merely voluntary, and no Consideration at all moving from the Father. It hath been insisted, that there is an Agreement on the Father's Side to take up his Freedom; but that is a Mistake, there is no Covenant for that Purpose, nor one Word said to bind him to take up his Freedom or not, or at what Period of Time, and when it might be most for his Advantage, and (a) *least* for the Benefit of his Children; and tho' his Estate might be improved, yet it would be all in the Power of the Father, and the Children would not be sure of any Benefit from it, he might spend it, or lay it out in Land, and it is only consequentially and possible that it

(a) So in the Original.

(a) *Q.* In what Book this Case is to be found.
(b) *Q.* Where to be found.

might come to the Children. But the strongest Point I rely upon is, that the Agreement is vain and nugatory, and the Intention of it cannot be obtained, for the Intention of the Articles was to give the Father the same Power over the Estate that he then had, which was impossible, for the other Children were not bound, and therefore would go away with the whole Orphanage Part, which affects the Consideration and Intention of the whole Agreement; and his Power of Disposal, which might be exercised in Favour of the Children, who were bound, would be restrained contrary to the Design and Purpose of the Agreement, and therefore it was an Agreement founded upon a Mistake on both Sides; that it is a proper Head of Equity to relieve against it, and these Sorts of Agreements are never countenanced by the Custom; tho' where there is a Consideration they are no Bar, nothing bars but an Advancement, the Certainty whereof does not appear under the Hand of the Father; but Courts of Equity have thought it reasonable that Agreements made upon valuable Considerations shall be a Bar, because it is for the Benefit of the Children to have their Portions when they may want them, upon Marriage, or to set up any Trade, it is exchanging an uncertain Possibility for a certain Provision. *Blunder v. Baker* (a) was never determined finally by Lord *Macclesfield*; and it was only that a Release may be good as an Agreement. *Metcalf v. Wye* (b) the Agreement was upon Marriage, and the whole Intention of it might be compleated, and not said to be in Bar of the Children, but only of the Child, who was a Party, which might well be; and the Force and the Influence of a parental Authority is always an Ingredient in these Cases, and therefore a valuable Consideration is necessary to remove the Presumption. I will not say what my Opinion would have been if the Children had been all of full Age, and had joined, the Case then would have had a very different Consideration. It was said in this Case, that where the Wife is compounded with, it is considered by the Custom as if there was no Wife at all; and the Children take a Moiety of the Estate, and the Share of the Wife does not accrue to the Testamentary Share. The Attorney General mentioned a Case where an Agreement affecting only a Possibility hath been supported in Equity.—In the principal Case the following Cases were cited: — *v. Sir George Newland*, where two agreed to divide the Estate of a third Person that was expected by them both, but *doubtful* to which it would be left; and the Agreement was supported. *Whitcomb v. Whitcomb*, 3 May 1718. before the Master of the Rolls. Small petty Sums are no Advancement, but it must be Sums given as a Portion. *Hil. 11 Geo. 2. Morris & Ux' and Burroughs, MS. Rep.*

(B) Concerning the Widow of a Freeman, and what shall be a Bar of her Customary Share.

* Not in the Original.
† Not in the Original.

1. **I**F a Wife be intitled to her Customary Part, and the Husband dies, (and then the Wife dies *) the Executor of the Husband shall not have this, but the (Executor of the †) Wife, because it is a Thing in Action. Held *per* Lord Chan. *Hil. 1677. Ireton's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 28.*

2. If a Citizen of London has a Trust of a Term attending his Inheritance, and dies, the Trust of the Term shall not be subject to the Custom of London, to be divided between the Wife and Children, as other personal Estate and Chattles shall. *Per Lord Chan. Trin. 1681.* *Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 241. Ca. 1. Tiffin and Tiffin, Hil. 1680.*

3. A Citizen of London entred into a Bond to a Trustee to leave his Wife at his Death 500 l. He dies and leaves her nothing, she brings her Bill for the 500 l. and to have a Moiety of the Residue of her Husband's personal Estate. Decreed that she cannot have both, but she may have her Election. The 500 l. is to be left her at all Events, altho' at his Death she was intituled unto a Moiety of his personal Estate, yet the Husband might have converted that Moiety into a real Estate. *East. 8 Ann. East and Coggs, MS. Rep.*

4. The Wife of a Freeman shall not take by her Husband's Will, and likewise by the Custom, unless it be so declared in the Will. *Per Lord Keep. who was clearly of this Opinion. Mich. 1712. Kitson and Kitson, Prec. in Chan. 351, 354.* *Gilb. Eq. Rep. S. C. in totidem verbis.*

5. A Freeman purchased Lands in the Names of B. and C. and the Consideration Money (being 9400 l.) was mentioned in the Conveyance to be paid by B. but no Trust was declared; B. kept the Writings, and received the Rents for so much of the Estate as was let; and A. by a Paper, (all of his own Hand Writing) and purporting to be an Estimate of his Estate, and what he was then worth) had charged B. as Debtor for Money lent him to buy this Estate (a), and also for Interest due on Account thereof. A. died; B. afterwards executed a Declaration that the Purchase was made in Trust for A. Decreed *per Cowper C.* that this Declaration after A's Death is sufficient to bar A's Widow's Customary Part. But the Court, upon the Circumstances of the Case, recommended it to the Heirs or Devisees of A. to let the Widow have her Dower of the Trust Estate. *Trin. 1716. Ambrose and Ambrose, 1 Will. Rep. 321, 323.* — This Decree was affirmed in *Dom' Proc'* in June 1717. *Ibid. 323.*

(a) It was insisted for the Widow, that the Husband being a Freeman, and this Purchase not being intended, much less completed in A's Lifetime, and the Declaration of

Trust being only advised by the Friends of the Family as the most effectual Method to secure the said Debt upon A's Death, the same ought to be looked upon as in Nature of a personal Estate, and consequently that a Right vested in her by the Custom to a Share of this Money in the Hands of B. which Right could not be altered or eluded by such subsequent Declaration. But decreed *per Lord Chan.* That the Strength of the Evidence was, that this Purchase made in A's Life in the Names of B. and C. was in Trust for A. However it plainly appearing upon the Evidence on both Sides that the Consideration Money was A's, had it not been for the Statute of Frauds this would have made a resulting Trust; and B. after A's Death, executing the Declaration of Trust, this plainly took it out of the Statute. — As to the Objection, that the Declaration of Trust should not by Relation prejudice A's Wife, who was a third Person, his Lordship answered that the Declaration given by B. was Evidence of the Trust, and all Evidence must affect a third Person; and as if B. had after A's Death been examined as a Witness, and had declared on his Oath that he was but a Trustee for A. this would have bound A's Wife, and would have barred her Pretence; so here the Declaration of Trust executed by B. was rather a stronger Evidence of the Trust, and ought to bind A's Wife. *Ibid. 322, 323.*

6. A Freeman devised to his Wife several Shares in the New River Water, with Remainder over, &c. and gave her several Legacies; the Will was sealed up in a Sheet of Paper, and inclosed in the same Paper was a Bond found, (executed by Testator some Time before the Date of the Will) conditioned to pay Defendant (his Nephew) 1000 l. or to transfer to him 1000 l. Stock in the Million Bank; but this Bond appeared to be voluntary, and not given upon a valuable Consideration. The Freeman's Widow brings a Bill for her Customary Share of her late Husband's Estate; and Trevor, Master of the Rolls, said, she must disclaim all Benefit and Advantage by the Will if she will have a Decree for her Customary Share, contrary to the Will; and this is the constant Course of this Court; and the Bond being in Nature of a voluntary Gift, is fraudulent quoad the Wife's Customary Share, and shall

shall not stand in her way; and such Sort of Conveyances to *evade the Custom*, are always set aside in this Court. *Trin. 2 Geo. Edmundson and Cox, Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London, (B. 3.) Ca. 11.*

His Lordship observed, that it had been admitted that a Jointure of Land settled in Bar of Dower, would no more Bar the Widow of her Customary Part, than it would exclude her from her Share by the Statute of Distribution in Case her Husband should die intestate; and his Lordship said, it was the same Thing in the principal Case where a Freeman had covenanted to lay out of his own Estate 1500 *l.* in a Purchase, and to settle it on himself for Life, &c. (*ut supra*); 1st, because from that Time the 1500 *l.* was not his own Estate, nor what the Custom could meddle with, for a Man's own Estate is what he has beyond his Debts, and what he owes is as *alienum*, and the Custom affects only what is beyond his Debts. 2^{dly}, For that Money covenanted to be laid out in Land is, as to all Respects, laid in Equity, and would defend as Land for the Benefit of the Heir, and not go to the Executor, it might be intailed as Land, and had the other Qualities of Land, and consequently was not within the Custom. — This could not be breaking into the Custom, for the Freeman might at any Time during his Life, even in his last Sickness, have invested his personal Estate in the Purchase of Land, which would defeat the Custom, and stand good (*b*), tho' the Freeman should at the same Time have said, that *he did this on Purpose to defeat the Custom*; and as this (if the Purchase was real) would have held good to Bar the Custom, surely the Case could not be worse where such Agreement for making the Purchase was for a valuable Consideration, and Part of the Marriage Articles. *Per Lord Chan. Ibid. 532.* (c) As in the Case of *Atkins and Waterson (d)*, 6 June 1716. *cited arg'*, where the Court of Aldermen by the Recorder certified they had no Custom extending to that Case. (b) *Vide Frederick and Frederick.* (d) *Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 157. c. 5. S. C. 1 Will. Rep. 710.* (c) *Vide Blunden and Barker, P. Ca.*

7. A Freeman of London on his Marriage covenanted to add 1500 *l.* out of his own personal Estate to 1500 *l.* which was the Portion of his then intended Wife, and both these Sums were to be laid out in Lands, and to be settled upon the Husband for Life, and then to the Wife for her Life for her Jointure, and in Bar of her Dower, with Remainder to the Children of the Marriage. *Parker C. held clearly*, that a Jointure of Land made (*c*) by a Freeman upon his Wife, if expressed to be in Bar of her Customary Part, would be so; but if it were not, but only said to be in Bar of her Dower, this would be no Bar of her Customary Part, because Lands or a real Estate is of a quite different Nature from personal Estate, and a Matter wholly out of the Custom (*e*). *Hil. 1718. Babington and Greenwood, 1 Will. Rep. 530. — Prec. in Chan. 505. S. C.*

8. A Freeman makes his Will, and thereby (*inter al'*) gives a Legacy to his Wife. *Per Lord Chan. Parker*, It appearing that this Legacy, together with all the other Legacies, (*for so it must be intended*) did not exceed the Husband's Testamentary Part, it was (his Lordship said) the same Thing as if these Legacies had been given by the Freeman expressly out of his Testamentary Part, which he had full Power to dispose of by his Will; and therefore this Legacy being no ways inconsistent with the Custom, the Wife might in such Case take both; for it was only the Inconsistency betwixt the Legacy and the Custom that prevented the Widow or Child in any Case from taking both; the Consequence of which was, that if the Freeman gave any Legacy out of his Testamentary Part, the Wife or Child might (*provided there was sufficient*) take both by the Will and by the Custom, and therefore so might the Wife do here (*f*). *Hil. 1718. Babington and Greenwood, 1 Will. Rep. 530, 533. Note*; In this Point, and also the above Point, (*Ca. 7.*) the Court was extremely clear. *Ibid. 534.* (f) *Ibid. 533.* at the Bottom of the Page is a *Quære* added by the Editor, whether such Legacy must not be given out of the Testamentary Part, as (he says) appears from the Reporter's Notes to have been determined in the Case of *Biddle and Biddle* about this Time. See the Case of *Frederick and Frederick, Ibid. 710.*

9. The Widow (of a Freeman of London) is intitled to the Furniture of her Chamber, as in Case the Estate exceeds 2000 *l.* then to 50 *l.* instead thereof. In a Case before Lord Parker, 18 Mar. 1718. *Biddle and Biddle, Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London, (B. 2.) Ca. 2.*

10. If a Freeman of London dies without Issue, his Wife is intitled by the Custom to a Moiety of her Husband's personal Estate in Value but not in Specie.—If such a Freeman makes his Will, and disposes of his whole Estate without Notice of the Custom, and gives several specific Legacies, and several pecuniary Legacies, and devises the Residuum to A. and the Widow waives her Legacy, and claims a Moiety of his personal Estate by the Custom, if the Residuum be sufficient to answer her Moiety or Share, it shall be taken out of the Residuum; but if that fall short, then the pecuniary Legatees shall abate in Proportion; and if the Residuum and Pecuniary Legacies be sufficient to answer her Moiety, the specifick Legatees shall not be brought in to contribute, but enjoy their Legacies intire. Per Parker C. Trin. 5 Geo. Kitson and Robins, Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. d.) Ca. 37.

11. A Settlement is made on a Citizen's Wife of Part of her Husband's personal Estate, in Bar and Satisfaction of all her Claim and Demand out of his personal Estate by the Custom, or otherwise; the Husband died intestate, the Wife is barred of her distributive Share of her Husband's Estate by the Statute of Distributions, by Force of the Words (or otherwise) for they can extend to nothing else; and it was said to be twice so adjudged by Cowper C. in Pitt and Lee, and Davila and Davila; and now decreed by King C. 13 Geo. in Badcock and Stanhope, Ibid. Tit. Customs of London, (B. 6.) Ca. 24.

(C) Concerning the Legatory or dead Man's Part.

1. **T**HE Customary Part, belonging to the Administrator of a Citizen of London dying intestate, is not within the Act of Distribution, and because the Custom of London being saved by the Act, the Customary Part shall go wholly to the Administrator as it did before; and so it hath been resolved at Common Law and in Chancery. 2 Freem. Rep. 85. Ca. 94. cites it as resolved per North Lord Keep. Hil. 1682. in an Anon. Case. Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 159. Ca. 2. Trin. 1718. Walsam and Skinner contra. 2 Vern. 559. also contra.

2. J. S. a Freeman of London, by his Will directed that an Inventory should be taken of his personal Estate by his Executors, and that his Wife should have her Widow's Chamber, and after his Debts and Funeral Charges paid, gave her a third Part of his personal Estate, another third Part he gave equally amongst his Children A. B. C. D. and E. who died in the Testator's Life-time, and the remaining third Part he gave as follows, (viz.) 740 l. to B. 40 l. in small Legacies, 200 l. a-piece to said C. D. and E. and the Overplus (if any) to be equally divided amongst four of his Children, and to be paid them by his Executors, (viz.) to his Sons at 21. and to his Daughters at 21. or Marriage. And if the third Part of his personal Estate (in his disposal) should by bad Debts or Accidents fall short, and not be sufficient to pay all his said Legacies, he willed that each of the said Legatees should bear such Loss (whatever it amounted to) in Proportion according to their Legacies, and made F. G. H. and J. Executors. F. G. and J. only proved the Will, and exhibited an Inventory of their Testator's personal Estate into the Chamber of London, and entred into the usual Recognizance, and paid the Widow and the Plaintiff who married A. (one of the Daughters) several Sums on Account of their Customary Shares. J. (one of the Executors) died, and F. took out Administration to him; a Bill was exhibited against F. and G. the

Prec. in Chan. 409. Read and Duke, Trin. 1715. S. C. Certificate and Decree.

two surviving acting Executors, for an Account of the Testator's personal Estate, and to have a Distribution thereof according to the Custom and the Will. The Defendant *F.* (who was become insolvent) was indebted 163 *l.* 1 *s.* 10 *d.* as the Ballance of his own Account, and 279 *l.* 19 *s.* received by his Intestate *J.* out of the Testator's Estate.

Quære, Whether by the said Custom the Loss of J. S.'s Estate, by the Insolvency of his Executors, ought to be born out of the Testamentary Part of his Estate only, or out of the whole personal Estate only, as well Customary as Testamentary.—And the Custom was certified 26 April

(a) It is sufficient if the Custom of London be certified by the Recorder at the Bar *ore tenus*, for the Mayor or Recorder is not within the Statute of York*, which obliges a Sheriff to do it. *Mich.* 1727. 3 *Will. Rep.* 16, 17. —But if a Certificate be false, an Action lies against the Mayor and Aldermen, and not against the Recorder, for it is their Certificate by the Recorder. *Ibid.* 17. in a Note by the Editor, cites *Hob. 87. Day v. Savage.* (b) So that the Widow and Orphans had two full Thirds of the Freeman's Estate as if no such Loss had happened. *Pres. in Chan.* 410. in S. C. * 2 *Ed. 2. cap. 2.*

1715. by the Recorder *ore tenus* (a), to be thus, (*viz.*) That if a Freeman of London dies, leaving a Widow and Children, his personal Estate (after his Debts paid, and the Customary Allowances for his Funeral, and for the Widow's Chamber, being first deducted thereout) is by the Custom to be divided into three equal Parts, and disposed of as follows, (*viz.*) one third Part thereof belongs to his Widow, another third Part belongs to his Children unadvanced in his Life-time, and the other third Part such Freeman by his last Will may devise as he pleases. But where a Loss of a Freeman's Estate doth happen by the Insolvency of his Executors, there is not any Custom of the City of London which directs whether such Loss ought to be born out of the Testamentary Part of his Estate only, or out of his whole personal Estate, as well Customary as Testamentary. Upon this Certificate Cowper C. upon hearing Counsel, was of Opinion, that the Widows and Orphans of a Freeman of London are in the Nature of Creditors, for two Thirds of the personal Estate he shall die possessed of; and that if any Loss happen by the Insolvency of his Executors, such Loss ought to be born by the Legatees of a Freeman out of his Testamentary Part. And so decreed (b), *Trin.* 1 *Geo. Readshaw and Duck & al', Viner's Abr. Tit. Customs of London,* (B. 9.) *Ca. 4.*

3. *A.* by his Will gave all his Estate according to the Custom, having a Wife and Children, *viz.* two Thirds to his Wife, and one Third to his Children, with a Devise over. Held per Master of the Rolls, that though this was not exactly conformable to the Custom, yet that the Devise of one Third to the Children was void, being what the Custom gave, and so the Devise over was not good; that as the Wife was to have two Thirds, she shall take one by the Custom, and the other shall be the dead Man's Part; these Proportions are to arise after a Deduction of the Widow's Chamber and her Paraphernalia, *i. e.* such Ornaments as she usually wore about her Body; for tho' this is not by the Custom, and was at first only allowed to Citizens of the better Sort, yet it is fit to give the same Privilege to all Citizens Widows. *Trin. Vac.* 1718. *Ibid.* (B. 9.) *Ca. 5.*

4. By Stat. 11 *Geo. 1. cap. 18. sect. 17.* It shall be lawful for all Persons who after the first of June 1725. shall become Free of the City, and for all who at that Time shall be unmarried and not have Issue by any former Marriage, to dispose of their personal Estate.

5. *Sect. 18.* If any Person who shall be Free of the City hath agreed, or shall agree by Writing, in Consideration of his Marriage, or otherwise, that his personal Estate shall be distributed according to the Custom of the City; or in Case any Person so Free shall die intestate, his personal Estate shall be subject to the Custom of the City.

C A P. XXX.

Custom concerning Heriots.

I. **T**HE Lord of a Manor being intitled to Heriots from his Freeholders, upon every Alienation or Death, the Tenants made long Leases, by which they barred the Lord of his Heriots; the Lord preferred his Bill against the Tenants to establish this Custom. Lord Chan. Here does not appear to be any Trust, and therefore I will not help the Lord. I think the Custom of Heriots to be unreasonable, the Loss a Family sustains thereby being aggravated, and Equity never will interpose in such Cases. *East. 7 Ann. Wirty and Pemberton, MS. Rep.*

C A P. XXXI.

Decree.

- (A) Concerning the drawing up, entering and inrolling of Decrees, &c. — And here of Caveats to prevent the same.
- (B) Who are bound by a Decree.
- (C) Of opening and reversing Decrees for Error, Repugnancy or Fraud.
- (D) Concerning the Performance and Execution of a Decree.

(A) Concerning the drawing up, entering and inrolling of Decrees (a), &c. — And here of Caveats to prevent the same.

(a) All Appeals from the Rolls are to be made to the

Lord Chancellor; and Decrees made at the Rolls must be signed or approved of by the Chancellor, to make them Decrees of the Court of Chancery. *March 13, 1727. Morfe and Dubois, Viner's Abr. Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 28.* — If a material Party die before a Decree is inrolled, yet it may be inrolled afterwards; and if more than six Months expire before the Inrolment, yet by Leave of the Court it may be done after that Time. *Duke of Buckingham and Sheffield, MS. Notes* *. — What might have been supplied by Motion is no Objection to a Decree. *Nov. 24, 1721. Banbury and Bolton, Viner's Abr. Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 19.* * 2. Term and Year.

I. **I**T is a Rule, that whenever a Decree is *entred by Consent*, the Merits after shall never be inquired into, unless there be an Objection that the Word *Consent* be struck out of the Order. 1702. *Norcott and Norcott, Viner's Abr. Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 13.*

2. If

2. If a Caveat be entred to stay the *signing* and *inrolling* a Decree, it stays the *signing* 28 Days, being a *Lunar* Month, not only after pronouncing the Decree, but from the Time of the Decree's being presented to the Great Seal to be signed, in order to its Inrolment, and Notice thereof given by the Lord Chancellor's Secretary to the Clerk in Court of the other Side. Lord Chan. *Parker* at first said, he thought it an unreasonable Delay, there being no Rule or Order of Court for that Purpose. But this Practice being not only confirmed by the Master's Report, but also by a Certificate of the greatest Number of Clerks in the Office, his Lordship at another Day allowed it, saying, it seemed to him to be the constant Practice. *Hil.* 1719. *Burnet* and *Theobald*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 609, 610.

3. Decree before Inrolment thereof, ought to be delivered to the adverse Party, or his Attorney, who is in eight Days to return the same signed by the Counsel of that Side (a), or to make his Objections to the Draught. *Mar.* 6, 1720. *Cheevers* and *Geoghegan*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 17.

(a) Q. If this is now the Practice.

4. Ordered that no Application shall be made against the Minutes after a Week, and no further Time to be allowed to petition for a Rehearing but within a Week after that. *Trin.* 11 Geo. 1. *Anon.* Sel. Cas. in Chan. 21.

5. A Decree may be altered upon proper Application the same Term it is pronounced without a Rehearing. *May* 3, 1725. *Vaughan* and *Blake*, *Viner's Abr.* Tit. Decree, (D) Ca. 25.

6. Matters proper to be excepted to upon the Master's Report shall never be objected to the Decree after the Report confirmed. *April* 28, 1726. *Parker* and *Stanley*, *Ibid.* Ca. 27.

7. No original Bill can be to vacate a Decree signed and inrolled. *Hil.* 12 Geo. 1. *Floyd* and *Manfell*, *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 185.

2 *Will. Rep.* 73. *Trin.* 1722. *Loyd* and *Manfell* S. C.—

Vide Tit. Answers, Pleas and Demurrers, P. 71. Ca. 10. S. C. abridged.

(a) A Decree will not bind a Remainder Man who is no Party. *Per* Lord Keep. *East.* 1706. 1 *Will. Rep.* 91.

(B) Who are bound by a Decree (a).

1. A Decree by Consent for a Lease or other personal Estate shall bind Purchasers, otherwise you will blow up the Court of Chancery. Said *per* Lord Keep. *Trin.* 1667. *Windham* and *Windham*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 127.

2. If an Infant suffers a Decree by Consent, it is for ever reversible, but otherwise of an adversary Bill. *Trin.* 1667. Ca. 147. *Anon.* *Ibid.*

3. A Decree cannot be pleaded in Bar unless it binds both Parties. *East.* 1740. *per* his Honour, in the Case of *Atkinson* and *Turner*, *Barnard. Eq. Rep.* 77.

(C) Of opening and reverſing (a) Decrees for Error, Repugnancy or Fraud.

(a) Where Matters have been examined in Equity

and determined, the Court will be cautious of unravelling former Decrees, Agreements or Releases. *Trin.* 1721. *Cann and Cann*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 723.

1. **W**HERE Error appears in the Body of the Decree drawn up and inrolled, the Court will open the Decree. *Trin.* 1706. *Grice and Goodwin*, *Prec. in Chan.* 260, 261.

2. The ſame Decree gives Liberty to *try the Title at Law*, and yet awards *Injunctions* to put Plaintiff into Poſſeſſion, and quiet him in his Poſſeſſion; *reverſed as repugnant*. April 28, 1721. *Lord Lanſborough and Elwood*, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Decree*, (D) Ca. 18.

3. A Decree (and much more an interlocutory Order) gained by *Fraud* may be ſet aſide on a Petition; *a fortiori* may ſuch Decree be ſet aſide by Bill. *Per Lord Chan. King, Eaſt.* 1731. in the Caſe of *Sheldon and Forteſcue Aland & al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 111.

(D) Concerning the Performance and Execution of a Decree (b).

(b) As Decrees are not pleadable at

Law, this Court indemnifies all ſuch as pay Money in Obedience to their Decrees. *MS. Notes.* — Decrees are executed by Proceſs both againſt *Perſon, Goods and Lands*, as Judgments at Common Law, but *the Execution more effectual, becauſe all may iſſue together*. *MS. Notes.* — Real and perſonal Eſtates are both bound by a Decree. *Ibid.*

1. **A** Sequeſtration may be granted *in Scacc'*, as it has been always practiſed in Chancery, where a Decree is for a perſonal Duty, otherwiſe the Jurisdiction of the Court of Equity would be to little Purpoſe if it had not ſufficient Authority to ſee its Decrees executed. *Per* three Barons; but the Lord Ch. Baron doubted, becauſe *Hale* nor *Montague* could never be prevailed upon to grant it; but by the Opinion of the other three it was granted. *Trin.* 1687. *in Scacc'*, *Guavers and Fountaine*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 99.

2. After Service of a Writ of *Execution* of a Decree againſt a Corporation the next Proceſs is a *Diſtringas*, and after that a *Sequeſtration*, which being once awarded, they can never after come and pray to enter their Appearance, as they might have done on the *Diſtringas*, which iſſues, to compel them to appear; but the Appearing being paſt, the Proceſs muſt go on, becauſe the Appearance being only in Favour of Liberty, can be of no Service to a Corporation which cannot be committed. *Mich.* 1700. *Harvey and Eaſt-India Company*, *Prec. in Chan.* 128.

3. On a new Bill to carry a Decree into Execution, the Court may vary and alter what is thought proper, but on a *Rebearing* no further than the Petition extends; but if the Petition be againſt the Decree in general, though particular Reaſons are given, the Whole is open; but otherwiſe it is if the Petition be only againſt one or two Particulars. *Eaſt.* 11 *Geo. 1.* *Colcheſter and Colcheſter*, *Sel. Caſes in Chan.* 13, 14.

MS. Rep. S. C. accord.

C A P. XXXII.

(a) A voluntary Deed found to be fraudulent against a Mortgagee, yet the Grantee in the Deed may afterwards sue for Redemption, for it is good against the Grantor and his Heirs, and he shall have the Equity of Redemption. *Per the Master of the Rolls, 5 Nov. 16 Car. 2. Ramm and Cartwright, 2 Freem. Rep. 183.*—In Case of Inrolment of Deeds, tho' a Person has no Title till Inrolment yet from the Inrolment he is in from the Time of Execution of the Deed. *Per Hardwicke C. December 19, 1744. in Bassett and Bassett, Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (I. 9.) Ca. 12.*

Deeds (a) and other Writings.

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- (A) Of the Operation of Deeds, &c.
- (B) Where Writings (i. e. Bonds) remain in the Custody of the Obligors.
- (C) In what Cases Equity will order Deeds, &c. to be delivered up.
- (D) In what Cases the Court will order Deeds to be brought into Court for Inspection, &c.
- (E) Defeas in Deeds, &c. in what Cases supplied in Equity.
- (F) Of suppressing, cancelling, and burning Deeds and Writings.

(A) Of the Operation of Deeds, &c.

1. **L**ADY Grace seized in Fee of certain Lands, conveyed the same to her Father in Fee, but he was to reconvey these Lands, together with others of his own of twice the Value, to Trustees in Fee, in Trust for the Lady for her Life for her separate Use, no Husband to intermeddle or receive the Profits; and afterwards to every of her Sons in Tail, &c. with a Power of Revocation. Lord Chan. A Deed made by a Child to a Father doth generally lie under the Suspicion of a Trust and a Fraud, by reason of the Authority the Father hath over his Child; but neither Law nor Equity saith it is void. And this Court will support it, when done upon a good Consideration. Lady Grace was the Darling of her Father, and he prevailed upon her to convey the Lands to him in order to settle them upon her in this prudent Manner, to which she complied. Now such Obedience cannot produce Effects to her Prejudice. She so far obliged him in it, that he settled other Lands twice the Value thereof upon her. This was upon a Bill exhibited by the Devisee against the Remainder-men, alledging that the Deed made by the Father was fraudulent. *Manners and Banning, East. 8 Ann. MS. Rep.*

Prec. in Chan. 2. A. being possessed of several Messuages for a Term of 999 Years, 480. S. C. in upon valuable Considerations, by Lease and Release grants, bargains, totidem verbis. sells and devises the same to Trustees and their Heirs, to the Use of himself

himself and his Wife for their Lives, and the Survivor of them, Remainder to the Heirs of the Wife; and covenants that he was seised in Fee. Then the Wife dies without Issue, having made a Writing in the Nature of a Will, and thereby devised the Premises so settled on her to B. and his Heirs. It was insisted that nothing at all passed by the Settlement, for it being only a Term in Gross, no Use passed to the Trustees by the Statute of 27 H. 8. which only raises the Use when a Person is seised: That by the Lease for a Year (which was only a Bargain and Sale) no Use passed, and there was no Attornment to vest it as a Reversion; and the Release being to enure upon it by way of Enlargement of the Estate, if nothing passed by the Lease, if no Possession was transferred by that, then there was no Estate whereon the Release could operate; that the Estate settled on the Wife being only a Term for Years, the Limitation to her Heirs was void; and admitting it had been good, yet she was under Coverture, and had no Power to make a Will; ergo the Devise to B. thereof was void; and then a Release by her Heir at Law to B. and his Heirs could have no Operation, and so the Term must go to A. the Husband. Lord Chan. was of Opinion, that tho' the Settlement could not operate as a Lease and Release, yet A. the Husband being in Possession, and there being the Word granted in the Release, it took Effect as a Grant or Assignment of his whole Interest at Common Law; and tho' it would not go to the Heirs of his Wife, yet his Intention being plain to exclude himself from the whole Interest of that Estate, he should not be afterwards admitted to derogate from it, and therefore should (not *) vest in those in whom by Law it ought, and should go to the Wife's Administrator, for as A. intended to divest himself of the whole Fee, if it had been a Fee, there was no Reason when it appeared to be a less Interest that it should not pass. Hil. 1717. Marshall and Frank & Ux', Gilb. Eq. Rep. 143.

* The Word (not) is in the Original, but should be out.

(B) Where Writings (i. e. Bonds) remain in the Custody of the Obligors.

1. A. Executes a Bond of 5000 l. to one of his Daughters without any Condition, and payable immediately, but always kept it by him, and it was found amongst his Papers after his Death. It appeared to be the Father's Intention that no Use should be made of it, but only to protect him from Taxes, as the Daughter had owned she took the Intent to be. The Father by Will gives Portions to all his Daughters, and dies; and Lord Keep. Wright thought that if the Daughter had got the Bond from her Father, and had put it in Suit against him in his life-time, Equity would have relieved him against it; and that it being a voluntary Bond, and only entred into to screen him from Taxes, it was a Trust for himself; and decreed it to be set aside, this Daughter being equal to the Rest without this Bond; and the Testator having always declared that he intended his Daughters equal, and Equality is the highest Equity (a). Hil. 1701. Ward and Lant, Prec. in Chan. 182, 183.

Note; No Fraud or Circumvention appeared to have been used in obtaining this Bond, but the Court decreed solely upon the Circumstances of the Case. MS. Rep. in S. C.

(a) Maxim.

2. J. S. made a voluntary Settlement to Trustees and their Heirs, in Trust to receive the Profits, &c. and to put them out from Time to Time for the Increase of the Fortune of his Daughters A. and B. and if either of them died before 18 or Marriage, the Whole to go to the Survivor; and also executed a Bond to the same Trustees for Payment

ment of 1000 *l.* at a certain Day, in Trust for the same Daughters, but kept both Deed and Bond, and received the Profits of the Estate till his Death; after the Execution of the Deed and Bond *J. S.* by Will taking Notice of the Bond, gives to his said two Daughters Legacies in full Satisfaction of the Benefit of the said Bond, and the Surplus of his personal Estate, after Debts and Legacies paid, to be equally divided between his said Daughters and his four younger Children. On a Bill by the Daughters to have an Account of the personal Estate, and a Satisfaction out of the Profits from the Date of the Settlement, and of the 1000 *l.* with Interest from the Time it was payable; *Wright* Lord Keep. said, these were the Father's Deeds, and he could not *derogate* from them; but at last the *Defendants* agreed to set the Profits of the Lands received during the Father's Life against the two Daughters Maintenance, but the *Plaintiffs* insisted to have Interest on the Bond for the Time the Money was payable, and it was decreed *accord'*. *Mich.* 1702. *Barlow and Heneage, Prec. in Chan.* 210.

(C) In what Cases Equity will order Deeds, &c. to be delivered up.

1. **I**F a Deed is made of an Estate with a Power of Revocation, and after it is revoked, he to whom the Inheritance belongs may by Bill compel such Deed to be delivered up to him, to be cancelled; because the Deed of Revocation may be lost, and then it is unreasonable the other Deed should be standing out (*a*). *East.* 4 *Ann.* *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 1.
(a) Says it was so held in Chan. *Ibid.*—*MS. Rep. accord'*.
2. *J. S.* lent Money on a bad Security, which his *Lawyer* advised him was a good one; if it prove otherwise, and he has Notice that another made Title to it, he must deliver up all the Writings except the Mortgage Deed, for there may be a Covenant in that for Payment of the Mortgage Money. At the Rolls, *Mich.* 1720. *Opie and Godolphin, Prec. in Chan.* 548.
3. If Deeds are *deposited with A. by Mortgagor and Mortgagee*, before the Condition broken, *A.* is Trustee for the *Mortgagor*, afterwards for the *Mortgagee*; and if *A.* deliver them to the *Mortgagee*, Equity will not decree them to be delivered to the *Mortgagor*. *Anon. MS. Rep.* (*b*).
(b) *Q.* What Term and Year.
4. Equity will oblige *Tenant for Life* to deliver Deeds to the Heir *confirming the Life Estate*; but if there are any *mesne* Remainders in Tail, as long as there is a Possibility of Issue the Court will not order them to be taken out of the Hands of the *Tenant for Life*. *Joy and Joy, MS. Rep.* (*c*).
(c) *Q.* What Term and Year.

(D) In what Cases the Court will order Deeds to be brought into Court for Inspection, &c.

1. **T**HE late Earl of *Suffolk* having no Issue, but having two Brothers, viz. the present Earl, his next Brother, and Defendant *Howard*, and conceiving the present Earl to be extravagant, the late Earl cut off the Intail of his Estate by a Recovery, and by Deed and Will settled it on Defendant, his younger Brother, for Life, Remainder to his first Son (then in Being) for Life, Remainder to Trustees to preserve contingent Remainders, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Son in Tail Male, charging the Estate with 100 l. per Ann. Annuity only, to his next Brother the present Earl, and died without Issue. *Macclesfield C.* on Bill and Answer (without going to a Hearing) ordered all the Deeds and Writings to be brought before the Master, and that Plaintiff, the present Earl, might either by himself or Agents have the Inspection of them, that if any Thing has slipped the Conveyance, or if the Intail be not well docked, the Plaintiff may have the Benefit thereof. *Trin. 1723. Earl of Suffolk and Howard, 2 Will. Rep. 177, 178.*

His Lordship said, he thought this a hard Case; and observed that Equity even for younger Children supplies the want of a Surrender of a Copyhold, and puts them on a Level with Creditors, taking it to be a Debt by Nature from a Father to provide for all his Children, as well the Youngest.

as the Eldest: But is not this a stronger Case, where the King has bestowed an Honour on the Family, whereby the Heir of the Honour is *Consiliarius natus*, and sits as a Judge in the highest Court, the House of Lords? Surely it is incumbent on the Ancestor to leave some Provision for the Maintenance of the Honour, and looks like want of Gratitude to the Crown (from whence this Honour did arise) to leave it naked, especially where the Ancestor had a great Estate in his Power, and has given it from the Earldom, leaving only 100 l. a Year to the present Earl. There ought to be more done in this Case than a common Case; here is no Purchaser, and there seems no Necessity to bring the Cause to a Hearing, for that would be only putting both Sides to great Charges, which would be still harder on the Earl, as he is so little able to bear it; and so his Lordship decreed *ut supra. Ibid. 178.* — *Vide the Case of Sir Edward Bettison and Harrington & al', Ca. 4.* But in this Case *Peerage* was not concerned.

2. Every Remainder-man has a Right to come into this Court (*i. e.* the Court of Chancery) and pray the Aid thereof, to compel Persons to bring in the Deeds and Evidences relating to the Estate. *Per Cur', Hil. 11 Geo. 1.* in the Case of *Reeves and Reeves, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 132.*

3. An Order made at the Rolls, that the Defendant might inspect a Deed proved in the Cause, and referred to by the Deposition as Part thereof, was discharged by Lord Chan. King, for that the Defendant before Hearing is not to see the Strength of the Cause, or any Deed to pick Holes in it; and no such Order in the like Case was ever yet made. *East. 1727. Davers and Davers, 2 Will. Rep. 410.*

4. Plaintiff claimed by Virtue of a Remainder in Tail expectant on an Estate-tail, and was Heir Male of the Family, and the Defendants were Sisters and the Heirs General of the Tenant in Tail, and by their Answer shewed that their Brother, the Tenant in Tail, had suffered a Recovery, and declared the Use to himself in Fee, referring to the Deed in their Custody. Lord Talbot before the Hearing ordered the Defendants to leave with their Clerk in Court the Deeds, making the Tenant to the Præcipe, and declaring the Uses of the Recovery. *Hil. 1735: (a) Sir Edward Bettison and Harrington & al', 2 Will. Rep.* in a Note by the Editor at the Bottom of Page 178.

(a) 3 Will. Rep. 363. S. C. accord.

Note; The Order was first obtained from the Master of the Rolls on Motion without Notice, and afterwards affirmed by Talbot C. *Trin. 1735. Ibid.*

(E) Defects in Deeds, &c. in what Cases supplied in Equity.

1. **W**HERE a Deed is made on good Consideration, Equity will supply a Defect in the Execution. *Trin.* 1702. 2 *Freem. Rep.* 256.

1 *Will. Rep.*
60. S. C. in
totidem verbis,
before *Wright*
Lord Keeper,
and the Ma-
ster of the
Rolls.

2. *J. S.* made a voluntary Conveyance to his Brother of the Half-Blood, which was void and defective at Law; afterwards *J. S.* died without Issue, upon which the Brother (*who by reason of the Half-Blood could not be Heir to J. S.*) brought his Bill to compel the Heir to make good this Conveyance. Objected, that this being a voluntary Conveyance, it ought not to be made good in Equity, especially against an Heir at Law. But *Wright* Lord Keep. was of Opinion, that as the Consideration of Blood would at Common Law raise an Use, and as before the Stat. 27 H. 8. such Cestuy que Use should have compelled an Execution of the Use in a Court of Equity, so would this imperfect Conveyance raise a Trust (a) in Respect of the Consideration of Blood, and consequently ought to be made good in Equity. *Mich.* 1702. *Watts and Bullas, MS. Rep.*

(a) 2. If it
should not be
an Use.

Sel. Ca. in
Chan. 24.
S. C. in *toti-*
dem verbis.

3. A Bond was put in Suit against an Executor, who pleaded *Plene Administavit*, that he was a Bond Creditor himself, and had paid himself; on the Trial it appeared there was an Interlineation of 50 l. after the Bond was executed, and so at Law the Bond was void. Moved that tho' the Bond be void at Law, yet that it may be considered as good in Equity for so much Money as was really secured thereby. But *per Lord Chan. King*, This at most can be but a simple Contract, for you yourselves have destroyed its being as a Bond, so it is as if it never had been, therefore can be no Bar to a Debt of a superior Nature. *Trin.* 11 *Geo.* 1. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

Gilb. 146.
Mich. 4 *Geo.* 2.
S. C.

4. A Deed of Lands in two different Counties, by way of Feoffment, and Livery and Seisin of the Land in one County indorfed only; decreed that tho' no Livery appeared of the other Lands, yet by reason of the Possession and great Length of Time, (being upwards of 70 Years before) Equity will suppose and supply it. It had been much stronger on the other Side, had the Livery been indorfed of Lands in one County in the Name of both; it would have been an Implication that none was of the other, since one was designed for both. *Mich.* 1730. *Jackson and Jackson, Sel. Ca. in Chan.* 81.

(F) Of suppressing, cancelling, and burning Deeds and Writings.

1. **T**HE Plaintiff claimed as Devisee under the Defendant's Father's Will; by Proof it appeared that there was such a Will, tho' no exact Account was given of the Contents thereof; but in as much as the Court was satisfied the Defendant had suppressed the Will, and for that (tho' no exact Proof was made of the Contents) the Defendant might clear this by producing the Will, therefore it was decreed that the Plaintiff the Devisee should hold and enjoy until the Defendant produced the Will and farther Order. 8 December 1708. decreed by *Trevor*, Master of the Rolls, and affirmed by Lord

Chan. on Appeal, and afterwards by the House of Lords. Cited by Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, *Mich.* 1721. in the Case of *Dalston* and *Coatsworth*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 733.

2. *A.* makes a voluntary Settlement on her Nephew, keeping the Deed in her Power, in which Settlement there is no Power of Revocation; afterwards one secretly and by Fraud, on Behalf of the Nephew, gets an attested Copy of this Settlement; and then the Party who made the Settlement burns it, and settles the Premises on another Nephew. The first Nephew's Bill to establish the Copy of the first Settlement is dismissed with Costs. Upon which the second Nephew claiming under his Settlement, brings a Bill to have the attested Copy delivered up, and has a Decree for it, because such Copy had been indirectly gained. *Parker C. Mich.* 1719. *Naldred and Gilham*, *Ibid.* 577.

3. *J. S.* by a Deed had settled a Term, so that after his and *B.* his Wife's (the Defendant's) Death without Issue, the same was to come to the Plaintiff for the Residue of the Term. *J. S.* died sans Issue, and *B.* had burnt the Deed; and by her Answer but faintly denied it, (viz.) That she did not remember she ever burnt or destroyed the Deed. Two Witnesses swore the Limitations of the Settlement to be in Trust for *J. S.* for Life, Remainder to *B.* his Wife for Life, but their Evidence differed as to the Words of the Remainder, for one swore that the Remainder was to the Heirs of their Bodies, and the other Witness that it was to the Issue of their Bodies, and for want of Issue by *J. S.* and *B.* Remainder to the Plaintiff. And per Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, where a Term is limited to a Man and his Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Heirs of their Bodies, and for want of such Issue Remainder over; this Remainder over being but of a Term, is void. But his Honour said, that a Limitation of a Term to Trustees in Trust for *J. S.* and *B.* his Wife for their Lives, and afterwards for their Children, or for their Issue, and for want of such Children or Issue living at the Death of *J. S.* and *B.* then to go over to the Plaintiff, is a good Limitation; and that since a Term might be limited in such Manner, his Honour said, he would intend it to have been so limited in the present Case, for every Thing shall be presumed in Odium Spoliatoris (a). But his Honour said, there could be no Decree for the Possession, nor any present Conveyance to the Plaintiff, it being only the Remainder of a Term after *B.*'s (the Defendant's) Death. But ordered *B.* to assign over the Term to Trustees in Trust for herself for Life, and afterwards for the Plaintiff, and to bring the Deeds relating to the Title into Court, and to pay Costs. *Mich.* 1721. *Dalston* and *Coatsworth*, *Ibid.* 731.

His Honour considering in what Manner the Decree should be pronounced in the present Case, cited *Hob.* 109. (b), *Trin.* 14 *Jac.* The King and Lord Hunsdon ver. Countess Dowager of Arundel, where the King and his Farmer under him claimed Title by the Attainder of Francis Dacres, who was attainted of High Treason, and was supposed to be Tenant in Tail by Virtue of a Deed not extant; but vehemently suspected to be suppressed by some under whom the Defendants claimed; and therefore it

was decreed by Lord Chan. *Ellesmere*, Lord Coke and Hobert Ch. Justices, (c), that the King and his Farmer under him should hold the Land until the Defendants produced the Deed; and the Court made farther Order thereon.—His Honour said, that upon Search he found this Case under the Name of *Hobert Attorney General v. L.*—*Ibid.* 732.—2 *Will. Rep.* 680, 681. *Mich.* 1734. *S. C.* cited in *Casu Cowper* and *Cowper*, per Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, (from the Register's Book, *Trin.* 14 *Jac.* 1. lib. B. fol. 1595 b.) who said the Decree was drawn up thus, "That the King, his Heirs, and the Lord Hunsdon his Farmer, should hold and enjoy the Lands, until the Defendants should procure the Deeds therein particularly mentioned, and proved once to have been extant and duly executed." And his Honour observes, that here we see that the Existence of the Deeds was fundamental to the Decree, and the Proof of them fully and expressly asserted by the Court in framing the Decree.—And *Ibid.* 682. his Honour says, that he does not remember or believe that any one Case had been cited where there was not some Proof made of the Existence of the Deed or Writing supposed to be suppressed or destroyed. Vide 1 *Chan. Ca.* 292.—1 *Vern.* 408.—1 *Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr.* P. 169.

(a) Vide 1 *Vern.* 207, 308

(b) *Moor* 823.

(c) And also the Master of the Rolls, 2 *Will. Rep.* 681.

4. *J. S.* Tenant for Life without Impeachment of Waste, with Power to make a Jointure on any Wife, not exceeding 100 *l.* per Ann. for each 1000 *l.* brought by her, and so ratable for any less Sum;

Sum; Remainder to Trustees to preserve contingent Remainders; Remainder to the first, &c. Son in Tail Male; Remainder over. *J. S.* marries *A.* whose Fortune does not appear what, or any; the Husband and Wife part by Consent, and a Deed is drawn between them, the Remainder Man, and Trustees, with Covenant to settle 30 l. per Ann. for *A.*'s Provision during the Separation, and for a Provision for her after her Husband's Decease, in Consideration of which she is to claim no Thirds, or any Thing out of the Husband's Estate under the Statute of Distributions. *J. S.* executes this Deed, and sends it into the Country to be executed by the Remainder Man, who did so, and returned it to the Husband, who did not deliver it to the Trustees. *A.* applied for it, but could not get it, but has Money paid to her in Pursuance of this Deed. Afterwards *J. S.* cancels the Deed in the Presence of the Remainder Man; *A.* after the Death of *J. S.* brings a Bill against the Remainder Man to have the Benefit of this Covenant from *J. S.*'s Death, which was so decreed by his Honour, and on Appeal affirmed by King C. *Trin. 2 Geo. 2. Sepalino and Twitty, Sel. Ca. in Chan. 75.*

C A P. XXXIII.

Devises.

- (A) Devises by whom ^(a), and to whom good. — What Words will amount to a Devise; — And here of Devises (or Limitations) over. ^(a) In what Cases a Will made by a Feme Covert is good, vide Tit. Baron and Feme, (O) P. 157.
- (B) What Estate or Interest in the Devisor at the Time of the Devise he may dispose of; and in what Cases new acquired Lands pass.
- (C) What Words pass a Fee.
- (D) What Words pass (or create) an Estate-tail, — and what an Estate for Life.
- (E) What general Words will pass Lands, Houses, &c. — And what Chattels personal and real.
- (F) What will pass by the Word Lands.
- (G) What Words pass a Reversion; — And what the Residue of an Estate real or personal.
- (H) What Persons shall take by the Word Heir; — Heirs Male; — Children, &c.
- (I) In Case of a Devise to an Heir, where he shall take by Devise, and where by Descent.
- (K) Of executory Devises; And here of the Limitation of the Trust of a Term.
- (L) Of Devises by Implication.
- (M) Devisees; who shall take by Survivorship.
- (N) Devise of personal and real Estate, with Remainder, &c.
- (O) Where a Devise shall be in Satisfaction of a Thing certain.
- (P) Of void Devises ^(b) (or Limitations in a Will); — and here of lapsed Devises. ^(b) Vide (A) P. 290. Cases.
- (Q) Of Devises upon Condition, Contingency, and until, &c. — And here what is a Condition; what is a Limitation, and what is a Trust under a Will.
- (R) Who shall be the Taker where there is an uncertain Description of the Person.
- (S) Where the Words are in the disjunctive who shall take.
- (T) Where Lands are devised in Trust, or to be sold for, or charged with, the Payment of Debts, — Legacies; with Remainder over ^(c).
- (U) Where Money is devised to be invested in Lands to be settled, &c. how construed. ^(c) Vide Tit. Heir.
- (W) Where a Contingency in a Will shall extend to all the Devisees.

(a) In what Cases a Will made by a Feme Covert is good, *vide* P. 157.

(A) **Devises by Whom (a), and to Whom good. — What Words will amount to a Devise; — And here of Devises (or Limitations) over.**

1. **T**HE Law is clear now, that a Devise to an Infant *en ventre sa mere* is good enough, tho' he be born after the Death of the Testator, and he shall take by way of *executory Devise* when he is born. *Per North C. J. Trin. 1677. Anon. in C. B. 1 Freem. Rep. 293. (344. b.)*

2. A Devise to an Infant *en ventre sa mere* was formerly held void, for that the Infant not being born, there was no Person to take; but it is now held good, *because the Law shall intend that the Devisor did intend it to him when he should be born, so that it works in the Nature of an executory Devise*; and where it appears that the Testator did not intend it to be executed presently, there it shall wait. *Per North, Hil. 1677. in the Case of Taylor and Bydall, Ibid. 243, 244.*

3. A. devised a *Term for Years* to his Daughter and her Children, (she then having three Children) and *also to such other Children as she should have, and the Children of those Children*; she having other Children afterwards, held that the Woman and her three Children took jointly each a fourth Part, and that the *after born Children took nothing*; and that these Words were Words of *Limitation*, and not of *Purchase*; and it is as much for the Wife's Part as tho' it had been given to her and the *Heirs of her Body*. *Mich. 1692. Alcock and Ellen, 2 Freem. Rep. 186.*

4. J. S. devises all his personal Estate to his Wife for Life, and what she has left at her Death, he says, it is *my Will, and I do desire her, that it may be equally distributed betwixt my own Kindred and hers*. J. S. died, and the Widow married the Defendant. The Bill was brought by the *Relations* to have an Inventory taken, and Security given that the same should not be imbeziled, for that by the Will the Wife had only the Use of the personal Estate during Life; and the Words *what she has left*, shall be construed to be by reason of Goods that are *bona peritura*, or may be quite worn out with using. But it being answered for Defendant, that the Estate left was so small that she could not live upon it without spending the Stock, his Honour said, that if that be so, it might alter the Case; therefore let the Master state the Value of the Estate, and then he would give further Directions. *East. 1697. Cooper and Williams, Prec. in Chan. 71.*

Vide (C) P. Ca.

5. Direction in a Will that the *Heir should renounce all his Right in such Lands to a younger Son*, amounts to a Devise. Cited by Treby C. J. 9 W. 3. as a Point lately referred to Holt C. J. and himself by Lord Chan. in *Casu Hodgkinson and Star*, 1 Lord Raym. Rep. 187.

6. A Devise by *Cestuy que Trust* in Tail is good without any further Act to bar the Right in Tail. So declared by Lord Keeper, Hil. 1703. *Woolnough and Woolnough, Prec. in Chan. 228.*

7. A. hath Issue B. and C. C. devised to B. 1000 l. and *after to the Posterity of A. for their Education*, at which Time B. was sixty Years of Age, and A. dead. The question was, who should have the 1000 l. after B.'s Death? And by Lord Keeper, the *lineal Heir*, if there

there be any, shall take it under the Word *Posterity*. But *B.* dying without Issue, and there being no *lineal* Heir of *A.* the *collateral* Heir shall take it, but those of the *Half Blood* shall not, as in the Case of Distribution. *Hil. 5 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

8. A Baron gives all his Estate to his Wife, and says, "I desire and request my said Wife to give all her Estate which she shall have at the Time of her Death to her and my nearest Relations equally amongst them." *Harcourt C.* The Words being so very general, both in respect of the Money, and of the Persons to take it, it does not amount to a Devise, but it is only a Recommendation to the Wife to make such a Disposition; but if he had desired she would have given it to a particular Person, it is a good Devise, and a Trust. A Devise to the nearest Relation is good, and such shall be so accounted as are next by the Statute of Distributions. 1712. *Anon. Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (I. 6.) Ca. 25.*

9. *J. S.* devises the Residue of his Estate to his Wife, and desires her to give all her Estate at her Death to his and her Relations. *Quære*, If this does amount to a Devise on a Trust in the Wife for all the Estate which the Husband gave her by his Will. *Harcourt C.* thought these Words too general to amount to a Devise over of his Estate after the Death of the Wife, nor can it be taken as a Trust, because the Words extend to all the Estate which she shall be possessed of at the Time of her Death, which the Husband has not any Power over, and therefore it must be taken over as a Recommendation, and not as a Devise or Trust; but if the Testator had desired his Wife by his Will to give at her Death all the Estate which he had devised to her, to his and her Relations, there the Estate devised to her ought to go after her Death to his and her Relations, according to the Statute of Distributions. Bill dismissed. *Easter 12 Ann. Palmer and Schribb, Ibid. (N. b.) Ca. 25.*

10. A Bequest or Desire to pay Debts, is a positive Devise, for a Request to pay Debts can mean nothing but to charge the Lands; for the personal in all Events is liable. *Hil. 1715. Trot and Vernon (a).* (a) *Vide 1 Vol Abr. Eq. P. 198. Ca. 6. S. C. fully reported.*
—In Sir Oliver Ashcomb's Case the Devisee is Executor, and desired to see the Will performed, and real and personal Estate both liable to Debts. *Ibid. (I. 6.) Ca. 26.*

11. One devises the Surplus of his Estate to his Children and Grandchildren; a Grandchild *in ventre sa mere* at the Testator's Death shall not take; *secus*, had it been to the Children and Grandchildren living at his Death. Sir John Trevor, Master of the Rolls, *Hil. 1716. Northey and Strange, 1 Will. Rep. 340, 342. Vide the Case of Beale and Beale, P. Ca.* *Prec. in Chan. 470. Easter 1717. S. C. and P. under the Name Northey and Burbage.—Gilb. Eq. Rep. S. C. and P. Easter 1716.*

12. *J. S.* devises his personal Estate to *A.* and *B.* and if either die without Children, then to the Survivor; and if both should die without Children, then to the Children of the Testator's other Brothers and Sisters. His Honour (having taken Time to consider of it) held the Devise over good. *Hil. 1718. Hughes and Sayer, 1 Will. Rep. 534, 535.*

13. A devised 3000 *l.* to all the natural Children of *B.* his Son by *J. S.* *Parker C.* inclined, that a natural Child *in ventre sa mere* could not take, for that a Bastard cannot take until he has got a name of reputation of being such a one's Child, and that a Reputation cannot be gained before the Child is born. *Hil. 1718. Metham and Duke of Devon, 1 Will. Rep. 530.*

For this Reason it has been determined, that where a Judgment was given to a Papist he could not extend the Land, for that

would give him an Interest in the Land; and it is the same Thing where the Judgment is given in Trust for a Papist. By Lord Parker, Lawther and Fletcher, Hil. 1717. *Ibid.* in a Note by the Editor.

14. A Papist cannot take a Freehold or Leasehold Estate by Will, because taking by Will is in Construction of Law taking by Purchase, and by the express Words of the Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3. c. 4. a Papist is disabled to take by Purchase; also Terms for Years are expressly mentioned in the Statute. Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 1730. *Davers & al' and Dewes & al'*, 3 Will. Rep. 46.

15. Plaintiff claimed as contingent Devisee of a Term for Years on A. the Legatee's dying without Issue; and the Court was clear of Opinion that the Devise over was good, the dying without Issue being confined to a Life then in Being. At the Rolls, Mich. 1720. *Opie and Godolphin*, Prec. in Chan. 549.

Afterwards in Trinity Term 1720. upon an Appeal Parker C. reversed the Decree; and said, that if J. devise a Term to A. and if A. die without leaving Issue, Remainder over; in the vulgar and natural Sense this must be

intended if A. die without leaving Issue at his Death, and then the Devise over is good; that the Word (die) being the last Antecedent, the Words (without leaving Issue) must refer to that. Besides, the Testator, who is *inops Consilii*, will under such Circumstances be supposed to speak in the vulgar, common and natural, and not in the legal Sense of the Words.—That the Reason why a Devise of a Freehold to one for Life, and if he die without Issue, then to another, is determined to be an Estate-tail, is in Favour of the Issue that such may have it, and the Intent take Place; but that there is the plainest Difference betwixt a Devise of a Freehold and a Devise of a Term for Years; for in the Devise of the latter to one, and if he die without Issue, then to another, the Words (if he die without Issue) cannot be supposed to have been inserted in Favour of such Issue, since they cannot by any Construction have it. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.* 666, 667.

17. J. S. devised Lands, in Case he should leave no Son at the Time of his Death, to B. and his Heirs; the Testator dies, leaving his Wife Privement enseint of a Son; the Question was, whether the Devisee was intitled to these Lands, in regard (as was objected) the Testator died without leaving a Son at his Death. And Parker C. referred it to the Judges of B. R. (*viz.* Pratt C. J. Powis, Eyre, and Fortescue Aland J.) who certified that the Devise to B. and his Heirs was not an absolute Devise, but subject to the Contingency of J. S.'s leaving no Son at the Time of his Death, so that such Contingency not hap-

(a) For the Judges were unanimously of Opinion, that the Plaintiff tho' not born (at the Time of his Father's Death) yet

had an Existence in the Eye of the Law, as in ventre sa mere, which in many Respects was regarded; as if a Woman takes Poison to kill a Child then in her Womb, and the Child is born alive, and afterwards dies of that Poison, the Woman is guilty of Murder (b).—Also a Child in ventre sa mere may be vouched, and may be a Devisee; and it would be hard to disinherit such an only Child, nor could it be imagined the Testator ever intended so to do. *Ibid.* 487.

(a) J. S. having expressed no Intention in his Will of disinheriting his only Son, B. is not intitled to the Premises, with which his Lordship agreed; and accord' 5 Oct. 1721. decreed B. to deliver up the Possession of the Premises, and account for the Rents and Profits. *Burdet and Hopegood*, 1 Will. Rep. 486.

(b) Vide Beale and Beale, 1 Will. Rep. 244.

18. J. S. by Will gives 500*l.* to his Wife for Life, Remainder to the Parish Church of St. Helen's, London, (which is an Impropriation). The Master of the Rolls decreed that this 500*l.* should not go to the Vicar or Stipendiary of the Church, but did belong to the Churchwardens for the Reparations of the Church, and improving and adorning the same. Hil. 1722. Attorney General and Ruper, 2 Will. Rep. 125.

19. A. has B. a Nephew, and C. a Niece; A. makes his Will, and devises Lands to B. and C. for their Lives, Remainder to the Children of B. and to the Children of C. C. had then one Child. A. afterwards made a Codicil, at which Time C. had two more Children. This is a future Devise, and takes in the Children after born; for the Word Children in the Will, extends to more than the Child born at the making of the Will. Mich. 11 Geo. Bateman and Roach, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 104.

20. J. S. possessed of the Residue of a Term, devises it to A. in Trust to raise Money to discharge her Debts and Legacies, and after Payment thereof to permit B. to receive the Rents for his Life, and after to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male; and in Default of Issue Male, Remainder to his Daughters; and in Default of Daughters, or in Case of their Death before 21 or Marriage, then to C. for the then Residue of the Term. B. died without having had any Issue. Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, decreed the Devise over to C. to be good, and that A. the Trustee do convey the Residue of the Term unsold to him (a). Mich. 1732. Stanley and Leigh, 2 Will. Rep. 618, 631.

(a) Vide the Case of Sabberton and Sabberton, Mich. 1736. where on the like Limitation over of a personal Estate a Case was made by Lord Talbot for the Opinion of the Judges of B. R. who certifying the Limitation to be good, the Lord Hardwicke in 1737. decreed agreeably thereto. Ibid. 631. in a Note by the Editor.—Vide this Work, P. C.

21. A. by Will gives and bequeaths all his real and personal Estate unto B. his Son, and to the Heirs of his Body, to his and their Use, to be paid unto him in three Years after his (the Testator's) Death, and during that Time he makes J. S. Executor of his Will, and after the said three Years expired he appoints his said Son Executor, and if his said Son should die, leaving no Heirs of his Body living, then he gives and bequeaths so much of his said real and personal Estate as his said Son should be possessed of at his Death to the Goldsmiths Company of London, in Trust for several charitable Uses mentioned in the Will; and declares his Will to be, that the Company should not give his said Son any Disturbance during his Life. The Testator dies, and after the three Years the Son takes upon him the Execution of the Will, and suffers a Recovery of the real Estate, and afterwards makes his Will, and thereof the Defendant his then Wife Executrix, and then dies sans Issue. The court was unanimous that the Limitation over was void, as the absolute Ownership had been given to the Son, for it is to him and the Heirs of his Body, and the Company are to have no more than he shall have left unspent; and therefore he had a Power to dispose of the Whole, which Power was not expressly given to him, but it resulted from his Interest; the Words that give an Estate-tail in the Lands must transfer an intire Property of the personal Estate, and then nothing remains to be given over. Bill dismissed. By Lord Chancellor, his Honour, and Reynolds C. B. Trin. 5 Geo. 2. (b) Attorney General and Hall, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 314, 321.

(b) MS. Rep. 5 June 1731. S. C. states it thus: Thomas Hall by Will dated 16 Feb.

1717. devised (inter al^a) as follows: I give and bequeath to my Son F. Hall and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, all my real and personal Estate to his and their own Use within three Years after my Decease, but in Case my Son F. Hall shall depart this Life leaving no Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten living, then I give all and so much of my Estate as he shall be actually possessed of at the Time of his Death to the Company of Goldsmiths in London, upon several charitable Trusts, &c. F. Hall dying without Children, this Information was to have the

Estates appropriated to the Charities mentioned in the Will: As to the real Estate Defendant, who was Devisee and Executrix of Francis, pleaded a common Recovery suffered by her Husband, whereby he declared the same to himself in Fee, and then devised it to her. The Court upon arguing the Plea, taking Francis to be Tenant in Tail, allowed it, and so the real Estate well barred; and the only Question now was, if the Personalty was well limited over. And it was argued by Mr. Attorney General, that this was an executory Devise to take Effect upon Francis Hall's dying without Children, and that the Word *Heirs*, as it stood connected with the Words *leaving and living*, imported no more than Children which the said Francis should leave living at the Time of his Death, to which Period the whole Contingency was to be referred; and cited 1 Vern. 234, 250, 298. 2 Vern. 38, 59, 766. And though the Word *Heirs* has a larger Sense as to the real Estate, which is capable of being intailed, yet with Regard to the personal it ought to be considered only as vesting a Property in Case the Contingency did not happen, but not as creating an Estate tail; and that the same Words have according to the subject matter been differently construed, were cited 2 Vern. 86, 195. And this Construction ought rather to prevail, because it is the only one that can support the Testator's Intention. Mr. Solicitor General *contra*, That by the Will the sole Property of the personal Estate was vested in Francis Hall; he cited these Words omitted in the Case, *But my Will is that the Company of Goldsmiths shall not give my Son any Trouble whatsoever concerning my personal Estate.* It is plain he might have aliened it all, for the Devise over is only of such Part as he should be possessed of at his Death: And the Difference is where the Thing itself, as here, and where the Use only is devised. 2 Vern. 245, 600. And *Richards and Lady Abergavenny* in Point, where a House together with the Furniture thereof was limited to a Wife and such Heir of her Body as should be living at her Death, and in Default of such Heir Remainder over; the Wife has an Estate-tail in the House, and an absolute Property in the Furniture. 1 Vern. 326, 347. 2 Vent. 367. 1 Vent. 478. 2 Vern. 110. Cro. Jac. 590. The Words insisted upon in the Will to confine the dying without Issue to the Time of the Death of Francis Hall are (*living and leaving*), but if a Man dies without Heirs of his Body at any Time, he dies without Heirs of his Body living, so if he leaves no Issue, he dies without leaving Issue; but for the Reasons aforesaid this is not material to be determined. King C. Jekyll Master of the Rolls, Reynolds Ch. B. In Regard the Ownership and Property of the personal Estate was vested in F. Hall, and not the Use only, the Limitation to the Company is void, it is giving a Man an Estate in Money to spend, and limiting over to another what does not happen to be spent, and therefore the Information was dismissed.

Where the Words of a Devise of a Leasehold would make an express Estate-tail in the Case of a Freehold, there a Devise over of such Leasehold is void;—*scilicet* if the Words in the former Devise would in the Case of a Freehold make an Estate-tail only by Implication. *Ibid.* 259.

22. Devise of a Term to A. for Life, Remainder to the Children A. shall leave at his Death, and if A.'s Children die without Issue, then to B. A.'s Children die without leaving any Issue living at the Time of their Death; this is a good Devise over to B. Decreed *per Talbot C.* Easter 1734. *Atkinson and Hutchinson*, 3 Will. Rep. 528.

23. An executory Devise of an Estate of Inheritance to a Person unborn when he shall attain 21, is good; and there is no Danger of a Perpetuity. Mich. 1736. *Stephens and Stephens*, Ca. in Eq. Temp. Talbot 228.

In Confirmation of this Opinion the Court cited the Case of *Jones and Westcombe (a)*, and said, they had seen the decretal Order, by which it appeared that the same Question arising upon the same Will, and concerning the same Premises, came before Lord Harcourt, and that he was of Opinion that the Devise over of the Reversion in Thirds to the Wife and two Sisters was good notwithstanding the Wife was not enfeint with any Child. *Ibid.*

24. In Ejectment at the Sittings at Guildhall this Case was made for the Opinion of the Court; J. S. being possessed of a Term devised it as follows, viz. “ To my Wife for her Life, and after her Death to such Child as my said Wife is now supposed to be with Child and enfeint of, and his Heirs for ever; provided always that if such Child as shall happen to be born as aforesaid shall die before it has attained the Age of 21 Years, leaving no Issue of its Body, then the Reversion of one Third Part to my said Wife, and the other two Thirds to my Sisters A. and B.” The Testator dying within a Month after, the Wife entered and enjoyed during her Life, but had no Child or Miscarriage, and upon her Death the Question was, whether as no Child had ever been born, the Remainders limited upon his dying under 21 without Issue could take Effect? And the Court held that they might; that according to the Law now settled the Devise to the Infant in ventre sa mere was well limited, and if any Child had been born, would have passed the Term accordingly. 2dly, That tho' no Child was ever born, yet the Remainders are notwithstanding good, for there being no Devisee, the Devise tho' void only *ex post facto* falls to the Ground as much as if it had been void in its Creation, and this lets in the Remainders immediately; that tho' the Clause by which the Remainders are limited is in Words strictly speaking conditional, yet

(a) 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 245.

yet they don't make it a Condition, but only a Limitation. Lastly, That the Contingencies must happen within a reasonable Time; and therefore it may well operate by way of *executory Devise*. *Trin. 11 Geo. 2. B. R. Andrews on the Demise of Jones and Fulham, Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (L) Ca. 53.*

25. A Devise to a *Papist* above the Age of 18 is void; and if such Devisee convey to a Protestant Purchaser for a *valuable Consideration*, that Conveyance is void also. *East. 15 Geo. 2. B. R. Fairclaim on the Demise of Borlace and Newland & al', Ibid. (1. 7.) Ca. 4.*

(B) What Estate or Interest in the Devisor at the Time of the Devise he may dispose of; and in what Cases new acquired Lands pass.

1. **EJECTMENT** brought for Lands in *Kent* on the Demise of *Bockenham*, and on *Not guilty* pleaded, there is a *special Verdict*, whereby the Jury find that *William Bockenham, Esq;* being Commander of his Majesty's Ship the *Grafton*, on the 3d of *May 1692.* made his last Will in Writing; and they find it *in hæc verba*; He recites that he was then bound to Sea, and then goes on and says, *I do hereby give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife F. Bockenham (the Lessor of the Plaintiff) all such Sum and Sums of Money which now is or shall become due from his Majesty, for my own and Servants Wages, and all such Sums of Money, Lands, Tenements, Goods, Chattels and Estate whatsoever, wherewith at the Time of my Decease I shall be possessed of or invested with, or which shall belong to me, and I do appoint her my whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will.* The Jury also find that *William* the Testator at the Time of making his Will was not seised of any Lands in *Kent*, but afterwards by Deeds of Lease and Release, dated 20 and 21 *March 1700.* *Sir George Wheeler* and others being seised in Fee of the Lands in the Declaration particularly named; conveyed the same to the said *William Bockenham* the Testator and his Heirs, by Virtue whereof he became seised. They find the Lands are held in *Socage*, and are in the Nature of *Gavelkind*, and *devisable by the Custom of Kent*; and some Time afterwards the said *W. B.* dies, then the *Devisee* enters, and the *Heir at Law* enters upon her; and so the Question is between them, whether these Lands do pass and are disposed of by *William Bockenham*, or not. And by the Opinion of *Holt C. J. Powell, Powys and Gould J.* the Will as to these Lands is a void Will, and that the Lands do not pass thereby; and accordingly Judgment was given for the Defendant (a) the Heir at Law. *Per tot' Cur'*, which was affirmed on a Writ of Error in the House of Lords, 24 *February 1707.* *Bunker and Cook in B. R. Gilb. Law of Devises 122.*

Time of the making. 2dly, In as much as the Testator had not Power to give what he had not. 3dly, The constant Manner of pleading shews the Necessity of the Testator's being seised. 4thly, A Devise of Lands is not comparable to a Devise of a personal Estate, because a personal Estate is altering every Day. 5thly, Because a Devise is repugnant to the Nature of a Purchase; a Purchase is to the Devisor and his Heirs, and the Devise is to another and her Heirs. 6thly, Because there is no Case nor Authority in Law to warrant any contrary Judgment. *Rep. Temp. Ann. 130. in S. C.—Gilb. Law of Devises 140. accord.*

2. *A.* devises his Manor, and before his Decease a Tenancy escheats, and after the Testator dies. The Question is, whether the *escheated Tenancy* shall pass, because the Manor is devised, and that is Part of it; for this Tenancy is not devised as a distinct Thing, but as a Part of S. C.

of the Whole, which he could devise. *Per Holt C. J. 6 Ann. in B. R. in the Case of Bunter and Cook, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 231.*

3. *A. seised of a Reversion expectant on an Estate for Life* devises it, and afterwards Tenant for Life dies, and then *A.* dies, yet it passes (*a*). *Per Holt C. J. Mich. 6 Ann. in Casu Broncker and Coke, Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. Holt's Rep. 248.*

2. Ann. in S. C. Per Holt C. J. — So it is of Lands in Reversion expectant on an Estate-tail, and before his Death the Tenant in Tail dies without Issue, these Lands will pass tho' a Reversion only at the Time of making the Will, because he is seised at the Time as much as he can be, and it is a certain present Interest tho' to commence in futuro, and all the Estate he could give he intended him. — *1 Salk. 237. S. C. and P. agreed per Cur'. — Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 231. S. C. and P. by Holt C. J.*

3 *Will. Rep. 169. in a Note by the Editor it is said, that notwithstanding the Doubt the Court of B. R. seems to have been in in the Case of Bruncker and Cook, Temp. 2. Ann. 126.* 4. If a Man devises a Term for Years which he had not at the Time of the Devise, but purchased some Time before his Death. *Holt C. J. doubted very much whether this would be good. Suppose one takes a College Lease, and another makes his Will, and should devise that Lease away to another, and afterwards the Testator should purchase that College Lease subsequent to the making of his Will; his Lordship said he was inclined to think this would not be a good Devise. Trin. 6 Ann. in the Case of Bruncker and Cook, Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. 2. Ann. 126.*

1 Salk. 237. whether a Lease for Years would pass by a Will made before the Purchasing thereof, it has been clearly held to pass by such Will. — Vide the Opinion of Lord Chan. Parker in the Case of Wind and Jekyll and Alborne, post. Ca. 6.

His Lordship doubted much if a Chattel real purchased after the Will made will pass by the Will. *5. A Man devises all his Lands in Tail, and afterwards purchases other Lands, and dies without Republication, those purchased Lands will not pass; but if he republishes the Will in such Manner, and with such Circumstances as are necessary to compleat Execution of an original Will, then the purchased Lands will pass as by an original Will. Said per Holt C. J. Trin. 6 Ann. in the Case of Bruncker and Cook, Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. Ann. 127. — 1 Salk. 238. S. P. in S. C. doubted per Cur'. — Sed vide, P. C.*

6. A Devise of a Lease for Years differs from a Devise of a Freehold or Fee-simple, for one cannot devise Fee-simple Lands which he has not at the Time of making the Will, but Leases or personal Estate, tho' they were not the Testator's at the Time when he made his Will, yet if they be his at the Time of his Death, shall pass by the Will. Therefore if one devises all his real and personal Estate, and afterwards acquires more of each Kind, the real Estate acquired afterwards shall not pass; *secus* as to the personal Estate; and yet the Intention of the Party must have been the same as to both. The Reason of this Difference seems to be, that with Regard to the real Estate bought after the making the Will, supposing that not to pass, still there is one in Law capable of taking it, (*viz.*) the Heir; but as to the personal Estate, if the Executor, tho' made before the Acquiring thereof, does not take it, it is uncertain who shall. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, Mich. 1719. in the Case of Wind and Jekyll & al', 1 Will. Rep. 575.*

7. Dr. Fulham agreed to lay out 4000 l. in a Purchase of Lands to be settled in strict Settlement, Remainder in Fee to himself. The Wife died, leaving only one Son by the Doctor. The Doctor borrowed Part of the Money of the Trustees, and by his Will declared that if his Son should die before 21. the 4000 l. and 500 l. more should go equally among the Children of his three Sisters. The Son died before 21. and the Doctor's Brother and Heir brought a Bill to have had the 4000 l. laid out in Land, insisting that the Will, as made only of a personal Estate,

Estate, did not bar him, because the Money ought to be considered as Land. But decreed, that as the Doctor was become *absolute* Owner of the Money by the Death of his Son, *he might either lay it out in Land, or turn it into personal Estate (a) as at first; and he shewing an Intention to have it as personal Estate, the Money was decreed per Parker C. to the Children. Fulham and Jones, Mich. or Hil. 1720. MS. Rep.*

8. *A.* seized of Land of 600 *l. per Ann.* devised 300 *l. per Ann.* to *C.* an Infant, Son of *B.* which *B.* was Heir at Law to *A.* and devised 300 *l. per Ann.* to *B.* for his Care and Pains in looking after his Son's Estate till he should be 21. *B.* died, *C.* then being six Years old, but *B.* devised this 300 *l.* to his Wife, and appointed her Guardian to *C.* his Son.—The Father being appointed Guardian, was the only Person that could extend his Care as a Guardian after his own Death; that he had by Law a Power to appoint a Guardian over his own Children; and that tho' he was now dead, yet 'he still by the Guardian which he had appointed took Care of his Son; that his Devise of the 300 *l. per Ann.* is good, being given to *B.* till his Son should attain the Age of 21; and that it could not determine even by the Wife's Death, unless for want of Care of the Son or his Estate, which when that happens the Son may complain; *per Macclesfield C. Trin. 1722. Anon. Prec. in Chan. 597.*

9. Plaintiff by Articles dated November 1725. agreed to convey Lands in *C.* to *D.* and *his Heirs* before next *Lady-day*, and *D.* covenanted to pay him 1500 *l.* *D.* lived till after *Lady-day*, but had in 1722. made his Will, by which he *devised all his real Estate to his Son R. for Life, Remainder to R.'s eldest Son J. for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male*, with several Remainders over, and thereby *bequeathed all his personal Estate to Trustees to be invested in Lands and settled as above*; and dying soon after *Lady-day* 1726. *R.* his eldest Son and Heir claimed the Lands as descending to him, and made his Will, and by express Words he *devised the Premises thus articulated to be purchased, to Trustees to pay his Debts, &c. and died, leaving said J. his Son and Heir, to whom D. had devised all his Estate expectant on the Death of R.*—*D.'s Will* being made prior to the Articles for this Purchase, *before he had any equitable Interest in the Lands*, and consequently when he had no Kind of Title, he could devise nothing, so that this Interest in the Premises gained by *D.'s Articles* must have descended to his Son *R. as Heir at Law, who might well devise the same*; and though it may at first look strange that when *D. devised all his real and personal Estate*, these words should not carry all, yet it will not seem so when it is considered that *an Estate purchased after the Will cannot pass thereby*; and these Articles are a Purchase subsequent; *per the Master of the Rolls, who decreed the Devise by R. good, and that the Master inquire whether the Plaintiff can make a Title, if he can, the Purchase Money to be paid by D.'s Executors out of his Assets; the Master to see who has been in Possession since Lady-day 1726. at which Time the Purchase Money was to be paid, and the Conveyance compleated. Interest and Costs to be reserved. Trin. 1731. Langford and Pitt, 2 Will. Rep. 629. On Appeal to Lord Chancellor this Decree was affirmed. Ibid. 632.*

(a) Vide the Note to C. 10. P. 198.

The Case of Greenhill and Greenhill, 2 Vern. 679. (abridged 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 174. C. 4.) was cited and admitted per his Honour, but he said this material Difference is to be observed between that Case and this of Langford and Pitt: There the Articles for the Purchase were entred into by the Testator before he made his Will, and so the equitable Interest which he gained thereby was well devisable, but in the present Case *D.* had no equitable Interest in the Land, for the Will was prior to the Articles, and so having no Title could devise nothing. Ibid. 633.

Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 175. Ca. 5. Lingen and Sowray, where it was decreed 10. Money articulated to be laid out in Land to be settled on the Husband and Wife and Issue, Remainder in Fee to the Husband will pass by the Devise of a real Estate though the Money was never laid out. *Mich. 1733. in the Case of Lechmere and Lechmere, 3 Will. Rep. 221.* per *Harcourt C.* in 1711. that 1400 *l.* articulated to be laid out in the Purchase of Land to be settled on Husband and Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to the Daughters in Tail, Remainder to the Heirs of the Husband, could not pass by a Devise of the personal (a) Estate, but belonged to the Devisee of the real Estate, because Money articulated to be laid out in Land was as Land. Affirmed by Lord Cowper in 1715.—Cited per *Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, in the above Case of *Lechmere* and *Lechmere*.—(a) It is observable that the Husband might have devised this 1400 *l.* (subject to his Wife's Estate for Life) either as real or personal Estate, according as he should have signified his Intention: Thus if he had in his Will described it as so much Money agreed to be laid out in Land, this would have been sufficient to have made it pass as personal Estate, and by a Will not attested by three Witnesses; but without such a particular Interposition of the Testator, manifesting his Intention, it remained as Land, and consequently belonged to the Devisee or Representative of the real, not of the personal Estate. Determined in the Cases of *Croft* and *Addenbroke*, Hil. 1719. and *Fulham* and *Jones*, *Mich. 1720*, both by Lord Parker, 3 *Will. Rep. 221.* in a Note by the Editor.—But more particularly in the Case of *Edwards* and the Countess of *Warwick*, Trin. 1723. Cor' Lord *Macclesfield*, where Money was agreed to be laid out in Land, and he that is intitled to the Fee of the Land when purchased may dispose of it by Will tho' not attested by three Witnesses. 2 *Will. Rep. 171.*—If Money is to be laid out to the Use of A. for Life, then to the Use of D. in Tail, Remainder to D.'s Heirs; D. may devise this either as Money or Land, and the Reversion in Fee will pass in Case D. dies without Issue. *Hungerford* and *Winter*, (b) *MS. Rep. (b) 2.* What Term and Year.

(c) Here we must observe, that the Intent

(C) What Words will pass a Fee (c).

of the Devisor will supply the want of those Words which are necessary in Deeds to convey an Inheritance; as if a Man devise Lands to another in perpetuum, or in feodo simplici, or to him and his Assigns for ever, or to him and his; in all these Cases a Fee simple passes by the Will, for it is evident by the Devisor's Intention, that the Gift should continue beyond the Life of the Devisee; but a Devise cannot direct an Inheritance to descend against the Rules of Law. *Gilb. on Devises 17, 27.* who cites *Co. Lit. 9. b. 1 Bulst. 222. 3 Bendl. 11. Bro. Tit. 1 Co. Lit. 27. a. Hob. 33. 1 Vent. 228, 229. 1 Roll. Abr. 835. Co. Litt. 9. b. Ibid. 25.*—If A. devises all his Estate, viz. One half of *Mon Platt*; this is local, and descriptive of the Lands only. But if he says, what Estate I have I intend to settle thus, my Estate at *Kirby-Hall* to B. this passes a Fee. The Introduction to the Devise shews an Intent to all the Estate he had, and the confining it to *Kirby-Hall* no more proves the Devise local, than if he had said all his Estate in England. *Tufferall* and *Page*, *MS. Notes (d).* (d) 2. Term and Year.

1. A. Devises to C. and D. and if either died the other should be his Heir; the Question was, whether C. or D. had an Estate for Life or in Fee? And it having been argued by Serjeant *Borril* that they had but an Estate for Life, Serjeant *Maynard* was to maintain that they had a Fee, but he threw it off upon another Point. *Mich. 1677. Gyles and Kempe in C. B. 1 Freem. Rep. 235.*

2. A. being seised of 10 *l. per Ann.* Lands in Possession, and the Reversion of 34 *l. per Ann.* more expectant upon an Estate for Life, devises a Legacy of 20 *l.* to B. to be paid in twelve Months out of his Lands, and devises 50 *l.* to C. to be paid in two Years, and 50 *l.* to D. to be paid in the Space of two Years out of his Land; and having two Sons W. his Eldest and R. the Younger, devises all his Lands to R. who did not pay the Legacies within the Time. The Court all agreed that a Fee was devised to R. because it did appear that the Sum to be paid was more than the Profits of the Land would amount to in that Time. *Trin. 1679. Reake and Lea, 1 Freem. Rep. 479, 480.*

3. Another Question in the above Case was, whether admitting it a Fee to R. it were not conditional, for many Words in a Will shall make a Condition that in a Deed will not. Cites 1 *Inst. 204. a. Dyer 164.* And as to this Point all but *Jones* inclined that it was a Trust, because that Construction would be more beneficial for the Legatees; and tho' the Law did construe some Words conditional in Wills, that would not be so in Deeds, yet that was always with this Difference, i. e. when that Construction was most favourable to the

the Legatees. But Jones doubted of that Point, for he said that *this Court would not take Notice of the Proceedings in a Court of Equity,* and relied upon 1 Roll. 410. 1 Inst. 236. *Cur' advisare vult.* Ibid. 480, 481.

4. "I hear J. S. is inquiring after my Death, but I am resolved to leave him nothing but what his Father left him, but I leave all my Estate to my Wife;" there the Wife took all the real Estate, and the Reason was, because of the other Words which shew he meant to exclude the Heir at Law. Cited *per Powell J.* in the Case of *Slate and Bull, Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 594.* out of 3 Mod. 45. as the Case of *Reeves and Winnington, Trin. 36 Car. 2. in B. R.*

5. Devise to *A. for Life, and after to his Heir,* this is an Estate in Fee; but if it be *and to the Heirs of such Heir,* such there is a contingent Remainder. *Per Holt C. J. in B. R. Mich. 6 W. & M. Skin. Rep. 559.*

The Word Heir is Nomen Collectivum, and in a Will contains Heirs

and Heirs of the Heir, and gives a Fee. *Skin. Rep. 563.*

6. *A.* seised of Lands in Fee had Issue two Sons *B.* and *C.* and by Will devised several Lands to *B.* and that *B.* should renounce all his Right in Blackacre (of which the Devisor was then seised) to *C.* And it was objected that this was no Devise of the Land to *C.* 2dly, That if *B.* should release his Right, this was intended to be only an Estate for Life; but because the Words were (*all his Right*) it was apparent that *A.* intended that *C.* should have a Fee; and accordingly *Holt C. J.* and *Treby C. J.* certified their Opinions to Lord Chancellor. *Easter 9 W. 3.* cited by *Treby C. J.* as the Case of *Hodgkinson and Star.* 1 Lord Raym. Rep. 187.

7. *J. S.* having a Remainder in Fee devised all his Remainder to *J. N.* and adjudged that a Fee was devised. Cited by *Treby C. J.* *East. 9 W. 3.* in the Case of *Baker and Wall,* as a Case lately adjudged in *C. B.* Ibid. 187.

8. I devise to *B.* all my Right, Title and Interest in those Terms of Years which I have in such a Place, and also my House called the Bell Tavern, in which House the Testator had a Remainder in Fee. Held in *B. R. cont' Holt C. J.* that a Fee passed in the Bell Tavern. *Trin. 11 W. 3. Rot. 113. Moor and Rawleson.* This Judgment was affirmed in the Exchequer Chamber, *Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. b. 2.) Ca. 4.*

Vide P. 300. Ca. 13. which seems to be S. C.

9. One devises all his Tenant Right in *D.* if he had no other Freehold in *D.* it shall pass, otherwise not. *Per Powell J. Mich. 13 W. 3.* in the Case of *Shaw and Bull,* cites 1 Mod. 100.—3 Keb. 140, 145. *Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 594.*

10. If a Devise were to *A.* and his Posterity, it would be only an Estate-tail. *Per Lord Keeper's Opinion;* but the Master of the Rolls thought that such a Devise would create a Fee, whereupon the Lord Keeper ordered Precedents to be searched. *Mich. 1703. Attorney General and Bamfield, 2 Freem. 268.*

11. Inheritance shall pass without any other Circumstances to manifest the Devisor's Intent merely by Devise of his Estate. *Hil. 2 Ann. per Holt C. J.* in the Case of the Countess of Bridgewater and Duke of Bolton, 6 Mod. 109.

12. There is a great Difference between a Will and a Conveyance at Common Law, for the Law has appointed proper Words to be made use of in Limitations of Estates in Deeds, as the Word (*Heir*) to carry a Fee-simple, and no other Word tantamount or equivalent will be admitted;

admitted ; whereas in a Will it is otherwise, for that is a new Conveyance by Force of the Statute of 32 H. 8. which says, *that it shall be lawful for a Man to dispose of his Lands by Will at his Will and Pleasure* ; and this is the Reason why a Devise to a Man in *perpetuum* passes a *Fee-simple* at the same Time that these Words in a *Deed* give only an *Estate for Life*. Per Holt C. J. East. 1705. in the Case of *Idle and Cook*, 1 Will. Rep. 70, 77.

Vide P. 299.
Ca. 8. which
seems to be
S. C.

13. The *Bell Tavern* was settled upon A. for Life, Remainder to B. in Tail, Remainder to A. in Fee ; A. devises all the House called the *Bell Tavern* to B. without saying what Estate ; the Fee passes, otherwise B. could take nothing. 1705. Cole and Rawlinson, Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (L. a.) Ca. 29.

2 Salk. 685.
East. 4 Ann.
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14. A. seised in Fee devises to the Poor of S. 40 s. (a), to be distributed by his Executors with four Coats, four Hats, upon every 21st of November for ever, and then devises all his Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and all his personal Estate, to his Wife and Executrix. Adjudged a Fee, Mich. 1706. Smith and Tindal, Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. Ann. 102.

Curiam, because it was subject to a perpetual Charge. But in Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. Ann. 103. Holt C. J. held, that the Words of the Will gave a Fee, here being a general Charge for ever, and a sufficient personal Estate to purchase, &c. But he was not satisfied to fix it upon the Land ; he went upon the Word *Hereditament* to make a Fee ; the Words *Lands and Tenements* carry only an Estate for Life, but *Hereditament* carries the Fee, for if he had not a Fee, then it was not his Hereditament, and when he gives his Hereditament, he gives a descendable Estate, otherwise it is no Hereditament. Cites Co. Litt. 6. These Words cannot be satisfied unless this Word carries the Inheritance. Hob. 2. is rightly reported, and wrong in Moor 873. Lands of Inheritance is only a Description of what Lands shall pass. Ibid. 104. (a) 20 l. a Year to be paid to the Alms-Houses of A. for ever. Holt's Rep. 235. in S. C. — 2 Salk. 685. says four Coats to four poor Boys of the Parish of A. for ever.

Rep. of Cases
in B. R. Temp.
Ann. 207.
S. C. in totidem
verbis. —
1 Salk. 238.
Aumle and
Jones S. C.
adjudged ac-
cord.
(b) Vide P.
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15. A special Verdict finds, that the Grandfather was seised in Fee, and by Will devises thus : I give to my Daughter A. for Life, Remainder to A. L. and his Heirs, and for Default of such Heirs Remainders over ; and the Question was, if this be an Estate in Fee or in Tail. Holt C. J. said, you will find it a hard Point to make this an Estate-tail. Sir Peter King urged that it was, and cited *Idle and Cooke*, East. 4 Ann. (b). If the Remainder had been to his Brother, or to any Body that had been Heir at Law, it would have been a Tail ; for then he could not have died without an Heir, and so a Remainder might properly be ; or if it had been *de se exeunte*, or the like ; but these Limitations were never carried further. But the Court gave Judgment that this was a Fee, but made the Rule *nisi*, &c. — Note ; The Controversy was between the Heir of the Devisor and the Heir of the Devisee, who was no ways related to the Devisor. Hil. 7 Ann. 1708. Grumble and Jones in B. R. MS. Rep.

MS. Rep. S. C.
accord.

16. In a special Verdict the Case was found thus : A. by his Will devises Lands to B. and then bequeaths Legacies, and after two or three Legacies to different Persons, he gives 5 l. to C. and directs B. to pay it, but gives him two Years Time to pay it. The Jury find the Lands to be 50 s. per Ann. and the Question was, what Estate B. had, whether for Life or in Fee ? And adjudged to be a Fee, for that the Devise here was a Sum in Gross, and a *debitum in presenti solvend' in futuro* ; and it was a Sum certain to be paid by B. at all Adventures, whether the Land yielded full 5 l. or not ; and so not like the Cases where the Sum devised is to arise out of the Profits, &c. Hil. 7 Ann. Reeves and Gower in C. B. Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. Ann. 208.

17. *A.* seised in Fee of a Plantation and several Lands in *Jamaica*, by Will directed that *his Debts and Funeral, &c. should be paid*, and gave *his Wife Power to sell his Lands, Goods, &c. for Payment thereof*, and then to pay such Legacies as are given by the Will, and gave *his Wife 1000 l. to be by her detained out of the first Money that could be raised by the Profits or Sale of his Estate after Payment of his Debts*, and the Residue, after Debts and Legacies paid, he gave to his Wife, whom he made sole Executrix. Cowper C. was clear of Opinion that a Fee passed by the Devise of all the Rest of his Estate to his Wife, subject to Payment of his Debts, &c. But held, that where a Man devises all his Estate, Goods and Chattels, and no Mention had been made before in the Will of Lands of which the Testator was seised in Fee, a Fee-simple will not pass; but where a real Estate is mentioned before in the Will, and then such Words follow, a Fee passes. *Mich. 1 Geo. 1. Cliffe et alii vers. Gibbons, Kadwell et alios, 2 Lord Raym. Rep. 1324.*

18. *J. W.* on his Marriage with *F.* entred into Articles, whereby he covenanted, in Consideration of the Marriage and of 12000 *l.* Portion, that in Case he should happen to die after the Marriage before the said *F.* he would leave her worth 1500 *l.* immediately upon his Death, or if she should then judge it more convenient to take the third Part of all his Estate both real and personal, she should have Liberty so to do. The Marriage took Effect, and *J. S.* died without Issue, having made his Will, and thereby gave several Parts of his real Estate to his Wife for Life, and made her sole Executrix and Residuary Legatee. *J. W.* had but a small Fortune at the Time of the Marriage, but afterwards acquired an Estate in Land of 1000 *l. per Ann.* and a personal Estate of about 1200 *l.* after Debts and Legacies paid. The Widow proved the Will, and then brought a Bill against the Devisee of her Husband's real Estate, and against the Heirs at Law, to have the Benefit of her Election to have a Third of the Testator's real Estate, and also to have the Benefit of the Lands devised to her by the Will, and also the Residue of the personal Estate. Lord Chan. King decreed a Third of the real Estate in Fee (a) and Residue of the personal Estate to the Plaintiff; Partition of real Estate to be made by Commissioners. *Mich. 2 Geo. 1. Waller and Fuller, Viner's Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. a.) Ca. 19.* ^{(a) The Meaning of the Parties was, that whatsoever} the Husband should acquire, the Wife should have a Third of it.—Articles are a promise to do a Thing, and must be construed according to the Intention of the Parties, and the common Acceptation of the Words; and that by all my Estate, is commonly meant all my Interest in it.—The Plaintiff cannot take the Estates for Life devised to her by the Will, because that is inconsistent with the Claim she makes to the Inheritance of the third Part by Virtue of the Articles.—But as to the Residue of the personal Estate, that she may take by the Will; for that Claim is not inconsistent with the Articles, and where the Articles and Will are not inconsistent, but both may stand, then she may claim and have the Benefit of both, like the Case of the Custom of London, there Children may take both by the Custom and Will, where the Estate is sufficient to satisfy both the Will and the Custom; but a Child in that Case shall not take by the Will, if by so doing the Intention of the Testator will be disappointed. Per Lord Chancellor. *Ibid.*

19. In Ejectment the Jury found that *J. S.* was seised in Fee of the Lands in Question, being Copyhold, and that he had surrendered to the Use of his Will, and that by his Will he devised in these Words, *As touching the worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I give the same in Manner following: Item, I give to my Cousin T. S. all that my Parcel of Land lying in Waltham Abbey (being the Lands in Question). Item, I give to my said Cousin T. S. my Wearing Apparel, Linen, Books, with all other my Estate whatsoever and wheresoever not herein before given and bequeathed, and him the said T. S. I make the sole Executor of this my Will for performing the same.* *T. S.* was admitted, and afterwards devised to the Lessor of the Plaintiff and his Heirs, and if *T. S.* by this Devise had an Estate for

Life or in *Fee*, was the Question. The Court held, that when *J. S.* gave *all his Estate whatsoever*, that comprehended all that he had, *real* or *personal* (a); and when he had surrendered to the Uses declared by his Will, the Will shall have the same Construction as if it had passed the Land itself. Adjourned, but afterwards the Plaintiff was admitted to take Judgment. 6 Geo. 1. *C. B. Scott and Alberry, Comyns's Rep.* 337, 340.

(a) Tho' it was urged arg' that *J. S.* by his Will gives only his *Apparel, Linen, Books*, with his other personal Estate, which must be construed with his other Estate of the same Nature; and not an Estate of an higher Nature; here the Estate was Copyhold, which passes by the Surrender, not by the Will, and when he surrenders to such Uses as should be declared and expressed by his Will, and in the Clause by which he devises the Copyhold he gives it to *T. S. only, without saying any Thing of his Heirs*, it would be a forced Construction that the Words, (*with my other Estate not before bequeathed*) should enlarge the Estate before expressly limited to *T. S.* and after these Words he adds, (*and him I make my Executor for performing my Will*) which Words import that he intended nothing for him by this Clause except such Estate as belonged to an Executor. *Ibid.*

20. *A. devise to B. and her Heirs, and if she and D. die without Issue*, Testator gives several Annuities charged upon the Premises to charitable Uses. Resolved that *B.* had an Estate in *Fee*. *East.* 9 Geo. *Scrape and Rhodes & al' in C. B. Ibid.* 542.

21. *A Devise of Lands to Trustees*, tho' the Words *and their Heirs* be omitted, shall convey an Estate in *Fee* to them, if that be necessary to support the Intention of the Testator. Said arg' *Mich.* 10 Geo. 1. in *Acherly and Vernon, Lucas's Rep.* 523.

1 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 253, 382.
2 *Geo. 2. Shaw and Weigh,* adjudged that in Case of a *Devise of Lands to Trustees*, and to the Survivor and Survivors of them, without saying to their Heirs, that the Trustees in this Case took a *Fee by Implication*; for the Intention of the Testator was that they should take such an Estate as would support the several Trusts in the Will; and the several Trusts in the Will being Estates of Inheritance, the Trustees must have an Estate of Inheritance to support such Trusts; per the Opinion of all the Judges. Cites 1 *Roll. Abr.* 611. Note; This Point being given up on the first Argument, the Judges said they needed not labour it. *Ibid.* 382.

His Lordship at the first Opening said he did not remember that it was ever adjudged, that 22. *A. gave specifick Legacies to his Daughters, and other Legacies to others; then he gave all the Residue of his Estate to W. R. &c. in Trust to increase his Daughters Portions.* Lord Chan. decreed that this gave the Daughters a *Fee*. *East.* 10 Geo. 1. *Anon.* 2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 92.

an Inheritance should pass by the bare Devise of *all his Estate* (b), but that this was not the present Case, for here the Devise was of *all the Residue of his Estate, &c. to his three Daughters to increase their Portions*, which Words plainly shew the Testator intended to pass the Inheritance immediately, otherwise they might never get any Thing by it. *Ibid.* (b) *A. devises all his Estate to J. S. a Fee passes.* 1 *Roll. Abr.* 834. *Style* 193, 281. *Johnson* verf. *Kerman.* 3 *Kelle* 245. *Wilson* verf. *Robinson.* 3 *Mod.* 228. *Hyley* verf. *Hyley.* *Vide* the Saying of Lord Chan. in the Case of *Cliffe and Gibbons, P.* 301. *Ca.* 17.

His Lordship said, that the introductory Words prove the Testator to have had his whole Estate in View, and that taking the Words in the first Sense will make only a partial Disposition, and leave a Chasm, 23. *As touching my worldly Estate, I dispose thereof as follows: Imprimis, I give my Estate at — to B. Item, I give my Estate at, &c. to C. Item, I give to E. all my Estate at N. &c. with all my Goods and Chattels as they now stand, for her natural Life, and to my Nephew J. D. after her Death, if he will but change his Name to J. S. If he does not, I give him only 20 l. to be paid him for his Life out of N. &c. which I give E. upon my Nephew's refusing to change his Name, to her and her Heirs for ever; the Question was, whether J. D. was intended to have an Estate for Life only, or in Fee? And Lord Talbot decreed an Estate in Fee. Mich. 1735. Ibberton and Beckwith, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 157. (c).*

whereas taking them in the last Sense will make a compleat Disposition of the Whole; and that this Clause of the Devise to *E.* and *J. D.* depends upon Construction of the Word (*Estate*), which will be clear from the Sense he hath taken it in thro' all the other Parts of the Will, where whensoever he has used it, he hath meant thereby to pass the Inheritance; and tho' the Word (*Estate*) in common Speech may not mean an Inheritance, yet it is clear he has meant it so here; and tho' the Limitation to *E.* in the first Instance was for Life, yet the Devise to *J. D.* was in general Words: He thought this could make no Difference, and that no great Stress could be laid upon the incorrect Wording, and that the Intent plainly appears to pass the Inheritance. *Ibid.*

(c) Note; This Case is misplaced as to Time,

24. The Testator being seised in Fee, devised his Lands to Trustees and their Heirs in Trust for B. and C. for their Lives, Remainder to the Children of B. and to the Children of C. by her then Husband, in Trust that they should have the Profits thereof when they come of Age. The whole Court were of Opinion that the Children took an Estate in Fee as Tenants in Common. Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Bateman and Roach, 2 Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq. 104, 6.

Note; B. and C. had each of them a Child, when the Will was made, but B.'s Child died, and M. the Plaintiff who was the Child of C.

survived. The Testator afterwards by a Codicil confirmed all the Devises in his Will, and at that Time C. had two other Children who are since dead. Now the Representatives of the dead Children claiming a Share of the real Estate, M. exhibited her Bill, and it was insisted for her, that this Devise being *per Verba de presenti*, none but the Children born at the Time of the making the Will could take. And cites *Wild's Case*, 6 Rep. 16. But the Court was of Opinion, that since C. had but one Child M. when the Will was made, the Testator could never intend it to be a Devise *in presenti*, so that no other should take but that Child, but rather as a future Devise, because it was to the Children of C. by her Husband; and it is very probable that if he had intended it for the Plaintiff M. who was C.'s only Child at the Time of making the Will, he would have taken Notice of it in the Codicil when there were two other Children to share with her; and tho' the Expression as to the Profits, viz. that they shall have and receive all the rest of the Profits (*after Legacies paid*) when they come of Age, yet they have a Right to it in their Minority, at least to so much thereof as may be sufficient for their Support and Maintenance. Decreed that the Trustees account for the Shares of the Profits of the Lands of the two Children who died from the Death of their Mother, to the Time of their Death, and that they have all reasonable Allowances and Leave to apply to the Court, &c. *Ibid.* 105, 6. in S. C.

25. William Hewer 5 Sept. 1715, devised all his real and personal Estate to Trustees and their Heirs, on Trust that they should convey the real Estate to his Godson E. Edgely for Life, sans Waste, Remainder to preserve contingent Remainders, &c.—To the first and every other Son of E. Edgely in Tail, with Power to make a Jointure not exceeding a Moiety of the real Estate, and directed his personal Estate should be laid out in Lands, and settled in the same Manner; and in Case E. Edgely should die without Issue, then he Willed that his Kinswoman Ann Edgely should enjoy all the Rents of his Estate during her Life, and after her Decease one fourth Part thereof should be enjoyed by William Blackbourne, his Heirs and Assigns; another Fourth by Abraham Blackbourne, his Heirs and Assigns; one other Fourth by Ann J. her Heirs and Assigns; and the other Fourth by Susannah Edgely, her Heirs and Assigns; and directed that in Case any of them the said William, Abraham, Ann and Susannah, should be dead at the Time when by Virtue of the said Devise the said Estate in Manner aforesaid would devolve upon them, that then the fourth Part which the dead Person would have been entitled to, if living, should be conveyed to their respective Heirs. Ab. Blackbourne made his Will in 1719, and made his Wife Mary residuary Legatee, and on the 16th of Feb. 1720, after reciting the contingent Interest that he had by the Will of Mr. Ewer, he devised that whenever his fourth Part should come to his Son and Heir Levit Blackbourne, or to such Person as should be his Heir, that it should stand charged with the Sum of 12000 l. for his Wife Mary, and 3000 l. apiece to his three younger Children, and soon afterwards died; Mary his Widow married the Plaintiff. In 1728 Ewer Edgely died without Issue. In 1729 Ann Edgely died, and then the Plaintiff and his Wife and her three younger Children brought their Bill against Levit Blackbourne Abraham's Heir at Law, and the Trustees, to have the 12000 l. and 3000 l. raised out of Abraham's fourth Part; and the Question was, As the Estate never vested in Possession in Abraham, nor any Settlement made in his Life-time, whether he could charge it in the Hand of his Heir, or the Heir was a Purchaser. King Ch. By the first Clause in the Will, a plain Fee-simple is devised to Abraham after the precedent Limitations, so that his Remainder was vested; and tho' by the latter Clause in Case of his Death a Conveyance is directed to be made to his Heir, yet that cannot be taken to be a contingent Limitation that

(a) Note this Resolution.

that was to vest originally in the Heir, but only a Direction to the Trustees how to convey in Case he who was to take the Benefit should die before a Settlement made: So I think the Estate is well charged, but there is a Question, whether *Levit Blackbourne*, who is an Infant, ought to have a Day to shew Cause against the Decree; but resolved (a), that where the legal Estate was in Trustees, and an Execution of the Trust is to be directed, there is no Occasion to give the Infant a Day; so that the Money was decreed to be raised, and no Notice to be given to the Infant to shew Cause. May 12, 1731. *Thornton and Blackbourne & al' MS. Rep.*

3 Will. Rep. 173, Trin. 1733. S. C.

The Question was, whether the Wife was a Trustee for the Heir at Law as to the Surplus of the real Estate

26. J. S. by Will constitutes and appoints his well-beloved Wife A. sole and whole Heiress and Executrix of all his Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels whatsoever, real and personal, the same to sell and dispose of as she shall think fit, to pay his Debts and Legacies, and gives the Heir at Law 5 l. *Quære*, whether there be not a resulting Trust to the Heir at Law, being said to be for a particular Purpose. Decreed per Lord Chan. to be no resulting Trust, Trin. 1733. *Rogers and Rogers, Sel. Cas. in Chan. 81.—2 Vern. 247.* is in Point, the Resolution of which Case is in 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. 272.

after Payment of Debts and Legacies. Decreed by King C. that the Wife was intitled to the Premises devised for her own Benefit, and that there was no resulting Trust to the Heir at Law; that the Case of *North and Crompton*, 1 Chan. Rep. 196. (*Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. 272. Ca. 3.*) was in Point; that the Devise that the Wife should be sole Heiress of the real Estate did in every Respect place her in the (a) Stead of the Heir, and not as Trustee for him; that it was the plainer by reason of the Language of Tenderness and Affection, his dearly-beloved Wife, which must intend to her something beneficial, and not what would be a Trouble only; and what made it still stronger was, that the Heir was not forgot, but had a Legacy of 5 l. left him. Per Lord Chan. *Ibid.*

(a) See Noy 48. *Clements and Cassy. Hob. 34. Counden and Clerk. Sty. 308.*

Note; This was on a rehearing from a Decree of the Lord Chan. King.

27. Testator's Will was thus: *As to all my temporal Estate, I dispose of the same as follows: I will that my Debts be paid, after which he disposed of several pecuniary and personal Legacies, and gave 4 s. a Week to a Relation for her Life. Then comes these Words, all the rest of my Estate, Goods and Chattels whatsoever, real and personal, I give to my beloved Wife, whom I make my Executrix.* The Testator died possessed of Leases for Years, and seised of Lands of Inheritance in Fee. The Heir at Law of the Testator claimed the Lands, and the Testator's Widow insisted that all the real Estate was by the Will devised to her in Fee; and Counsel on both Sides (without arguing this Point) declaring, that they should willingly acquiesce to the Judgment of the Court, *Talbot C.* with great Clearness decreed, that all the real Estate did well pass by this Will to the Testator's Wife and her

(b) First, for that tho' it had

Heirs. (b) Trin. 1734. *Tanner and Wife, 3 Will. Rep. 295, 299.* been objected that the Words *temporal Estate* did more properly refer to *personal Estate*, and especially to Leases for Years, (which, comparatively speaking, are but of short Continuance) and not to an Estate of Inheritance, which is *permanent*, and may last for ever, yet here this Expression seems to have been made use of in the Will in Contradistinction only to the Testator's *eternal Concerns*, which every Man, at the Time of making his Will, is naturally supposed to have in View; so that the Words *temporal Estate* signify the same as *worldly Estate*, or all that a Man has in the World, (c) and consequently takes in both *real and personal Estate*.—Secondly, where the Testator had said, that as to all his *temporal Estate* he disposed of the same as followed; and, after having given several Legacies, proceeded to devise the *rest and Residue* of his Estate, Goods and Chattels, *real and personal*; these Words *rest and Residue* are Words of Relation, and must refer to some Estate before mentioned in the Will, if any such there were. Now in the principal Case, there was an Estate mentioned before by the Testator, (*viz.* his *temporal Estate*) which brought it to signify the same as if the Testator had said, "*I devise the rest and Residue of all my temporal Estate,*" which, without the Word *Heirs*, (d) would have sufficed to pass all his *real Estate*. Per *Ld. C.* who, for these Reasons, decreed as above. (c) 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 177. *Ca. 14.* and 2 *Vern. 690.* *Beachcroft and Beachcroft.* (d) *Vide* the Case of *Barry and Edgeworth, 2 Will. Rep. 523.—And S. C. 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. 178. Ca. 18.*

28. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*, in the Case of *Tuffnel and Page, Easter 1740*, said, he did believe that there were Cases where the Word *Estate* has been held to signify barely the Land itself; but all these Cases depend upon their particular Circumstances, and the Evidence of the Testator's Intention arising from those Circumstances.—Where the

Words

Words were, *What I have I intend to settle in this Manner*, this shews that the Testator intended to dispose of his whole Interest in the Premises; and it is as strong as if he had said, *All my Estate I dispose of in this Manner*; and the Case is stronger, because of the Word *settle*; by this Expression the Testator shews his Intent to make a Settlement of his whole Estate. *East. 1740. Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 14, 15.*

29. J. S. devised all his Lands, &c. in B. unto his three Daughters M. S. and A. to be equally divided between them, to hold to them, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. And if his said three Daughters should happen to die, and leave no Issue of their Bodies to inherit such Estates, as in his Will is before devised to them, and not be of Age, or make no other Disposal thereof, in such Case his Will was, that the said Lands should be vested and be the sole and proper Estates of his Kinsman S. B. and he did thereby devise the same to the said S. B. his Heirs and Assigns for ever accordingly. Provided always, that the said S. B. should pay unto every one of all his (the Testator's) Sisters Children that should be then in Being at the Time of such his (the Testator's) Estate falling to him (S. B.) by Failure of his (the Testator's) Issue, the Sum of 100 l. to each and every of them. A. the youngest Daughter died in her Infancy in the Life-time of the Testator; S. the second Daughter survived her Father and Mother, and many Years after she came of Age, by her Will made a Disposal of her Interest in the said Premises by the Name of all her Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and M. the eldest Daughter (the Defendant) is now living and married, and has several Children. This Case being sent to the Judges of B. R. for their Opinions, they certified, that after hearing Counsel on both Sides, they were of Opinion, that S. and M. two of the Daughters of J. S. by Virtue of his said Will, and by the Death of the said A. their younger Sister, in the Life-time of the Testator, took an Estate in Fee-simple in their respective Shares of the said real Estates. Lord Chan. Hardwicke being of the same Opinion, it was decreed accordingly. *East. 1740. Miller and Moor, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 7, 9.*

30. A. has a Fee-simple in a Light-house, and possessed of a Term for ninety-nine Years in Land adjoining to it. A. by Will gives to his Son B. and to his Assignees all his Estate and Interest in the Light-house, Lands, Tenements and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, upon Trust out of the Rents, &c. of the Term during the Remainder thereof, to pay 200 l. per Annum. B. takes a Fee-simple in such Part of the Premises wherein the Devisor had a Fee-simple, and a Term for ninety-nine Years in such Part of the Premises wherein the Devisor only had such a Term. Decreed per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, *Hil. 1740. Villiers and Villiers, Barnard. Ch. Rep. 307, 311.*

(D) What Words pass (or create) an Estate-tail, —and what an Estate for Life.

1. Devise to A. for Life, Remainder to his Heir, is a Fee-simple, for Heir is *Nomen Collectivum*; but if he adds *and to his Heirs* of such Heir, it is for Life only; for Words of Limitation being added to the Word Heir, it shall be taken as *Designatio Personæ*. 3 Salk. 126.

2. I. S. had Issue A. and B. and devises Lands to A. and if he die without Heirs, B. his Brother shall have it. *Per Cur'*, This shall create an Estate-tail in A. because it appears in the Will that the Testator must intend an Estate-tail, for that it is impossible for him to die without Heirs whilst B. his Brother was alive; and so they said it had

(a) As in the Case of *Herne* and *Allen*, 1 *Cro.* and in the Case of *Hill* and *Power*, cited *per Cur'*. *Ibid.* been often ruled (a). *Trin.* 1673. *Allen* and *Spendlove*, 1 *Freem. Rep.* 74.

3. *A.* had three Sons *B.* *C.* and *D.* and devised Lands to *C.* and *D.* and if *C.* died without Heirs *D.* should have his Part, and if *D.* died without Heirs *B.* should have it. The Court inclined to think that *D.* had but an Estate for Life in his Moiety, *because Implications that carry Estates ought to be plain and strong*, and so gave Judgment *nisi*. *East.* 1673. *Allen* and *Spendlove* 1 *Freem. Rep.* 85.

4. *A.* devised to *B.* and *C.* Brothers, several Parcels of Land, and if either of them die, that the other should be his Heir; *B.* dies. *Quære*, Whether *C.* should have the Fee, or only an Estate for Life? The Court inclined to the latter; *sed adjournatur*. *Trin.* 1677. *Gynes* and *Kemsley*, 1 *Freem. Rep.* 293.

5. Upon a special Verdict the Case was, *R. G.* seised in Fee of Lands in *S.* by Will devises to *R.* Son of his late Brother *all his Lands commonly called P. and also all other his Lands, during his natural Life, and to his Heirs Male of his Body begotten; and for want of such Issue, the said R. to have the said Estate but during his natural Life;* and no longer; and then his Will was, *that the said Estate should descend to P. his Nephew.* *R.* suffers a Recovery to the Use of himself and his Heirs, and devises this Land to the Defendant in Fee, and dies without Issue Male. And it was adjudged to be an Estate-tail in *R.* (and so the Remainder barred by the Recovery) and not an Estate for Life, and so forfeited by the Recovery, for the Words, *and for Want of such Issue, he the said R. to have but an Estate during his natural Life,* is no more than the Law implies; for if *Tenant in Tail has no Issue*, it resolves into an Estate for Life, and so it was adjudged. The Objection was, that it should be construed thus: *I give the Land to H. during his Life, and no longer, in Case he has no Issue Male of his Body; and so an Estate-tail upon a Contingency; and he dying without Issue Male, it is now become an Estate for Life ab initio,* but the Judgment was *ut supra*. *Hil.* 29 & 30 *Car.* 2. *Rol.* 1247. *Fountain* and *Gooch*. 2 *New Abr. of the Law* 59, 60.

6. *P.* was seised of two Messuages in Fee after the Death of his Brother, and had Issue two Sons and four Daughters. *P.* devised these Messuages to *N.* his youngest Son, and he to have 30*l.* *per Annum* for his Maintenance for ten Years after the Death of his Grandfather, and the Residue of the Profits to be applied for raising Portions for his Daughters; and if *N.* die, then he giveth the Estate that *N.* had to his four Daughters, Share and Share alike, and if all his Sons and Daughters die without Issue, then he devises it to his Sister in Fee. The Devisor dies, the Grandfather dies, *N.* enters and dies without Issue; the four Daughters enter. Adjudged *per tot' Cur*, that here is no Estate-tail in the Daughters. *Hil.* 2 & 3 *Jac.* 2. *B. R.* *Price* and *Warren*, *Skin.* 266.

Prec. in Chan. *Hil.* 1696. *S. C.* accord' says, this was a Case ordered to be stated by the Master, and adds, that Lord Keep. said it was plain that *Thomas* took an Estate for Life, for all the Contingencies upon which he is to take must happen within the Compass of a Life, and so no Danger of a Perpetuity; and this is the same with *Pele* and *Brown's* Case in Effect, tho' not in Words, and is like the Case of *Brett* and *Rigden*, and the Appointee of *A.* the Executor would have taken but an Estate for Life. *Ibid.* 68.

7. *J. S.* devised in these Words, *I give all my Freehold and Copyhold Lands which I have in Possession, Remainder and Reversion,* (not herein after disposed of) *after the Death of A. my Executor to B. his Son, and his Heirs for ever; but if he dies leaving no Son, then to that Son or Sons my Executor shall think fit to give them to by his last Will, which Son or Sons so nominated* (if *B.* die as aforesaid) *I declare shall have my Lands, charged notwithstanding with such Annuities, Legacies and Payments as hereafter specified; and for Want of a Son of my* Executor,

Executor, I give the said Lands to the eldest Son of C. charged as aforeaid; and I give my Leases to D. and E. in Trust for the Benefit of my Executor for Life, and after his Death, in Trust for all my Executor's Children; and for want of any Child or Children, in Trust for the eldest Son of C. and the Trustees to renew the Leases or change the Lives as they should think fit. And if his Executor did not provide Money enough for that Purpose within a Month after Demand, that the Trustees might mortgage any of the Lands of Inheritance to renew the Leases, (except those belonging to the Alms-house) and appointed his Executor to pay his (the Testator's Wife) out of any Part of the Estate (except the Alms-house Lands, and a Farm near W. &c.) 200 l. a Year for Life, Half-yearly, without any Deduction whatsoever, and gave several other Legacies; and made A. (his Heir at Law) sole Executor and Residuary Legatee. B. died an Infant without Issue in J. S.'s Life-time, and J. S. died without Issue; and A. the Executor proved his Will, and possessed personal Estate sufficient to pay all Debts and Legacies, and paid them accordingly, leaving the Plaintiffs his Daughters and Co-heirs. C. had two Sons, Thomas the eldest (now Defendant) and Horatio, who were living at J. S.'s Death; and the Question was, whether Thomas the eldest Son of C. took any and what Estate by the Will? And Lord Keep. Somers was of Opinion, that he took only an Estate for Life, and no more; for if Lands be given to a Man generally, without limiting for what Estate, this makes but an Estate for Life, unless it plainly appears that the Testator intended a greater Estate, which does not here; and the Monies directed to be paid by him cannot enlarge it, for none of them do affect his Person, and so he cannot take but an Estate for Life. Hil. 1696. Fairfax and Heron, MS. Rep.

8. In Ejectment, the Jury find specially, that J. S. being seised in Fee of the Lands in Question, had Issue two Sons A. and B. and by Will devised thus: *Item, I devise to A. my eldest Son, all that my Farm called D. to him and his Heirs Male for ever, but if (his Heir shall be) a Female, my next Heir shall allow and pay to her 200 l. in Money, or 12 l. a Year, out of the Rents and Profits of D. and shall have all the rest to himself, I mean my next Heir, to him and his Heirs Male for ever.* That the Devisor died, that A. the Son entered and died, leaving Issue but one Daughter, the Lessor of the Plaintiff, and that B. the younger Son entered, and that A.'s Daughter entered upon him, and leased to the Plaintiff, who entered; that B. re-entered and ejected him, upon which the Plaintiff brought this Ejectment *et si, &c.* Adjudged *per totam Curiam* upon great Consideration, that the Devise to A. and his Heirs Male for ever, was an Estate-tail; and Judgment (a) was given for B. the Defendant. E. 9. W. 3. C. B. Baker and Wall, 1 Lord Raym. Rep. 185.

as she lives; and the Testator having two Sons, the eldest of which died in his Life-time, (*) leaving a Daughter who was Heir General, yet the youngest Son went away with the Land; and that this Case, as appears by the Adjournments on the Rolls, was depending for a considerable Time, so that it seems to have been settled with great Judgment and Deliberation; and that in this Case there were several Expressions to shew the Testator never meant that his Heir General should take.

(*) Not so reported in Lord Raymond, for there it is said the Devisor died first, and that the eldest Son entered and died.—(a) First, because it is very manifest that the Devise to A. the Son was an Estate-tail Male; for tho' in a Deed it shall be a Fee, yet in a Will to gratify the Intent of the Devisor, the Law will supply the Words (*of his Body*). Secondly, it is apparent that the Devisor had a Design, that if A. had a Daughter, she should not have the Lands; for the Words (*if a Female, then my next Heir, &c.*) shall be intended as if he had said, *but if my Son A. shall have only Issue a Female, then that Person who would be my next Heir, if such issue Female of A. was out of the Way, shall have the Land*; and to make his Intent more manifest, he gives a Rent to such Female out of the Lands, which demonstrates that he had no Design that she should have the Land, for she could not have both the Land and Rent issuing out of the Land. *Per Cur.* 1 Lord Raymond's Rep. 186. in S. C.—As to the Objection that B. is Male, but not Heir, for A.'s Daughter, the Lessor of the Plaintiff, is right Heir to the Devisor; (and Hobart says, that no Man can take as Purchaser by the Name of Heir, but he who is right Heir); the Court answered, that this is generally true where the Devise is to the right Heirs of J. S. &c. without saying more, but if the Party takes Notice that he has a right Heir, and specially excludes him, and then devises it to another by the Name of Heir, this shall be a special Heir to take, as 1 Vent. 381. the Case put by Hale C. J. Illa. 187. in S. C.

1 Lord Raym. Rep. 505. Mich. 11 W. 3. *Hilliard and Jennings*, S. C. says, the Father devised the Lands in Question to his Son and his Heirs for ever, but if it should so happen that his Son should die without Issue of his Body, or before he should attain the Age of 21 Years, then he devised the Premises to be equally divided between his two Daughters, and their Heirs for ever. And it was insisted that the Son had all the Fee in him, and therefore might well devise to the Plaintiff, for the Word (*or*) shall be construed (*and*), so that the Remainder could not vest before the Son died without Issue, and under the Age of twenty-one, and cited *Soulle and Gerrard*, Cro. E. 525. Moor 422. as in Point. But per Holt C. J. there is no Necessity to construe (*or*) as (*and*) in this Case, and the Case of *Soulle and Gerrard* was adjudged to be an Estate-tail. And here it may be it was the Father's Design to refrain the Marriage of his Son before the Age of twenty-one Years, but to that Point the Court gave no positive Opinion; but upon the second Point, whether the Son's Will was a good Will within the Statute of Frauds, &c. the Devisee being one of the three Witnesses, the whole Court were of Opinion to give Judgment for the Defendant, but adjourned. *Ibid.* 507. — 1 Freem. Rep. 510. in S. C. held clearly *per Cur'*, that the Devisee could be no Witness. — Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 276. *Hilliard and Jennings*, S. C. with the Dictum of Holt C. J. about the Words (*or*) (*and*), and Holt denied the Case of *Soulle and Gerrard* to be Law. — Judgment *pro Def'* on the second Point *nisi Causa*, which was afterwards made absolute. *Ibid.* 277. — *Carth. Rep.* 514. S. C. but not S. P.

1 Salk. 233. Trin. 11 W. 3. B. R. S. C. and P. — 1 Lord Raym. 568. Trin. 1700. S. C. Per Holt C. J. Turton and Gould, J. the second Son has an Estate in Fee-tail. — *Comyns's Rep.* 82. S. C. adjudged accordingly.

9. A. the Father, having Issue a Son and two Daughters, devised the Estate in Question to his Son and his Heirs. Provided nevertheless, that if the Son should die before he comes to the Age of twenty-one, or without Issue of his Body, then it should go to the Testator's two Daughters. The Father dies; and the Son lives to the Age of twenty-one, and makes his Will, and devises the Estate to the Plaintiff. And whether the Plaintiff, who claimed under the Will of the Son, or the Defendant, who claimed under the Daughters, had the best Title, was the Question? And the Court inclined against the Plaintiff, viz. that the Son, had but an Estate-tail, and so the Devise to the Daughters took Effect, the Son being dead without Issue; for tho' it is devised to him and his Heirs, yet the latter Words, *if he die without Issue*, make it an Estate-tail; for his Meaning seems to be plain, that if the Son had Issue, that Issue should have it; if not, it should go to the Daughters. Mich. 1699. in B. R. *Helier and Jennings*, 1 Freem. Rep. 509.

10. A Devise by a Father to a second Son (after the Death of the Testator's Wife) and his Heirs for ever, and for want of such Heirs, then to the right Heir of the Testator, is an Estate-tail. *Per tot' Cur'*. — But had the Devise over been to a Stranger, the second Son would have taken a Fee-simple, and consequently the Devise over had been void. Per Holt C. J. Trin. 1700. B. R. *Nottingham and Jennings*, 1 Will. Rep. 23.

11. One devises to A. for Life, and if A. die without Issue, then to his (the Testator's) right Heir, this an Estate-tail, for where the Devisee over was Heir, there must have been a most necessary Implication that A. the first Devisee should have an Estate-tail, because the Testator's Heir was excluded from taking 'till A. the first Devisee died without Issue. Per Powell in the Case of *Bampfild and Popham*, Hil. 1702. 1 Will. Rep. 57.

12. Devise to A. for Life, Remainder to the first Son of A. in Tail Male, and so on to the tenth Son in Tail Male, and if A. die without Issue Male of his Body, Remainder over; also by a Codicil, the Devisor recited *whereas he had given an Estate-tail to A. &c.* Objected that by the Codicil the Intent of the Devisor appeared, and that by the Will A. had an Estate-tail; for he might have posthumous Children, and more than ten Sons. Sed non allocatur; for *per Cur'*, where a particular Estate is expressly devised, we will not by any subsequent Clause collect a contrary Intent, inconsistent with the first, by Implication; and therefore they construed dying without Issue Male, a dying without such Issue Male, and said there was a mighty Difference between a Devise to A. and if he die without Issue; then to B. and a Devise to A. for Life, and if he die without Issue, then to B. Adjudged *per Lord Keep.* Wright.

Wright, Holt, and Trevor Ch. J. Hil. 2 Ann. in Chan. Popham and Bamfield (a), 1 Salk. 236.

(a) This Case is misre-

ported in 1 Salk. The Case in Truth was, a Devise was made to A. for Life, Remainder to all and every Son and Sons of his Body, (which material Words are dropped by Salk.) who therefore would all be intitled to take before the remainder Man; so that here being a Devise to all the Sons, there was no Occasion to construe it an Estate-tail, in order to fulfil the Intent of the Testator. Per Raymond Ch. J. in the Case of Shaw and Weight, East. 1 G. 2. in B. R. who said, he had seen the Case. Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 26: Popham and Bamfield, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. 108. Ca. 2. is not S. P.

13. Devise to A. the Testator's Wife, for Life, and then to be at her Disposal, provided it be to any of his Children, if living; if not, to any of his Kindred that his Wife shall please. The Testator dies, leaving Issue a Son and a Daughter. A. the Widow marries D. and they by Lease and Release, reciting the Testator's Will, grant the Premises in Question to Trustees and their Heirs to the Use of A. for her Life, sans Waste, Remainder to the Use of C. the Testator's Daughter and the Heir of her Body, Remainder to the Use of D. the Testator's Son and his Heirs. A. and her second Husband levy a Fine to these Uses. All of the Judges were of Opinion, that by the Will A. the Testator's Wife has but an Estate for Life, with a Power of disposing of the Inheritance (b), and that the Conveyance by way of Lease and Release is an effectual tho' improper Execution of the Power; and affirmed the Judgment in C. B. Trin. 1711. Tomlinson and Dighton, on a Writ of Error from a Judgment in C. B. on a special Verdict in Ejectment. 1 Will. Rep. 149.

(b) Lucas's Rep. 31, 71. Mich. 10 Ann. S. C. held accord' per tot' Cur' in B. R.—

1 Salk. 239; 246. East. 10 Ann. B. R. S. C. held accord'.

14. J. S. by his Will devised Lands to four Persons and their Heirs for Payment of Debts, and afterwards to the Use of them and their Heirs; after which by a Codicil he devised, that his Will should stand, saving that when his Debts were paid, A. who was one of the four Devisees in the Will, should have his Share of the Lands to himself for Life, with a Power (c) to make Leases for ninety-nine Years, determinable on three Lives, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of A. Remainder over; A. levied a Fine, and suffered a Recovery to the Use of himself and his Heirs, and brought a Bill for a Partition, praying that the other three might join in a Conveyance of a divided fourth Part to him in Fee; and the Cause coming on to be heard 26 July 1709, before Cowper C. his Lordship was of Opinion, that A. ought to be Tenant for Life only, with Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, with Remainder over.—Afterwards Lord Keep. Harcourt, on a Rehearing, held it an Estate-tail (d) in A. (and so barrable by a Fine and Recovery) but decreed A.'s fourth Part to be conveyed to him and the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder over, &c. that being thought more proper by A.'s Counsel than an Estate in Fee. East. 1711. Bale and Coleman (e), 1 Will. Rep. 142.

(c) It cannot be inferred (with any Certainty) from the Power of Leases given by the Testator, that no Estate-tail was intended; in regard such Power of leasing is more beneficial than that given to Testator in Tail by the Stat. Hen. 8. Per Lord

Harcourt. Ibid. 145. (a) Secus in Case of Marriage Articles to settle an Estate on A. for Life, Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body; this being an Agreement to do a future Act, and in which the Issue are particularly considered and looked upon as Purchasers. Per Harcourt C. Ibid.—(e) 2 Vern. 670. East. 1711. Bale and Coleman, S. C. says, it was a Devise of Lands in Trust for A. for Life, with Power to make Leases, and after his Decease in Trust for the Heirs Male of the Body of A. lawfully to be begotten. Ld. Chan. Cowper decreed the Trustees to convey only an Estate for Life to A. and to his first, &c. Sons in Tail Male; but Harcourt Lord Keep. reversed that Decree, and decreed an Estate-tail to be conveyed to A. viz. to him and the Heirs Male of his Body; but his Lordship admitted it might be otherwise upon Articles of Marriage, founded on the Agreement of the Parties; but in a Will you must take the Words as you find them. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (D. b.) Ca. 7. Bale and Coleman et al', Trin. Vac. 8 Ann. and East. 10 Ann. S. C. states it at large from a MS. Rep. and which being more fully reported by Mr. Piner than in either of the above Reports, I shall state it here in as brief a Manner as I well can.—W. S. by Will dated 2 June 1702, devised unto William Coleman, Eliz. Bale Wife of C. Bale, and William Egan, Son of William Bogan, and John Legassick, all his Lands, &c. in F. and G. to hold the same unto them, th'ir Heirs and Assigns, for ever, to the Intent that they should after his Decease sell and dispose of all or any Part of the said Lands, &c. and with the Money to discharge all his Debts; and then declared that his Will was, that all his said Debts and Legacies should be punctually paid; after which he devised unto the said W. Coleman, E. Bale, W. Bogan, and J. Legassick, their Heirs and Assigns, for ever, equally to be divided between them, all such

Lands, &c. as should remain over and above the Discharge of his Debts and Legacies, and further declared that the Estate of Inheritance he had thereby devised unto the said J. Legassick, his Heirs and Assigns, was in Trust to, and for the said W. Bogan, his Heirs and Assigns. 10th of the said June, the Testator made a Codicil in these Words: Item, My Will is that after my Debts and Legacies are paid, and a Dividend made of the Remainder of my Manors, &c. by and between the said W. Coleman, E. Bale and W. Bogan, and their Heirs and Assigns, that notwithstanding the express Words in my Will to E. Bale, and her Heirs and Assigns for ever, I do hereby declare, and my Will, Intent and Meaning is, and my Desire is, that it be so taken and construed in Law, that that Part of my said Manors, &c. which shall happen to fall for the Share and Dividend of the said E. Bale, shall be and remain to such Uses, Intents and Purposes as are herein after mentioned, and to no other Use whatsoever, i. e. To and for the Use and Beboof of the said E. Bale, for and during the Term of her natural Life, with Power of letting, setting and leasing all or any Part of such Share or Dividend for ninety-nine Years, determinable upon one, two, or three Lives, either in Possession or Reversion; and after her Decease, to the Use and Beboof of her Son my Cousin Christopher Bale, for and during the Term of his natural Life, with the like Power of letting; and after the Decease of the said Christopher, then to the Use and Beboof of the Heirs Males of the Body of the said Christopher, lawfully to be begotten; and for Default of such Issue, to the Use and Beboof of the said William Coleman and William Bogan, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, equally to be divided between them.—Some short Time after the Testator died, and there being a Defect in the Will by not enabling the said John Legassick to act as a Trustee for the fourth Part devised unto the said William Bogan, an Infant, and to sell the said Estates, the Testator dying much in Debt, and his Lands being mostly mortgaged, an Act of Parliament was in the 2d of Queen Anne passed, enabling the said William Coleman and other Trustees to make Sale of Lands for the Payments of the Debts and Legacies of the Testator; and after the Payment thereof, the said Act did direct that the said William Coleman, Elizabeth Bale and John Legassick, and the Survivor of them, should make a Division of the Overplus, according to the Directions of the Will. But no Notice is taken of the Codicil in the Act.—In Hil. 1 Ann. a Fine was levied by Elizabeth Bale and her Husband, of a Moiety of all the Testator's Estate to T. Bowdage, in order that a Recovery might thereupon be suffered to bar the Estate-tail limited to Christopher Bale, the Son and the Heirs Males of his Body; and accordingly a Præcipe was brought by J. S. against T. Bowdage, who vouched Eliz. Bale, and Christopher Bale her Son, who vouched over the common Vouchee; and this Fine and Recovery were declared to be to the Use of Christopher Bale the Son and his Heirs after the Death of his Mother. Note; At this Time none of the Debts and Legacies of the Testator were paid, or but to the Amount of 120 l.—But the Debts being all now paid, C. Bale the Son preferred his Bill against Coleman, his Father and Mother, William Bogan and John Legassick, that they might come to a Dividend of the Overplus of the Testator's Estate now remaining after his Debts and Legacies were paid, and insisted, that there being an Estate vested in him and his Heirs after the Death of his Mother, by the said Fine and Recovery, he ought to have such Estate settled in him upon the Dividend. Mr. Coleman then preferred his Cross-bill against the said Parties, and prays that a Dividend may be made of this Estate, and that the Court would direct what Estate should be limited by the Division-deeds to the said C. Bale, he insisting that his Estate was but in Contingency until after the Debts and Legacies paid, and a Dividend made; and that the Words in the Codicil did declare a Trust of the Dividend of Mrs. Bale's Share, which when it comes to be put in Execution by a Court of Equity, shall be executed according to the Intention of the Testator, expressed in the Codicil, and that the Limitation ought to be after the Death of Mrs. Bale to C. Bale her Son, during his natural Life, with Power of letting and leasing, as aforesaid; Remainder to the first, &c. Sons of the said C. Bale, and to the Heirs Males of such first, &c. Sons; Remainder over to the said William Coleman and William Bogan, and their Heirs, &c. Upon the Hearing, Cowper C. declared his Opinion for the Plaintiff Coleman, and directed, that an Account should be taken of the Testator's Estate, and that what remained should be divided into four Parts, and that the fourth Part which should fall for the Share of Mrs. Bale, should be limited to the Use of her for Life, with such Power of leasing as in the Codicil; and after her Decease, to the Use of C. Bale her Son, during his natural Life, with the like Power of leasing; and after his Decease, to the first, &c. Sons of his Body, Remainder to William Coleman and William Bogan, and to their Heirs and Assigns (a).—Afterwards (Eas. 10 Ann.) this Cause was reheard before Harcourt L. K. upon the Plaintiff Bale's Petition, and his Lordship directed that Mrs. Bale's divided fourth Part should after her Death be conveyed to the Use of her Son C. Bale, in Tail; and Lord Cowper's Decree was accordingly varied as to this Limitation (b). Trin. Vac. 8 Ann. Eas. 10 Ann. Bale and Coleman et al', et econt'. Vin. Abr. 'Tit. Devise, (D. b.) Ca. 7.

(a) In the Arguments of this Case before Lord Cowper, two Points were made; first, whether this Overplus should be divided into three Parts or four Parts; secondly, what Estate was to be limited to C. Bale the Son upon such Division. As to the first Point, that depended upon the Words of the Codicil, whereby it was declared, that after the Dividend made between the said William Coleman, Elizabeth Bale and John Legassick, their Heirs and Assigns, Mrs. Bale's Share and Dividend should be to such Use as aforesaid; for here the Dividend is mentioned to be made between three Persons; but Lord Cowper declared, that the Estate should be divided into four Parts, one Moiety whereof was to belong to the said William Bogan; for tho' the Words here seem to imply that this Estate ought to be divided into three Parts, yet they have relation to the Will itself, and by that it is expressly said, that the Estate shall be equally divided amongst Coleman, Bale, Bogan and Legassick.—As to the second Point, his Lordship said, that a Distinction would govern this Case, i. e. when an Estate was executed, and when it was only executory; and therefore if in this Case a Devise had been to the Son for his natural Life, with such a Power of leasing as aforesaid, and after his Decease, to the Heirs Males of his Body, this would have been an Estate-tail in the Son executed; for tho' the Party's Intention was plain that he should have an Estate for Life only, yet the Law executing these two Limitations into an Estate-tail, Equity will not interpose, but as the Tree falls so it must lie. But when an Estate was only executory, and something was to be done before any Estate could be vested or executed in the Party, this Court will direct the Conveyance, not that it shall be in the Words of the Will, but according to the Intention of the Party. Now in this Case, after the Debts and Legacies paid, the Devise is to Mrs. Bale and her Heirs and Assigns, of one fourth Part in common, and when this Division, directed to be made, is completed, the Limitation to the Son is to arise out of a divided fourth Part, so that the Codicil is a Declaration of the Use or Trust of this fourth Part; and tho' the Words of the Codicil be, that it shall be so taken in Law, yet these Words are not of any Weight, so as to make this a legal Estate executed. And then this being a Trust, this Court will direct the executing it, and the Intention of the Testator here was plain that this Son should have an Estate for Life, for it is limited to him during the Term of his natural Life, with a Power of leasing for ninety-nine Years, and goes on and says,

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and after the Decease of the Son, to the Heirs Males of his Body, with Remainder over; and as to an Objection that was made, that it was the Intention of the Devisor that this Son should have an Estate-tail, because he had by the Codicil a greater Power of leasing than was given to a Tenant in Tail by the Statute, it was well observed at the Bar, that no such Inference should be made of the Party's Intention, for that the Power of leasing was annexed to the Estate for Life, and therefore when that Estate was merged by the Accession of the Estate limited to the Heirs Males of the Body of the Son, the Power of leasing annexed to that Estate was destroyed with it, so that upon the whole he decreed as above; for in the Case of a Will or Articles, where the Thing is to be executed, the Intent of the Party shall be pursued.—A Point was spoken to about the Validity of the Fine and Recovery, viz. that the Fine and Recovery could not bar this Estate tail (supposing it to be one) it being but a Possibility or a contingent Interest after the Debts and Legacies paid and a Dividend made, according to Pell and Brown's * Case, but no Opinion was given to this Point, because the Fine and Recovery could not signify any Thing as this Case stood, seeing Lord Cowper's Opinion was, that C. Bale the Son ought to be Tenant only for Life, with Power of leasing, &c. Ibid.—(b) Lord Keeper Harcourt said, that he had a great Respect for his Predecessor, but that he must determine Causes according to his own Conscience, and could not agree with Lord Cowper's Decree; and added, that this Case differed from the Case of Articles, where the Intent of the Parties was to be regarded; they are to be looked upon as Purchasers, the Nature and Matter of Articles is to fix Estates in Families, and it would be absurd to make such a Construction of them as to be of no Effect. In the Case of a Devise there is no Purchaser, no Contract, no Family to be provided for; yet here it is said the Intent ought to govern, but then it must be a manifest and certain Intent, and not an arbitrary one: It must be according as it appears upon the Will, and according to the known Rules of Law; it is not to be left to a Latitude, and, as it may be, guess'd at. In this Case there is a Devise jointly to Trustees till Debts and Legacies are paid; what if the Estate had been charged and subjected for this Purpose, and after this the Testator had devised in the same Words as in the present Will? this Court had no Power over it. Doth a Devise of legal Estate alter this Case? It is the same as if there had been no Trust. Trusts in a Will shall have the same Construction as a Court of Law could make upon the same Words. At Law it is agreed that C. Bale would be Tenant in Tail. It is the same Thing here, a precedent Trust will not alter a subsequent Estate. Ibid.—As the Debts are admitted to be all paid, the same Construction is now to be made as if there had been originally no Trust. Per Harcourt Lord Keep. in S. C. 1 Will. Rep. 145. * Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 187. Ca. 4.

15. I devise all my Lands in B. to my eldest Son; Item, I give to my second Son C. and (c) (all) my Lands in D. Also to my Daughter A.R. (c) And in the Original. I give 500l. to be paid as soon as may be out of the aforesaid Estate and Premises, and within three Years, if it be possible. Per his Honour, the second Son has but an Estate for Life, chargeable with the 500l. Portion, and granted a perpetual Injunction against Waste in the younger Brother. Hil. 1713. Redoubt and Redoubt, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. a.) Ca. 18.

16. B. having several Freehold and Copyhold Lands, devises all his Lands, Goods and Chattels, to his three Sons, equally to be divided between them, and devises over and above this, 100l. to his eldest, provided he gives a lawful and general Release to his two younger Brothers; and by his Codicil appoints, that if one of his younger Sons should die, or marry in his Minority without Consent of his Executors, then his Portion to go to the other younger Son. Per Harcourt, C. there being no Words of Limitation of Estate in the Devise to the two younger Sons, they can take only an Estate for Life in the Lands, and as to the general Release directed by the Will to be given to the younger Sons, that is satisfied by releasing his Right to the personal Estate without affecting the real Estate; so the Devise over to the younger Son in Case of the Death of one under Age, &c. may be satisfied by the personal, and the Word (Portion) properly signifies nothing. Mich. 12 Ann. Bullock and Bullock, Ibid. (X. a.) Ca. 10.

17. J. S. being seised in Fee of Lands in W. by Indentures settled the same to the Use of A. his Son for Life, Remainder to M. his Wife for Life, Remainder to the right Heirs of A. and dies. A. by his Will devises in these Words, viz. " My Lands in W. my Wife is to " enjoy for her Life, and after her Death, of Right it goeth to my " Daughter E. for ever, provided she has Heirs; if my said Daugh- " ter shall die before her Mother, or without Heirs, and my said Wife " M. should marry again, and have an Heir Male, I bequeath him " all my Right to the Estate, not thinking I can sufficiently reward her " Love." A. the Son died without Issue Male, leaving only one Daughter said E. who died without Issue Male, and the Lessors of the Plaintiff

Plaintiff are *Heirs at Law* to her, and *Cobiers* of *B.* Brother of the said *A.* After *A.*'s Death, *M.* married *T. H.* by whom she had Issue the Defendant. It was insisted that the Lessors of the Plaintiff are the Heirs at Law to whom the Estate belongs, if it is not disposed of otherwise by the Will of *A.* That by this Will (*i. e.* *A.*'s Will) nothing passed to the Defendant; for he could not take but by way of *Remainder*, or by way of *executory Devise*; and he could not take by way of *Remainder*, because *nothing is devised to E. the Daughter*, for the Will does not give her any Estate, but only recites the Estate, which she had before; for it says, *his Wife shall enjoy for her Life, and after her Decease of Right it goes to his Daughter for ever, provided she have Heirs*, which is only a Narration or Recital of the Estates as they were by the Marriage Settlement; and afterwards Judgment was given for the Plaintiff upon the first Point, that here was no Devise to *E.* and then the first Son of the Wife *M.* by her second Husband could not take by way of *Remainder*. (a) *Mich. 2 Geo. 1. in B. R. Right and Hammond et al', Comyns's Rep. 232.*

(a) And afterwards in another Cause be-

tween the same Parties in *Canc'*, *Mich. 9 Geo. 1.* for an Estate in *Essex*, which was purchased by *J. S.* in the Name of Trustees, pursuant to his Marriage Articles, and which was to be settled according to the Limitations in the said Indentures, and which after the Death of *A.* the Son upon a Bill exhibited in 1675 by *M.* his Wife and *E.* his Daughter, was settled upon *E.* in Tail, and for Default of such Issue, to *M.* in Tail; and it was now prayed upon a Bill exhibited by the Heirs at Law of *E.* that the Estate in *Essex* should be conveyed to them; for the Decree in 1675 directed the Settlement to be pursuant to the Will of *A.* but according to the Judgment of *B. R.* the Will of *A.* did not alter the Estate of *E.* and therefore the Settlement to *E.* in Tail, and then to her Mother in Tail, was an irregular Execution of the Decree, and therefore the Trustees ought to convey to the Plaintiff. And the Master of the Rolls was of the same Opinion, for he thought that *E.* did not take any Estate by the Will of *A.* which did not make any Devise or Gift to her, but only recited that his Wife was to enjoy it for her Life, and that after her Death of Right it was to go (not that he gave it) to *E.* his Daughter. *Ibid. 234.*

18. In Ejectment upon the Demise of *E. M.* the Case was, *A.* seised in Fee of the Lands in Question, devised the same to his Wife during her Widowhood, and after her Decease or Marriage, unto *E. M.* and *R. S.* during their natural Lives, equally to be divided between them, and after their Deceases, then to the next Heirs Male of their Bodies lawfully to be begotten, equally to be divided between them; but in Case either of them the said *E. M.* and *R. S.* died without such Issue, then he devised the same Estate to the other of them for Life, and after his Decease to the Heirs Males of his Body, lawfully, &c. with diverse Remainders over; Proviso, that if his said Wife or any of his Devisees should cut down or sell any Timber growing upon the said Lands other than for Repairs, and Fire-wood for themselves and Family, and their Tenants Use, to be spent on the Premises, that then they should forfeit their several and respective Estates. *E. M.* and *R. S.* did by their Deed, for themselves and the Heirs Male of their Bodies, make Partition of the said Lands, and that they and the Heirs Male of their Bodies should have and hold the Lands in Severalty, but for no other Estate than they might take by the Will. *R. S.* levied a Fine, and suffered a Recovery of the Lands allotted to him, and died without Issue. Defendants entered as his Heir. Upon the first Argument, *Parker Ch. J. Eyre and Pratt* (Powis absent) clearly resolved that *E. M.* and *R. S.* had by the Will Estates-tail in common executed in them, because the Words *equally to be divided* between them, are sufficient in a Will to make a Tenancy in common, tho' they are not so in a Deed; and that those Words being applied as well to the Estates given to their Heirs Male as to the Estates given to them, made the Estates-tail, Estates in common, and that the Tails were executed in them, because Estates for Life being limited to them, Heirs in this Case is a Word of Limitation, and that the Words (after their Deceases) were to be taken respectively (*i. e.*) that after the Death of

of E. M. his Moiety should go to the Heirs Male of his Body, and after the Decease of R. S. his Moiety should go to the Heirs Male of his Body, and that the Proviso was no Proof that Testator intended E. M. and R. S. Estates for their Lives only, because the Testator intended that Proviso to be extended to all his Devisees, and if E. M. and R. S. took only Estates for Life, yet their Heirs Male would be Devisees in Tail, and his own right Heirs to whom he gave the Fee were Devisees. Judgment *pro Quer.* 3 Geo. *Thurstout and Peak et al.*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (X. a.) *Ca. 11.*

19. A Limitation to one to take and enjoy the Profits of an Estate during his Life, and after his Decease, to the Heirs Male of his Body, would make an Estate-tail, where nothing appears that explains the Testator's Intention to the contrary, otherwise not. *Mich. 5 Geo. 1. C. B. White and Collins, Comyns's Rep. 289.*

20. J. S. devises his Freehold Estate to Trustees and their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, in Trust to convey to B. without Waste, Remainder to Trustees during his Life, to preserve contingent Remainders; Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to Daughters in Tail General, as Tenants in common, with Power to B. to make a Jointure of any Part of the Premises, not exceeding Half, and if B. die without Issue of his Body, the Testator then devised the same over in Fee. Objected, that B. by Virtue of the Words (if he die without Issue of his Body) should have an Estate-tail, and the rather, for that otherwise the Daughters of B.'s Son could never take, which would be against the Testator's Intention. Answered, that here was an express Estate for Life to B. and the Words (if he should die without Issue) being only Words of Implication, would not merge and destroy an express Estate for Life, according to the Case of *Bamfield and Popham*. But *Parker C.* exploded the Notion that Words of Implication should not turn an express Estate for Life into an Estate-tail, and said, that if I devise an Estate to A. for Life, and after his Death without Issue then to B. this will give an Estate-tail to A. according to *Sunday's Case*, 9 Co. Rep. 276. (a) But here being a Limitation upon B.'s Death to his Sons, and after to his Daughters, the Words (if B. should die without Issue) must be intended, if he should die without such Issue; and that as to what was agreed, that unless these Words were to create an Estate-tail in B. his Son's Daughters could not take, his Lordship said, that it did not appear the Testator intended that B.'s Son's Daughters should take, for the Testator might think that on B.'s dying without Issue Male, his Name and Family would be determined, for which Reason he might limit it over to the Daughters of B. himself; besides, the Son of B. would be Tenant in Tail, and when of Age might by docking the Intail give the Premises to his Daughters. *Hil. 1719. Blackburn and Edgely et econt.*, 1 Will. Rep. 600, 605, 606.

(a) See 2. for in Sunday's Case there is no express Estate for Life given to the first Devisee. *Ibid.* 605, in a Note by the Editor.
(b) Vide the Case of *Humberston and Humberston*, 2 Vern. 737. *Prec. in Chan.* 455. 1 Will. Rep. 332. 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. 207. *Ca. 8.*

21. J. S. seised in Fee of a real Estate, and possessed of a personal Estate, by Will gave one third Part of all his Estate whatsoever to his Wife A. and devised to his Son B. and his Heirs, two Thirds of all his real and personal Estate, upon Condition to pay his Debts. *Raymond*, and *Eyre* Chief Justice, and *Jekyll* Master of the Rolls, without Difficulty, held, that by the Devise of a third Part of all the Testator's Estate whatsoever, the Lands did pass, as well as the personal Estate, by Virtue of the Word (whatsoever), but they conceived that the Wife should have but an Estate for Life therein, the Word (Estate) being rather a Description of the Thing itself than of the Testator's Interest in it; and by the next Clause it appeared, and where the Testator intended to give a Fee, he took Care to add the Word (Heirs) to the

(a) But see the Case of *Ibbetson and Beckwith, P.* Word (*Estate*) (a). Hil. 1721, at the Council, *Chester and Painter*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 335.

Ca. where the Devise was of *all my Estate* to A. for Life, and to T. D. after her Death, he taking the Testator's Name; and if he refused, to M. B. and her Heirs for ever. The Master of the Rolls held, T. D. took only an Estate for Life, but 11 Dec. 1735, Ld. Talbot was of Opinion T. D. had a Fee, and varied the Decree at the Rolls.

22. J. S. was seised in Fee of the legal Estate of Lands in H. and only of the Trust or equitable Estate of Lands in S. which he had formerly purchased in the Name of his Brother T. S. and which on his said Brother's Death had descended to his Son (the Testator's Nephew) W. S. J. S. by Will charged all his Estate with the Payment of his Debts, and directed W. S. his Nephew and Trustee, to convey his Lands in S. to the Use of his Will; then he devised all his Lands in S. and H. to W. S. for Life, and afterwards to the first Son or Issue Male of his Body, lawfully to be begotten, and to the Heirs Male of the Body of such first Son, Remainder to W. S.'s second Son, and his Heirs Male in Tail, (not carrying the Limitations over to his third or other Sons) and then comes this Clause, viz. (that immediately after the Death of the Testator's Nephew W. S. without Issue Male of his Body, the Premises should go to Trustees for Charities. Afterwards W. S. suffered a Recovery and died without Issue; and whether the Recovery barred the Charities was the Question? And upon an

(b) By which Appeal from an Order (b) made Feb. 10, 7 Geo. by the Barons of the Exchequer to the House of Lords, all the Lords agreed that as to the Lands in H. wherein the Testator had a legal Estate, the Recovery was clearly good, and barred the Charities. But as to Trust Estate in S. the Order of the Court of Exchequer was reversed by a Majority, the Effect whereof was only to reverse the Plea allowed by the Exchequer, and so did only put the Respondents to answer over without determining the Right any Way against them. (c) Mich. 1721. Attorney General, at the Relation of *Folkes and Battely*, Appellants, and *Sutton and Payman*, Respondents, in *Domo Procerum*. 1 *Will. Rep.* 754, 765.

Trust or equitable Interest, and out of the Lands in H. wherein he had the legal Estate. (*) The Respondents who claimed under the Recovery, pleaded, "That W. S. the Testator's Nephew, being Tenant in Tail by the Will, had suffered a common Recovery, and had thereby barred the Charities." Ibid. 754. (c) In Consequence of this Order made by the House of Lords, the Defendants answered, and on 29 Jan. 1732, the Cause by the Name of the Attorney General v. *Young et al* (Payman being then dead) came on in the Exchequer, where the Barons decreed, that the Recovery suffered by W. S. of the Trust Estate was void, being contrary to the Trust created by J. S.'s Will; and because there had been no Conveyance of the Premises in S. to Trustees, pursuant to the Directions in the Will of J. S. Defendants to convey to the Trustees for the Charity, and awarded a perpetual Injunction to quiet them in the Possession; but in respect to the Lands in H. (in which the Testator had the legal Estate) the Court retained the Information, with Liberty to either of the Parties to ascertain their Title by Trial at Law; upon which the *Suttons* (who claimed under the Recovery) brought their Ejectment in *Scac*, and the Jury found a special Verdict, viz. J. S.'s Will and all Facts necessary to bring the Matter of Law before the Court, and in Easter Term 1737 the same was argued; in the Term following the Court gave Judgment for the Lessors of the Plaintiff, being of Opinion that W. S. the Nephew, took an Estate-tail in the Lands in H. and on 22 June 1737 the Court ordered the Tenants to attorn to the *Suttons*. 1 *Will. Rep.* 766. in a Note. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise (B. b.) by Way of Note to Ca. 22. S. C. reports it thus: Devise to B. for Life, and after his Death to the first Son of B. or Issue Male of his Body, and to the next Heirs Male of such first Son, and for Want of such Issue, to the second in like Manner; but goes not to the third or other Sons. "Provided that the said B. nor the Heirs Male of his Body, shall not commit Waste, or defeat the Annuities or charitable Bequests in this Will, and then devises Annuities to two Sisters, and after their Death the Trustees should apply the Annuities to certain Charities. Adjudged in *Scac*, that this was an Estate-tail, 25 Dec. 1720, affirmed in *Dom. proc.* cites it to a MS. Tab.——S. C. cited arg' in *Fitz-Gibb. Rep.* 13. thus: Devise to B. for Life, and after his Decease to the first Son of his Body, and the Heirs Male of such first Son, and so to the fourth, Remainder to his Sisters, provided that B. commit no Waste, and after B.'s Decease without Issue of his Body, to a Charity. Adjudged and affirmed in *Dom. proc.*, that B. had an Estate-tail.——S. C. cited arg' 1 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 257. by the Name of *Sutton and Sammon*, Hil. 7 Geo. 1. *Sutton* devised his Lands to T. Sutton for Life, Remainder to his first Son in Tail, and if T. Sutton and his Wife should die without Issue, Remainder to charitable Uses. A Bill was exhibited in *Scac* to establish the Charity, and the Defendant pleaded that T. Sutton suffered a Recovery, and declared the Uses to himself and his Heirs, which Plea was allowed: 'Tis true, that upon Appeal to the House of Lords, the Defendant was ordered to answer, but it was on foot of being a Devise to a Charity; and tho' the Testator might intend it for a Charity, yet since by Operation of Law it was an Estate-tail, that must be observed. Ibid. 258.——S. C. cited arg' *Fortesc. Rep.* 66. under the Name of *Sutton and Paman*.

23. A Devise, that if W. the eldest Son of the Testator should happen to die without Issue, that then, and not otherwise, after W.'s Death, he devised it over to his Son R. and his Heirs. Held that W. took an Estate-tail by Implication. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. C. B. Walter and Drew et al'*, (a) *Comyns's Rep.* 327.

24. A Devise to his Son for Life, et non aliter, and to his Sons, was adjudged an Estate for Life only in the Son. *Arg' Trin. 1725. in the Case of Shaw and Weigh, 1 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 261.

25. A. devised to B. and C. during their natural Lives, equally to be divided between them, and after their Decease to the next Heirs Male of their Bodies, but in Case either of them die without such Issue, then he devised the same to the other of them, and after his Decease to the Heirs Male of his Body, and for Want of such Issue of both of them, then he devised over to others, with a Proviso, that if any of the Devisees cut down Timber, unless for necessary Bootes, they should forfeit their Estates. This was held to be an Estate-tail in B. and C. notwithstanding the Estate was limited to the next Heirs Male (b). Cited by *Fortescue J.* as the Case of *Seagrave and Miller, 12 Geo. 1. Fortesc. Rep.* 84.

(a) *Vide P. Ca. 1 Vent. 231. S. C. cited per Hale Ch. J.*

(b) *Ibid.* Mr. Fortescue says this was the unanimous Resolution of

the Court of C. B. when the Lord Chancellor presided there, and was as he (*Fortescue J.*) held, to the Satisfaction of all *Westminster-hall*; and when this Cause was brought into B. R. by Writ of Error, that Court seemed to be of the same Opinion; but as to the Points of the Pleading, being in a *Formedon*, these were debated, but no Question made as to the Limitation of the Estate. *Ibid.* 85.

26. J. S. devised Lands to B. for his Life, and after his Decease to the Heirs Males of the Body of the said B. lawfully to be begotten, and his Heirs for ever, but if B. should die without such Heir Male, then he devised them over. The Judges were all unanimous of Opinion, that this was an Estate-tail (c) in B. and Judgment, on a special Verdict in Ejectment, was given accordingly, Nov. 18, 1726, in *B. R. Goodright v. Pullyn et al', 2 Lord. Raym. Rep.* 1437.

out Impeachment of Waste are added, or, with a Power to make a Jointure, and after his Decease to his Heirs Male, A. thereby takes an Estate-tail, and this is settled so firmly since the Case of *King and Melling, 2 Lev.* 59. that it is not to be disputed; for the Word Heirs is properly a Word of Limitation, and therefore if Lands, &c. by Deeds are conveyed to A. and his Issue Male, or Issue Female, he takes no Estate-tail; but in a Will, a Devise to A. for Life, and after his Decease to his Issue, without more, will carry an Estate-tail to A. so that Issue is sometimes a Word of Purchase, sometimes of Limitation, according to the different Penning of the Will. *Per Cur' Ibid.* 1440. The Court also held, that the subsequent Words as his, and if he dies without such Heir Male, are not sufficient to restrain and alter the Operation of the Words Heirs Male, and so qualify them as to make them a Description of the Person.—*Fortescue J.* thought his ingrammatical Construction would properly refer to B. but as to that the other Judges gave no Opinion; but they all held, that the Operation of plain and clear Words and a settled Rule of Law could not be defeated or broke into by uncertain or doubtful Words, which they took the last at least to be. In Effect, the Words Heirs Males must be rejected to make this an Estate for Life only in B. *Ibid.*—*MS. Rep. Mich 13 Geo. 1. S. C.* says, the Question was, whether by the Words of the Will B. had an Estate tail or for Life devised to him? and it was strongly objected for the Plaintiff, that it was an Estate for Life only; for by the Words his Heirs, were meant the Heirs of the Issue Male; and that tho' the Words Heirs Male were generally put, and in the plural Number, yet it was said one Heir Male of his Body was only intended, and that appeared from the subsequent Clause, viz. and if he should die without such Heir Male, which is in the singular Number: But *Cur' cont'*, for they said, it was very true if this was so, that one Issue Male was only intended, B. could be only Tenant for Life, and the Remainder Man a Purchaser, and they took the same Distinction as there is in *Shelly's Case, 1 Rep.* 104. between a Remainder Man limited upon an Estate for Life, to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Tenant for Life; and where 'tis only limited to the Heir Male; for in the first Place, they said the Heirs Male take by Descent, and consequently the first Person who is to take has an Estate-tail; but in the other Case, the Heir Male of the Body of the Tenant for Life takes by Purchase, and the first Person who is to take has but a bare Estate for Life. But in the present Case, the Court said, the Words were properly Words of Limitation; that if those Words had been in a Deed, as they are in a Will, it would have been beyond all Question that an Estate tail had passed to the first Taker; and they laid it down for a Rule, that Words in a Will shall give the very same Estate as such Words in a Deed would, unless the Intent of the Party can be discovered to the contrary. Accordingly they adjudged that B. took an Estate tail, Remainder to his Heirs in Fee. *1 Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 6. 13 Geo. 1. S. C. in totidem verbis with MS. Rep.*

27. An Estate was devised to two Sisters and their Heirs, and that if they (who were the Testator's Daughters) should die without Heirs, then

then the Testator gave his Estate to his Brother Thomas. Upon a special Verdict the Question was, whether this was an Estate *in Fee* or *in Tail* to the Daughters? For if it was *in Fee*, it was a joint Estate, but if *in Tail*, the Issue must take by *Moieties*. *Co. Lit.* 182. And all the Court seemed to be of Opinion, that it was an Estate-tail in the two Daughters, and took this Difference, that where in such a Devise the Remainder over is limited to a Relation of the Devisee's, it shall be construed an Estate-tail in the first Devisee; but if the Remainder over be limited to a Stranger, it shall be construed an Estate in Fee, and the Over-remainder void. *Cro. Jac.* 415. 1 *Roll. Abr.* 126. 3 *Lev.* 70, 102. *Salk.* 233, 235. but adjourned. *Mich.* 13 *Geo.* 1. in *C. B. anon. MS. Rep.*

2 *Lord Raym. Rep.* 1561. S.C. says, it was insisted for the Defendants, that an express Estate-tail being given to B. by the said Words (of the Devise) and no express Estate for Life, the *viz.* that comes after, and the subsequent Words in the other Devises, cannot turn that only into an Estate for Life in B. with Intails to his Sons successively, for what follows the *viz.* and the other Devises to the Sons is contrary to the express Devise to B. *Sed non allocatur*, for *per Cur'*, the whole Will must be taken together, and one Part explained by the other, and the

28. J. S. devised Part of the Lands in Question to his Wife for Life, and after her Decease to his Son B. and his Heirs lawfully to be begotten, *that is to say*, to his first, &c. Son and Sons successively, lawfully to be begotten of the Body of the said B. and the Heirs of the Body of such first, &c. Son and Sons successively, lawfully issuing, as they shall be in Seniority of Age and Priority of Birth, the eldest always and the Heirs of his Body to be preferred before the youngest and the Heirs of his Body, and in Default of such Issue, then to his right Heirs for ever. He then devised other Part of the Lands to his Wife for Life, and after her Decease to said B. and to the Heirs of his Body, *viz.* to his first, &c. Son and Sons in Manner aforesaid, and for Want of such Heirs, then to the Use of his right Heirs for ever. And in the same Manner of Expression he devised five other Parcels of his Lands, by distinct Clauses in his Will. The Devisor died, and left his Widow and three Sons. T. his eldest, R. his second Son, and said B. his youngest Son. T. R. and said B. all died without Issue Male, and only R. the second Son, left M. the Wife of Fowler, (his only Daughter and Heir, and also right Heir of the Devisor) who were Lessors of the Plaintiff. The Defendant claimed under B. who, after a Surrender by his Mother of her Estate for Life to him, suffered a Recovery to the Use of him and his Heirs, and of the several Parcels of Lands, and conveyed to Waring, under whom the Defendants claimed. The single Question was, whether B. by this Will was Tenant in Tail, or only Tenant for Life? If he was Tenant in Tail by that Suffering the Recovery, that would be barred, and also the Remainder to the right Heirs of his Father, under which the Lessor of the Plaintiff claimed. But if he was but Tenant for Life, the Recovery would not affect the Reversion descended to the Plaintiff. *Per tot' Cur'*, B. took only an Estate for Life, and Judgment was given for the Plaintiff, 18 Nov. 1729. *Lowe and Davies et al' in B. R. MS. Rep.*

Intent was most manifest that the Devisor in all the Devises of the Lands in Question designed to give B. only an Estate for Life, and not an Intail, and the *viz.* and the other Clauses were not contrary but explanatory of what Heirs of the Body of B. the Devisor meant, and Judgment was given for the Plaintiff Nov. 18, 1729, by the unanimous Opinion of all the Judges. *Ibid.* 1562.—3 *Barnard. Rep. in B. R.* 38. *Law and Davis*, and others, S. C. says, it was (*int' al'*) insisted that the Words under the *viz.* should reduce the general Description of the Word Heirs to signify Male Heirs, and to give B. an Estate in Tail Male. But the three Judges, Page absent, were clearly of Opinion, that the Words under the *viz.* ascertained the general Description of the former, and explained the Meaning of the Testator to be, that B. should have a bare Estate for Life, the Remainder to his Sons in Tail: They thought the Case cited for the Defendants out of 2 *Ven.* (*Legate and Shevell*, Vol. 1. *Eq. Abr.* 394. *Ca.* 7.) distinguishable from this, for there the Words are by way of Limitation; here the Words explain one another. Judge Reynolds said too, that the Case in *Cro. Eq.* 248. did not come up to this; for there the Devisor intended that the Son of S. should take an Estate to himself and the Heirs of his Body, the Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Father, which would be a different Estate from his taking the whole as general Heir of the Body of his Father. Accord' the Court gave Judgment for the Plaintiff. *Ibid.* 239. Cites *Salk.* 236.—*Fitz-Gibb. Rep.* 112. adjudged an Estate for Life only in B.

29. I devise my Lands to A. for Life, and after his Decease, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of A. and to the Heirs Males of such Issue Male. The Chief Justice was of Opinion, that these Words conveyed an Estate-tail to A. and said, that the settled Distinction was, where the Word *Heir* is in the singular Number, and a Limitation made to the Issue of such Heir, the Word *Heir* is considered as a Word of Purchase, and a *Descriptio Personæ*; but wherever the Word (*Heirs*) is in the plural Number, and a Limitation made to the Issue of such Heirs, the Word *Heirs* is considered as a Word of Descent, and not of Purchase. *Trin. 3 Geo 2. 1730. Burnet and Coby, 1 Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 367.*

30. Where the Words of a Devise of a Leasehold would make and express Estate-tail in the Case of a Freehold, there a Devise over of such Leasehold is void; *secus*, if the Words in the former Devise would, in the Case of a Freehold, make an Estate-tail only by Implication. *East. 1734. Atkinson and Hutchinson, 3 Will. Rep. 259.*

31. J. S. devised the Manor of A. to his first Son (William) for Life, Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder to his second Son (Thomas) for Life, and after his Decease to the first Heir Male of his Body, Remainder to his third Son (Christopher), and the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder in like Manner in Tail Male to the fourth, fifth, &c. Sons. The Court held, that the Words *Heir Male* were to be understood collectively, and that Thomas the second Son took an Estate-tail, it appearing that such was the Testator's Intention by the other Devises; and this was distinguished from *Archer's Case*, (1 Rep. 66. 2 *Anderson* 37.) no Limitation being superadded to the Words *first Heir Male*; and the Word *first* shall be understood first in Order of Succession from Time to Time. *East. 8 Geo. 2. C. B. Dubber on the Demise of Trollop v. Trollop. Judgment affirmed in B. R. Robinson of Gravelkind 96.*

Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (U. a.) Ca. 13. S. C. says, a Writ of Error was brought in B. R. but upon the first Argument the Court seemed clear, and afterwards the Judgment was affirmed.

32. In *Formedon*; Defendant pleads *ne done pas*; on Trial a Will was produced, dated 28 July 1683, made by J. S. Grandfather of the Demandant, whereby he devises the Premises to his Son P. (the Father of the Demandant) and his Heirs, on Condition that he pay 30 l. to his Brother W. &c. Then devises Copyhold Lands to his other Sons in like Manner, and then goes on and says, *And in Case any of my Children die without Issue, then I give the Estate of him or them so dying, to the right Heirs of them or him so dying, for ever.* No Subscription of signing, sealing and publishing, &c. was to the Will, but only the Witnesses Names subscribed. Verdict for the Plaintiff. Two Points were stated for the Determination of the Court: First, whether there is sufficient Proof of the Will? But it was answered, this is a Fact left to the Jury. Secondly, whether P. (the Demandant's Father) had an Estate-tail? And the Chief Justice seemed of Opinion for the Demandant; for the Words, (*if he die without Issue*) are explanatory of the Word (*Heirs*) in the first Part of the Will; and shews, in the first Words the Testator meant to give to his Son P. and his Heirs, (*that is, such Heirs as were the Issue of his Body*) and after (*to his right Heirs generally*). If Lands be given by Deed to a Man and his Heirs, being understood to him and the Heirs of his Body, that makes an Estate-tail. But it was said, that the Tenant in this Case was a Purchaser, and therefore a further Argument desired, which was granted. *East. 9 Geo. 2. and in East. 10 Geo. 2. Judgment was given for the Demandant. Per tot' Cur'. Brice and Smith in C. B. Comyns's Rep. 539.*

33. Devise to *Serjeant Miller and his Wife, for their Lives, Remainder to his next Heir Male of their two Bodies*. Held, that this was a Devise in Tail, unless there are Words of Limitation superadded, so as to bring it within the Reason of *Archer's Case*; 1 Rep. 66. But the Words *first, next or eldest*, or any like Words superadded, make no Difference. Mich. 10 Geo. 2. *B. R. Miller and Seagrave, Robinson of Gavelkind*.

34. Testator devised Lands to *A. for Life, Remainder to Trustees, to preserve contingent Remainders during the Life of A. Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of A.* And *Verney*, Master of the Rolls, doubting whether this was an Estate for Life in *A.* or in Tail, sent it as a Case to the Court of *B. R.* and notwithstanding the Testator's plain Intention to pass only an Estate for Life, yet that Court held, *that where the Ancestor takes an Estate for Life, and in the same Instrument a Limitation is made to his Heirs, or the Heirs of his Body, the Heir cannot be a Purchaser, therefore this was a plain Estate-tail.* *Coulson and Coulson, Hil. 13 Geo. 2.* and so the Judges certified their Opinions on the first Argument. MS. Rep.

(E) What general Words will pass Lands, Houses, &c. (a) — And what Chattels personal and real.

(a) It is a most known and established Rule of Law, that an Heir

is never to be disinherited but by express Words or necessary Implication. *Per Cowper C. Esq. 1717, in the Case of Piggot and Penrice, Prec. in Chan. 471, 473. Vide Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 594, 595, 596, 597.*

2 Freem. Rep. 40. Ca. 44. S. C. accord.

1. **T**estator having 1000*l.* due upon a Mortgage, devised the Profits of it to Defendant for her Livelibood and Maintenance, and after her Death, without Issue, to Plaintiff; and made Defendant Executrix, and died. Plaintiff preferred his Bill to compel the Defendant to give him Security, that the Money should be preserved to him in Case she should die without Issue. The Question was, whether this Devise of the Money to the Plaintiff after the Defendant's Death, without Issue, was good or not? And Mr. Attorney General argued that it was not; for if this should be permitted, *here would be an Intail of a personal Estate that could by no Means be barrable*; for this is as much as if he had devised it to the Defendant and her Issue, and so it is in the Case of Lands; but in this Case the Issue could not have it, because it cannot descend but to the Defendant's Executor. Note; the major Opinion at the Bar seemed to be, that the Limitation over to the Plaintiff was void, but Lord Chancellor gave no Opinion, for he said, altho' this Court doth sometimes compel Executors to give Security for Legacies, yet that must be when they are clear and without Disputes, and not when the Right is disputable, as in this Case, or at least depends upon a Contingency. Plaintiff's Bill dismissed. And by Mr. Attorney a Mortgage cannot be intailed, *being for a Security of a personal Duty, and to go to the Executors.* Mich. 1678. *Dingly and Dingly, MS. Rep.*

Quod Nota.

2 Freem. Rep. 64. Ca. 73. S. C. accord.

2. *J. S.* devised his Household Goods and Stuff to his Wife, and died, having made his Daughter Executrix. The Question was, whether or no by this Devise the Wife should have the Plate that was commonly used about the House, *viz.* a Silver Tankard, twelve Silver Spoons; and also whether she should have a Bracelet she used to wear, and some Pieces of old Gold, *viz.* two Pieces that were given her to join in a Fine with her Husband, and some other Pieces that were given

her before Marriage by her Friends, which she had kept all the Time of her Marriage? Resolved, that the Tankard and Spoons will pass by the Devise of Household Goods, and as for the Bracelet and Pieces of Gold which her Husband gave her, and permitted her to use and dispose of in his Life-time, it cannot be intended that he designed to take them away at his Death, without express Words; and since she might have disposed of them, which she has not, but has been a good Housewife, and saved them, they shall not now be taken from her, *there being no Want of Assets for Payment of Debts.* Hil. 1680. *Flay and Flay, MS. Rep.*

3. J. S. seized of an House in Fee, rented a Barn and Stable of P. which was in the Occupation of P. together with another House, and this he was Tenant to for eleven Years; and then he bought the Barn and Stable, and occupied it with his ancient House, and then he purchased P.'s House. After this he makes his Will, and *devises to his Wife the Messuage wherein he then dwelt, and the Yards, Gardens, and Outhouses,* with all the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, *for Life, and after to his Son.* And then he further gives to his Wife *all that Messuage or Tenement, which he purchased of P. with the Gardens and other Appurtenances* as they are situate in B. in the Occupation of A. B. C. &c. *for her Life, and after to his Daughter;* and the Question upon a special Verdict was, which of them should have the Barn and Stable? Holt argued, that the Barn and Stable passed as Part of the House in Possession, because it is now become Part of the House; for if one hath an House, and purchase Lands to it, and makes a Garden, and lays it to his House, tho' it were not originally belonging to his House, it is now become Part of the Messuage, being occupied together with it, by one that had a permanent Estate in the Land. 2 Cro. 121, 122. And the using it and enjoying it together is a sufficient Reputation to make it pass for Part of the House; and all People will take it as Part; and cited 6 Rep. 65. 1 Cro. 308. Sid. 190. His Intent was, that the Barn and Stable should pass with the House to his Son, for in this Part of the Will he saith, *and all my Outhouses,* so that tho' Messuage in Strictness of Law will carry Yards, Backsides, Orchards, Barns, Stables, &c. yet he added Outhouses to make his Intention plain; and when he devises the other House, he omits to say Outhouses, but says, in the Tenure or Occupation of A. B. &c. and the Barn and Stable were not then in the Tenure of A. B. &c. Wherefore he prayed Judgment for the Plaintiff; and the Court clearly adjudged for the Plaintiff. Trin. 36 Car. 2. C. B. Anon. Skin. Rep. 187.

4. J. S. devised his Manor, &c. to his Wife for Life, and also his Goods and Furniture; and by the same Will desired that his Goods and Furniture might be preserved for his Heir, so that the Children which she had by the Plaintiff's Father might enjoy the same. An Inventory (a) was ordered by the Lords Commissioners to be taken and delivered to the Master, and the Wife to have the Use during her Life, after which they were to be delivered and remain to the Plaintiff's Use and Benefit. 28 May, 2 W. & M. Shirley and Ferrers, 1 Will. Rep. 6. in a Note by the Editor.

pressing that she is intitled to these Things for Life, and that afterwards they belong to the Person in Remainder. Mich. 1734. Slanning and Style, et econt', 3 Will. Rep. 336.

5. A Devise of Goods to A. for Life, Remainder after his Decease to B. is now clearly settled to be a good Devise to B. and that B. may exhibit a Bill against A. to compel him to give Security that the Goods

(a) Where the Use of Goods is given to one for Life, the Cesty que Use for Life must sign an Inventory, ex-

Goods shall be forth-coming at his Decease; and it is all one, whether *the Goods*, or *the Use of them*, be devised for Life. *Mich.* 1695. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 206. *Ca.* 280.

MS. Rep.
S. C. accord'.

6. *A.* possessed of a long Term for Years, devises it to *B.* for Life, and after his Decease to *C.* for Life; and says nothing what shall become of the Remainder of the Term after the Decease of *B.* and *C.* And the Question was, whether *C.*'s Executors or the Executors of *A.* should have it as a reversionary Term? Held *per Cur'*, that it should revert to *A.*'s Executors, because it being expressly limited to *C.* for Life, it doth not appear to be the Testator's Intent that his Executors should have it; and the Court said, that since it was now held that a *Devise of the Remainder of a Term after an Estate for Life is good*, there could be no Reason given why, if the Remainder were not devised, it should not remain in the Executors of the Devisor. But it was admitted, that if after the Death of *B.* it had been limited to *C.* and his Assigns, or to *C.* generally, *without saying for his Life*; or if it had been said, *if C. die without Issue, then to a third Person*; in all these Cases *C.*'s Executors should have had it. But when the Testator gives it *for his Life expressly*, and is silent as to the *Residuum*, then it shall remain with the Executors of the Devisor. *Mich.* 1697. *C. B. Anon.* 1 *Freem. Rep.* 272. *Ca.* 299.

7. *I make my Wife my Executrix, and give her the Overplus of my Estate.* This will only give her personal Estate or Chattels. *Per Blincow, J. Mich.* 13 *W.* 3. in *Casu Shaw and Bull, Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3. 593.

Salk. 234,
236.—6 *Mod.*
106.

8. One seised in Fee of five Messuages, by Will devised two of them to his Wife for Life, Remainder to his two Daughters in Fee; and devised the third to the Wife and her Heirs; the fourth he devised to the Wife and her Heirs, she paying his Legacies. In Case his Goods and Chattels did not answer them all, and if she did not make Provision for the Payment of his Legacies in her Life-time, that it should be lawful for the Legatee, after her Death, to sell the said Messuage, to satisfy the Legacies out of the Value thereof. And then follows this Clause, on which the Doubt arises: *And all the Overplus of my Estate to be at my Wife's Disposal*; and make her my Executrix. And *per Trevor, C. J. Powell and Blincow, J.* the fifth Messuage does not pass, and Judgment accord', *cont' Nevill, J. Mich.* 13 *W.* 3. *Shaw and Bull* (a), *Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3. 592, 593.—But as the Judges gave their Opinions *seriatim*, I have inserted the same in the Margin, as well from a *MS. Rep.* of this Case, as from *Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3.

(a) *MS. Rep.*
S. C. adjudged
accord', and
per Blincow, J.
it appears
the Devisor
had five Mes-
suages, and

devised four of them, and says nothing expressly, or at least particularly, of the fifth. If he at first had devised to his Wife *all his Estate*, this House would have passed to her; but compare this Clause to the subsequent Words, *and make her my Executrix*, it shews his Intent was to grant her such Estate as she was capable of as Executrix, and that is only personal Estate; so the Sense would be, *and I give my Wife all the Overplus of my personal Estate, and make her my Executrix.* If he had said, *I make my Wife my Executrix, and give her the Overplus of my Estate*, that would only give her personal Estate or Chattel; and will it not be the same Thing to invert the Sentence? Again, to consider this Clause as it stands with the precedent Words, there is a *Devise of the fourth Messuage to her and her Heirs, paying his Legacies, &c.* and *if she does not provide for Payment of them, that it shall be lawful for the Legatee to sell it, and all the Overplus, &c.* which may very well be satisfied, by making a Devise of the Overplus of the Price of the House, when sold by herself or Legatee; for if she in her own Life-time had sold the House, it would become a Chattel of an Inheritance; that is, the Overplus, after paying the Legacies, was what he intended her by these Words: For the House being devised to her and her Heirs, and ordered to be sold for Payment of Legacies, the Overplus would, perhaps, in Equity, be adjudged to her as Executrix; but by these Words, and this Construction, she would be a residuary Legatee; so that if you couple it with the subsequent Words, she has only the Overplus of this Chattel Estate; if with the precedent, it will be the Overplus of the Purchase Money of the fourth House when sold, and so by no Means does extend to the fifth House. *MS. Rep.—Ca. Temp. W.* 3. 593. *accord'.* —*Powell, J.* Uncertain Words in a Will must never be carried so far, as by them to disinherit the Heir at Law; and tho' there be Words which of themselves would disinherit him, yet if they come in Company with other Words which do render their natural Import less forcible, they ought to be construed favourably for the Heir. And in the Case of *Bowman and Milbank*, (*Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq.* 207. *Ca.* 1.) the Words

Words were, *I give all to my Mother*, which might include whatever he had to give, either *Chattel* or *Inheritance*; yet because it may be all *personal* or all *real*, or *Inheritance*, it was taken to be too loose and general to disinherit an Heir at Law, and therefore no Land did pass. *Nov 48. A.* seized of *Blackacre* and *Whiteacre*, devised both to his Wife for Life, Remainder of *Blackacre* to *J. S.* in Fee, and leaves the Fee of *Whiteacre* undisposed of; and then said, *and I make my Wife my Executrix of my Goods and Lands.* The Inheritance did not pass, tho' the Words, according to the *Civil Law*, would include it.—An Inheritance will pass in a Will by the Words, *all my Estate*; yet they are very general, and do take in a *personal Estate*, or a *real Estate*, or both together; and therefore when the Words, *all my Estate*, are in a Will, they are also let to be governed by some other Words in the Will. And therefore in *Casu Johnson and Kerman*, a Devise of *all his Estate*, paying *Debts and Legacies*, and Testator was found to owe Debts beyond his Assets; the Inheritance was adjudged to pass. A Man, among all other Things, devises his *personal Estate*; his Inheritance does not pass. *1 Mod. 100. Keb. 140, 145.* One devised all his *Tenant Right in Dale*; if he had no other *Freehold in Dale*, it shall pass; *fecus not.* *3 Mod. 45, Reeves and Winnington.* “I hear *J. S.* is inquiring after my Death, but I am resolved “to leave him nothing but what his Father left him; but I leave all my Estate to my Wife.” There the Wife took all the *real Estate*; and the Reason was because of the other Words, which shew he meant to exclude the Heir at Law. *Mich. 32 Car. 2. Rol. 473.* A. had *Freehold* and *Copyhold Lands*, and in his Will says, *I give all my Estate of what Kind soever, not before mentioned by me, to my Wife, whom I make my Executrix.* And it was held the *Copyhold Lands* did pass, not by Force of the Words alone, but because it appeared that he had made a Surrender of the *Copyhold Estate* before to the Use of his Will. But in the principal Case, here is nothing to help the Words; for, first, here is a Devise of his other Houses by particular Words; two of them the Testator gave to his Wife for her Life, with Remainder over; the third to her and her Heirs, the fourth for her and her Heirs, conditionally, and all by express Words. And it is hard to say, that if he designed her the fifth House, that he would attempt to pass it by these general Words, more than he did the former Houses, especially to make such Construction to disinherit an Heir at Law. *MS. Rep. in S. C.—Casis in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 594, 595. in S. C. accord.*—*Newell, J. cont.* He agreed the Words of a Will to disinherit an Heir at Law, must be very plain and apparent in the Will; but since Men may devise their Land, as well as pass it by Deed executed, we ought to follow their Intent, and make it their Will, and not ours. It is true, an Heir at Law shall not be lightly disinherited; and the Testator's Intent is to be gathered from the Words on the Face of the Will; but sure the Words in Question are very comprehensive, *all the Overplus*, which relates to some Thing before of which it is an Overplus; and the Things gone before are a *real Estate of Inheritance*: And if he had said, all the Overplus of my *real Estate*, the fifth House would pass by it; and there being *Verba relata*, are the same.—*Trevor, C. J.* agreed with his two Brothers that spoke first. The Cases of this Kind in Books are each upon it's own particular Reason, and affect not this Case; and he confessed that in Construction of Wills generally, the Words, *my Estate*, *the Residue of my Estate*, or *the Overplus of my Estate*, may well pass an Inheritance, where the Intent is apparent to pass it; but such Intent to carry an Inheritance by such Words, must be very apparent and necessary, to be drawn from the Words of the Will, and the Circumstances of the Case; for if the Words be indifferent to *real* and *personal Estate*, or may be applied to *personal* alone, there the Heir at Law is not to be disinherited by the Implication of such Words, or by any Implication at all, but which is a necessary one. *Style 203.* Devise of Lands, paying all his Debts and Legacies, the Inheritance passes, because by the apparent Intent of the Testator his *personal Estate* was not sufficient to pay his Debts, &c. and so for the Necessity of performing his Intent in Payment of them, it was held the Inheritance did pass. *3 Keb. 45.* upon the same Reason. Then upon Consideration of the Parts of this Will, there is no necessary Intent to be gathered from the several Parts of it to pass this fifth House; first, it is plain the Testator was very particular in expressing what he would pass in his Will, and leaves little Room for Construction; he very particularly and expressly devises and limits the four Houses, and what Estates Devisees shall have in them; and that of a sudden he should alter his Method of devising, and go about to give his Wife an Estate by general and doubtful Descriptions, seems odd; and we will intend, he remained consistent and agreeable to himself during the whole Will, and knew that what he did not give to the Wife would go to the Heir, and therefore had no Occasion of saying any Thing about the fifth House, or of him. And as to the Objection, that if these Words do not carry the fifth House, they are of no Use; he owned that if that were true, it were a weighty Objection; but they are to be otherwise well satisfied; for the fourth House is devised to her in Nature of a Trust, liable to the Payment of Legacies, and upon Default in her, Power is given to Legatees to sell; so if these Words had not been put in, what should become of the Overplus? It would be doubtful how it would be in Chancery; and there are Cases on both Sides; it was a Question whether when Lands are given in Trust, and the Money is raised by Sale of them, and there is an Overplus, whether that shall be a *resulting Use for the Heir at Law*, or for the Trustee.—*Vide Brown and North*, in Lord Bridgman's Time, it was a Question again; and it was held, the Trustee should have it.—So in the principal Case, here being a Trust in the Wife of the fourth House for Payment of Legacies, it was not necessary to explain that his Wife should have the Surplus or Overplus, which rightly signifies a *Residue of something before not disposed of*. And this Residue, after Sale and Payment of Legacies, is an Overplus of his Estate; and where Words in a Will may be satisfied without carrying an Estate from the Heir at Law, they shall never be construed to disinherit him; for the Heir is not to be disinherited at all by any Implication, but such as are necessary, and without which the Words would be rejected as void, and of no Sense or Signification. And she herself (*i. e.* the Wife) might sell in her Life-time, and then she was to have the Residue; or if the Legatee sold after her Death, her Executor should have it in the Right of her, and not as a Trustee, to be accountable to any. *MS. in S. C.—Casis in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 595, 596, 597, accord.*

9. By a Devise of *all Rings and Household Goods*, Plate used in the House does not pass. Lord Keep. Wright's Opinion, *Mich. 1702. in Casu Jesson and Effington, Prec. in Chan. 207. Sed vide the Mar-*
gin, and Ca. P.

It was formerly held, that by the Devise of all the Testator's Furniture or

Household Goods, Plate in common Use would not pass, in regard this was but *Curta Supellex*; but, as the Nation grew richer, and Plate became a more common Furniture, it has been construed to be included within those Words, by the Master of the Rolls, in the Case of *Budgen and Ellison & ux.*, *East. 1731. 1 Will. Rep. 425.* in a Note by the Editor.—Plate in common Use passes by the Devise of *Household Goods*, notwithstanding

standing any parol Proof that it was not intended to pass : At the Rolls, *Nichols and Osborn*, Trin. 1727, 2 Will. Rep. 419, 421. Vide P. Ca.

10. A personal Estate was devised to *A.* and in Case she died without Issue, then to *B.* Resolved, that the Devise over to *B.* is void, and the Whole decreed to *A.* East. 1705. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 287.

11. The Husband devised to his Wife all his Household Goods, and what she should think fit to accept of. The Wife brings her Bill against the Executor, and insisted that by this Devise all the Plate passed to her. Lord Chan. decreed, that the Plate in ordinary only did pass to her. These Words, and what she thought fit to accept of, must be rejected. *Swinborn and Godolphin* are contradicted by no Authorities, and therefore his Lordship relied upon them. East. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.

12. A Wife (having Authority to make a Will) devised to her Husband her gold Watch, and all the Goods which she brought into his House. And decreed, that such Goods only passed as were then brought in, and not any brought in after ; but that Books, Jewels, Pictures and Money, did not pass. Hil. Vac. 1711, *Dormer and Bishop of Sarum*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. b.) Ca. 26.

2 Vern. 638.
Hil. 1708.
Lillcot and
Compton.
Plate shall
pass by a De-
vise of House-
hold Goods.

13. Held by his Honour, That a Devise of all one's Household Goods will pass all Household Goods that the Testator has at the Time of his Death ; contr', of a Devise of all one's Lands, for that will pass only the Lands which the Testator then had ; but Household Goods are always changing and perishing, and therefore the Will as to the personal Estate shall relate to the Time of the Testator's Death, otherwise it would be very inconvenient, for then a Man must make a new Will every Day ; and as to Plate, if commonly made Use of by the Family, the same shall pass as Household Goods. (a) East. 1711. *Masters and Sir H. Masters*, 1 Will. Rep. 421.

(a) Vide the
Note to Ca. 9.
P. 321.

Prec. in Chan.
323. Hil.
1711. *Gibbs*
and *Barnardiston*, S. C.
in totidem ver-
bis. *Gibb. Eq.*
Rep. 79. S. C.

14. In this Case it was held clearly, and decreed, that a Devise of a personal Estate to one and his Issue, or to one, and if he die without Issue, Remainder over to another, that the Devise over is void, and the whole Interest vested in the first Devisee, so as to be liable to his Debts ; and Mr. *Vernon* said, the Reason that a Devise over of such personal Estate upon a Life barely was good, was, because in Construction of this Court the first Devisee had but the Use of it, and not the intire Property. Hil. 1711. MS. Rep.

MS. Rep. S. C.
accord.

15. *J. S.* seised in Fee devises Houses to his Daughter (who was his Heir at Law) when she should attain the Age of twenty-one Years ; and in another Clause he devises all the Rest and Residue of his Lands to his Wife, for Payment of his Debts and Legacies. The Daughter dies before twenty-one. Held that the Rents and Profits of the Houses should go to the Wife till the Daughter should have attained the Age of twenty-one Years. Trin. 10 Ann. C. B. *Crockford and Winsell*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (H. a.) Ca. 7.

16. *A.* seised of Lands in Fee, by Will gave several Legacies, and then bequeathed in these Words, viz. " I give the rest of my Estate, " Chattels real and personal, to *J. S.*" Resolved per *Harcourt*, C. that nothing but his Chattels passed by the Word Estate. Hil. 11 Ann. Anon. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (O. b.) Ca. 7.

17. One devised all his Goods ; and whether a Debt by Bond passed to the Devisee, was the Question ? And *Cowper C.* decreed that it did ; that these Words seemed at Common Law to pass a Bond, and to extend to all the personal Estate ; but this being in the Case of a Will,

and a Will relating to a personal Estate too, his Lordship said, it ought to be construed according to the Rules of the Civil Law; and that the Civil Law makes *Bona Mobilia*, and *Bona Immobilia* the *Membra Dividentia* of all Estates. The *Bona Immobilia* are Land, *Bona Mobilia* are all Moveables, which must extend to Bonds, and therefore by a Devise of all the Testator's Goods, a Bond must pass. *Mich.* 1714. *Anon.* 1 *Will. Rep.* 267.

18. Devise was of the *better Part*, or *more Part* of his Goods. Decreed that he gave no more than Half, and nothing is intended but the first Choice; and the *better Half* and *more Part* are synonymous Terms. *Hil.* 1714. *Werrington and Cotterel, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. b.) Ca. 29.*

19. *J. S.* being on Ship-board, and intitled to Part of a considerable Leasehold Estate by the Death of his Father, which he did not know he had any Right to, makes his Will at Sea, and gave to *A.* his Mother (if living) his Gold Rings, Buttons, and Chest of Cloaths, and devises to *B.* his red Box, Arrack, and all Things not before bequeathed, and made *B.* sole Executor. This shall not pass the Leasehold Interest, or what the Testator did not know he was intitled to, but shall be restrained to such Things as were on Board the Ship, or Things *ejusdem generis* with those above-mentioned. And his Honour decreed, that *B.* the Executor should be but a Trustee as to the Surplus for the Testator's Brothers and Sisters; but with respect to the Rings, &c. they were lapsed Legacies, by reason of the Mother's dying in the Testator's Life-time, and should therefore fall to the Executor. *Hil.* 1715. *Cook and Oakley, 1 Will. Rep.* 302.

20. *J. S.* devised all his *Freehold* Houses in *B.* to the Plaintiff and his Heirs, and in Fact *J. S.* had no *Freehold* Houses there, but had *Leasehold* Houses there. Held *per Tracy, J.* (in the Absence of Lord Chancellor) that tho' in a *Grant* of all one's *Freehold* Houses, *Leasehold* Houses could not pass; and that in the Case of a *Will*, had there been any *Freehold* Houses to satisfy the Will, the *Leasehold* Houses should not have passed; yet the plain Intent of the Testator in this Case being to pass some Houses, and he having no *Freehold* Houses in *B.* the Word *Freehold* should rather be rejected than the Will be wholly void. And decreed that the *Leasehold* should pass. And he said, that the Suit was proper in Equity, since the *Leasehold* Houses being *Chattel*, could not pass by the Will without the Assent of the Executor, which Assent he was compellable to give in Equity. *Mich.* 1715. *Day and Trig, MS. Rep.*

21. *J. S.* devises all his personal Estate, and the Produce thereof, to *A.* and if *A.* die within Age, and without Issue, then he gives the personal Estate to *B.* His Honour held that the Interest Money of what shall be made of the personal Estate does in all Events belong to *A.* and should be put out from Time to Time for his Benefit, and if he die within Age, and unmarried without Issue, *B.* shall only have the Principal Money. *Mich.* 1718. *Tissen and Tissen, 1 Will. Rep.* 500. *Parker, C.* upon an Appeal, (a) affirmed the Decree.

(a) *Jovis*
11 Decem.

22. *A.* devises to *H.* his Wife, all his Debts, Goods, &c. provided that if *H.* died without Issue by him, he appointed that 80 *l.* should remain to his Brother *J. D.* *A.* dies; then *J. D.* dies in the Life-time of *H.* and then *H.* dies without Issue by *A.* First Question, whether this was a good Devise to *J. D.*? Secondly, whether, he dying before the Contingency happened, it was so vested in him that his Executor should have it, or only intended as a personal Benefit to *J. D.*? *Cowper, C.* said, there is a Difference between this Devise here,

Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (F. c.) Ca. 24. S. C. in totidem verbis.

here, which is upon a Condition precedent, and where it is upon a Contingency over, *as to one for Life, and if he die without Issue, or Heirs of his Body, then over to another.* Here the Wife has nothing in this Money, but this is an Appointment of so much Money when the Contingency happened. In the former Case, the Estate-tail absorbs the whole Interest. The Word *remain* is observable, if such an Accident happened, then so much was to remain to him. If this had been a Devise over, there had been no Question. May not this be construed, if *H.* died without Issue living by him, this Legacy was to arise upon a Condition precedent, which makes the Legacy the worse? But all the Cases put are of a Devise over, and the Fund here is devised to the Wife. As to the Point, if the Devise be good, it must go to the Executor of the Devisee; but his Lordship said he would consider of it. *Hil. 4 Geo. Anon. MS. Rep.*

23. *A.* devised his Library of Books *now* in the Custody of *B.* to All-Souls College in Oxford, and in the same Will he devised 4000 *l.* more to augment their Library; and afterwards buys more Books, which he places in the same Library. Decreed by his Honour, that the after-bought Books should pass, the Court being of Opinion that the Word *now* did not relate to the Books which were in the Library at the Time of making the Will, but, on Construction of the whole Sentence, denoted where the said Library was, and might be intended to distinguish it from any other Library of the Testator's. *Hil. 1719. All-Souls College and Coddington, 1 Will. Rep. 597.*

(a) *Vide*
Savinb. 448.
contra.

Vide Masters
and Masters,
and Wind and
Jekyll and
Albone.

24. I devise all the Corn *now* in my Barn. If that Corn be afterwards spent, and new Corn put in, such new Corn will *not* (a) pass. But if I devise all my Flock of Sheep *now on such a Hill, or in such a Pasture*, in that Case, because Sheep are in their Nature fluctuating, some must die, some be killed, and some Lambs be produced, which will afterwards breed, and it being the Case of a *collective* Body, the Sheep produced afterwards shall pass; and this is within the Reason of a Devise of a personal Estate, which being always fluctuating, shall therefore relate to the Time of the Testator's Death. Besides, a Will, as to *personal* Things, does not speak till after the Testator's Death. *Per* his Honour, in the Case of All-Souls College and Coddington, *et econt.* *Ibid. 598.*

25. A Devise of all the Leases which I *now* have, or of all the Horses *now* in my Stable, and afterwards I purchase more of each, the *new* Leases or Horses will not pass, because these are *particular* Chattels, and not Part of a *collective* Body, as a Flock of Sheep or Library of Books; indeed a Flock of Sheep differs somewhat from a Library of Books; for the former must of Necessity fluctuate as above, but there is no Necessity that Books should be changed. *Per* his Honour in same Case. *Ibid.*

26. By a Devise of an House *cum pertinentiis*, only the Garden and Orchard will pass with the House; but by a *Devise of an House with the Land appertaining thereto*, the Land usually occupied therewith will pass. *Per Parker, C. Hil. 1719, in the Case of Blackburn and Edgley, 1 Will. Rep. 603.—So,*

27. Where *J. S.* being seised in Fee of a small Parcel of Land, by him always employed for producing Corn and Hay, (which was constantly spent in his House) and the Land was ploughed with his Coach Horses, devised that *A.* should continue to live in his House, and to be at the Charge of keeping the House in the same Manner as himself did, and the same Number of Servants and Coach Horses were to be employed, (b) that the Land before enjoyed with the House, should continue to be so. *Per Parker, C. Ibid. 603. in S. C.*

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for which Purpose he allowed *A.* 1200 *l.* a Year. *Parker, C.* decreed, that the Land which was so before constantly enjoyed with the House, and the Profits whereof were applied to the Maintenance of the House, should continue to be so enjoyed. *Hil. 1719. Blackburn and Edgley, 1 Will. Rep. 600, 603.*

28. One devises that such Part of his *personal* Estate as his Wife should leave of her Substance, should return to his Sister and the Heirs of her Body. Devise over good. *Trin. 1720. Upwell and Halscy, 1 Will. Rep. 651.*

29. *A.* has an House at *London* in which he lives, and has Household Goods, and also an House at *Gosport*, which was used by the Government as an Hospital for Invalid Seamen, and *A.* provided there a great Number of Beds and Sheets, and other Furniture; and by Marriage Articles it was agreed that *A.*'s Wife should not claim any Thing out of his *real* or *personal* Estate, "*provided this should not extend to what A. should or might leave her by Will, nor to all or any of the Household Goods or Utensils, or Household Stuff, &c. of him the said A. at the Time of his Death, all which she was to receive and enjoy.*" The Question was, whether the Wife was intitled to these Beds, Sheets, &c. as Household Goods or Utensils or Household Stuff, &c. within the Intent of the Articles? *King, C.* decreed the Wife to have the Beds, Sheets and other Furniture, used in the Hospital. *Mich. 1725. Pratt and Jackson (a), 2 Will. Rep. 302.*—But upon an Appeal to the House of Lords, this Decree was reversed, *Feb. 1726. Ibid. 304.*

(a) *Vin. Abr.*
Tit. Devise,
(K. b.) *Ca.*

25. *Feb. 1, 1726, S. C.* states it thus: By a Devise of all my Household Stuff and Materials of Household; Goods that were in a Workhouse seventy Miles Distance from the Testator's House, for employing Sick and Wounded Seamen, do not pass.

30. Personal Estate cannot be intailed. *Dec. 3, 1726. Stratton and Pain, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (F. e.) Ca. 26.*

31. *J. S.* by Will dated 28 *Ap.* 1708, gave several large Annuities for ninety-nine Years in the Exchequer, amounting to 320 *l.* per Ann. to Trustees, for the Residue of the Term, In Trust for *A.* for so many Years of the said Term as she should live, and afterwards for the Plaintiffs for so many Years, &c. as they or the Survivor of them should live; and after the Decease of the Survivor, In Trust for the Heirs of their Bodies lawfully to be begotten, for all the Residue of the said Term, and for Default of such Issue, In Trust for the Defendants. These Annuities were subscribed into the *South-Sea* Company in 1720, and the Bill was to have the *South-Sea* Stock and Annuities, the Produce thereof, sold, and the Money raised by Sale thereof to be paid to the Plaintiffs, who were the Devisees for Life, with Remainder to the Heirs of their Bodies. Lord Chan. *King* said, where a Term is devised to a Man and his Heirs, or to the Heirs of his Body, the whole Term vests in the Devisee, and any Remainder over is void; and so it was held in *Dom. Proc'* the last Sessions, in the Case of Sir *John Rushout*. The Remainder in the present Case is void, being after a Limitation in Tail. Decreed that the Stock and Annuities be sold, and the Money paid to the Plaintiffs. 13 *Geo. 1. Dod and Dickenson, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (F. e.) Ca. 25.*

32. Money limited after a dying without Issue generally, is void; but if it be after dying without Issue then living, it is good. *Trin. 2 & 3 Geo. 2. Green and Rod, Gibb. Rep. 68.*

33. *A.* seised of the Reversion in Fee of Houses of the yearly Value of 264 *l.* lett out on Building Leases at a Ground Rent of 29 *l.* a Year. *A.* had Issue *B.* his eldest Son, and *C. D.* and *E.* younger Chil-

dren, and devised to C. so much a Year of 29 l. a Year Ground Rent in or near *Red-Lyon Square*, to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever; and devised to D. and E. in the very same Words, which in all amounted to the 29 l. and devised to B. whom he called his *undutiful Son*, 5 l. a Year out of some Lottery Tickets. It was argued whether this should carry the Inheritance or not. The Court thought it a new and difficult Case, and so it stood over to the next Term. *Trin. 2 & 3 Geo. 2. Mandy and Mandy, Gibb. Rep. 70. — Ibid. 288, East. 4 Geo. 2. says, that Judgment was given for the younger Children against the Heir at Law the last Trinity Term, per tot' Cur', and Error brought in B. R.*

34. J. S. seised of Lands in Fee in A. and possessed of a Term for Years in B. devises *all his Lands, Tenements and real Estate* in A. and B. to J. S. and his Heirs. This will not pass the Term, especially if there be another Clause in the Will, which disposes of the *personal Estate*. *Hil. Vac. 1729. Davis and Gibbs in Dom' Proc', on an Appeal from a Decree made per King, C. which was affirmed, with 200 l. Costs. 3 Will. Rep. 26.*

35. J. S. having Lands of Inheritance in B. and C. and a Mortgage in D. and Lands extended in E. on a Statute by Will devised *all his Credits and Mortgages to his Executors*; and afterwards devises *all his Messuages, Lands, Tenements, &c. and all his real Estate whatsoever* in B. C. D. and E. to R. W. and J. S. for their Lives, and after their Decease to their Heirs, &c. Lord Chancellor King decreed the Mortgage and extended Lands in D. and E. to the Executors; saying this Case differed from the Case in *Cro. Ca. 292. Rose and Bartlett*; where a Man was seised of a Term for Years in A. and having no other Lands there, devised all his Lands in H. It was adjudged that the Term for Years passed; for in that Case Lord Chancellor said, if the Term had not passed, the Will had been intirely void. Whereas here it stands well for Part; and therefore affirmed the Decree made at the Rolls. *Hil. 3 Geo. 2. Davis and Gibbs, Gibb. Rep. 116, 117.*

36. A. devises to his Wife *all his Household Goods and other Goods, Plate, and Stock within Doors and without*, and bequeathed the *Residue of his personal Estate* to J. S. The Testator's Ready Money and Bonds do not pass by the Word *Goods*. Decreed King, C. *East. 1731. Woolcomb and Woolcomb (a), 3 Will. Rep. 112.*

(a) It was
contended

that the Devise of all the Testator's Goods should carry all his personal Estate, *Omnia bona* being Words of the largest Extent and Signification with regard to *Personals*. Answered, that if the Devise of all the Testator's Goods were to be taken in so large a Sense, it would then frustrate and make void the Bequest of the *Residuum*, which would not be allowed. That it seemed reasonable that the Words *other Goods* should be understood to signify Things of the like Nature with *Household Goods*, to the End the whole Will might have its Effect; and consequently that the Testator's Ready Money and Bonds should not in this Case pass by the Word *Goods*, but should go to the residuary Legatee. And of this Opinion was King, C. *MS. Rep. in S. C. — 3 Will. Rep. 112. in S. C. held accord'.*

37. J. S. by Will gives *all his Household Goods and Implements of Household* to A. in or about his *Dwelling-house*; and the Residue of his *personal Estate* he gave to B. and C. equally to be divided between them, and made them Executors. The *Malt, Hops, Beer and Ale*, in the House, *do not pass*; for these Things are *Victuals*, and whose Use is in their Consumption, and therefore cannot in their common natural Sense be taken to be Household Goods, and pass under that Denomination, but ought to be delivered over by A. the Testator's Widow to the Executors the residuary Legatees.—Neither will the *Guns and Pistols* that were in the House, if used in riding, or shooting of Game, pass to A. by the Words *Household Goods*; tho' they may in some Sense be said to be for the Defence of the House; but the

Clock, if not fixed to the House, shall pass. Decreed by *Talbot, C. Trin.* 1734. *Slanning et al' and Style, et econt', 3 Will. Rep. 334, 335.*

38. *A. devises 6000*l.* South-Sea Stock to J. S. and the Testator had but 5360*l.* South-Sea Stock. No more than the 5360*l.* shall pass, and the rest of the Testator's personal Estate not be obliged to make it up 6000*l.* But it might be otherwise if the Testator had no Stock at all; whereas the Stock he was then possessed of does in some Measure satisfy the Will. Decreed first by the Master of the Rolls, and afterwards affirmed by Talbot, C. on an Appeal. Mich. 1735. Ashton and Ashton (a), 3 Will. Rep. 384.*

39. Lord Chancellor said, It is settled, that if there is a Limitation over of a personal Estate, after that which would have been a plain vested Estate Tail, if it had been a real Estate, he that would have been intitled to have been Tenant in Tail, if it had been in Case of a real Estate, shall be intitled to the absolute Property in the personal Estate; so that it shall go to his Representatives, and the Limitation over will be absolutely void. But in the Reason of the Thing, there seemed to his Lordship to be a great Difference between such Sorts of Limitations that are vested ones, and Limitations of this Sort that are contingent. In those Cases where they are vested, the Party trusts to no Event, and nothing is put as doubtful. As if a personal Estate is bequeathed to *A.* for Life, the Remainder to *B.* and the Heirs Male of his Body; (and *B.* is a Person in *Esse*;) the Remainder to *C.* the whole Remainder in that Case is vested in *B.* and *C.* by no Possibility can ever take any Part of this Estate. But where the Limitation is in its Creation a contingent one, the Party trusts to the falling out of the Contingency. And his Lordship's present Opinion was, that according to the Event of that Contingency, the Limitation over would be good or bad; namely, if that which would have been a contingent Remainder in Tail, had it been in Case of a real Estate, becomes a vested one during the Lives of any of the Tenants for Life, or if a *posthumous* Child would have had the Benefit of the Remainder, had it been within the Statute of *W. 3.* then the Remainder over would be bad; but if no such Contingency happens, the Remainder over will be good. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, in the Case of Gower and Grosvenor, East. 1740. Barnard. Chan. Rep. 58, 59.*

(a) *Ashton and Ashton, 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 41. Ca. 11. is not S. C.*

40. *Devise of my strong Box and all that is therein, and all my Chests and Cabinets, and all that is therein, to my Daughter E. There was a Frame fixed to the strong Box, in which were Drawers that contained Bank Notes and other Things of Value; and the Frame was so fixed with Screws to the Box, that it could not be separated without opening the Box; yet decreed that what was in the Frame should not pass, but the Frame with the Consent of the Executor was given to E. Upon an Appeal to the House of Lords, this Matter was compromised March 15, 1744. Lord Paget and Duke of Bridgwater, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (K. b.) Ca. 24.*

(F) What will pass by the Word Lands.

1. IF a Man deviseth Lands that are in Mortgage, the *Equity of Redemption* will pass to the Devisee; and so if *Copyholds* that are in Mortgage are devised, the *Equity of Redemption* shall pass. *Trin.* 1681. *Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 65.*

2. Money articted to be laid out in Lands, and to be settled, &c. shall in Equity be esteemed as Land, and may be devised as such, subject

subject in the first Place to the Uses declared in the Marriage Settlement. *Per* Lord Keep. *Harcourt*, who declared it to be his present Opinion. *Mich.* 10 *Ann.* in the Case of *Shorer* and *Shorer* (a),
 (a) *Vide* 1 *Vol.*
Eq. Abr. 175. *Lucas's Rep.* 39.

Ca. 5. *Lingen*

and *Souray* (a), S. P. and seems to be S. C.—(a) *Vide* also the Case of *Lingen* and *Souray*, *Proc. in Chan.* 400. and 1 *Will. Rep.* 172.—in which last Book this Case is more fully reported, and agreeable to the Register's Book, 3 *Will. Rep.* 221. in a *Note*.—It is observable that the Husband might have devised this Money (subject to his Wife's Estate for Life) either as real or personal Estate, according as he should have signified his Intention. Thus in his Will if he had described it as so much Money agreed to be laid out in Land, this would have been sufficient to have made it pass as personal Estate, and by a Will not attested by three Witnesses; but without such a particular Interposition of the Testator manifesting his Intention, it remained as Land, and consequently belonged to the Devisee, or Representative of the real, not of the personal Estate. Determined in the Cases of *Croft* and *Addenbroke*, *Hil.* 1719, *Fulham* and *Jones*, *Mich.* 1720, both by the Lord Parker. But more particularly in the Case of *Edwards* and the Countess of *Warwick*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 221, in a *Note* by the Editor.

3. A surviving Trustee, to preserve contingent Remainders, by his Will devised as follows: “*As to such Estate as the Lord had bestowed upon him, he devised Part to J. S. and his Heirs, and all the rest of his real Estate he devised to his Wife and her Heirs.*” His Honour held, that tho’ this be a Trust Estate, yet the legal Estate being in the Devisor, in the Eye of the Law it is his Estate and his Property, and therefore passes by the Devise of his Estate; and if the Devisor had devised *all the Land which he had been seised of*, the Trust Lands would certainly have passed. Neither can there be any Inconvenience in such Construction; for as the Testator himself was a Trustee, so shall his Devisee also be a Trustee to preserve the Remainders. *Mich.* 1723. *Marlow* and *Smith*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 189, 199.

Vin. Abr. Tit.

Devise,

(K. a.) P.

205. *Note to*

Ca. 12. S. P.

and by the Name of Lands, *Lands articted to be purchased*, pass. *Ibid.*

4. A Devise of Lands will pass Fee-Farm Rents or any other Right out of Lands. *Per Cur’*, *Mich.* 10 *Geo.* 1. in *Casu Acherley* and *Ver-*
non, 2 *Mod. Ca. in Law and Eq.* 68, 78.

5. One has no Land in *A.* but has Tithes there, and devises *all his Lands in A.* The Tithes, as they are issuing out of the Land, and Part of the Profits thereof, shall pass. *Mich.* 1735. in *Casu Ashton* and *Ashton*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 386. Cites *Leon. Rep.*

(b) If a Man
 devises Lands
 to his Heir for
 Life; yet he
 shall have the Reversion too. *Per* Lord Keeper, *East.* 1701. *Proc. in Chan.* 163.

(G) What will pass a Reversion (b);--And what the Residue of an Estate real or personal.

Rep. of Cases
in B. R. Temp.

Ann. 129.

S. C. and P.

Per Holt, C. J.

—So it is of

Lands in Reversion expectant on an Estate-tail, and before his Death the Tenant in Tail dies without Issue, there Lands will pass, tho’ a Reversion only at the Time of making the Will, because he is seised at the Time as much as he can be, and it is a certain present Interest, tho’ to commence in futuro, and all the Estate he could give he intended him. *Gibb.* 231, S. C. and P. *Per Holt, J.*—1 *Salk.* 237, S. C. and P. agreed *per Cur’*.

MS. Rep.

S. C. accord’.

1. A MAN seised of a Reversion expectant on an Estate for Life, devises it, and afterwards Tenant for Life dies, and then the Testator dies, yet it passes. *Per Holt, C. J.* *Mich.* 6 *Ann.* in *Casu Broncker* and *Coke*, *Holt's Rep.* 248.

2. A Man seised of Lands in Fee, made his Will, and thereby gave several Legacies, and then bequeathed in these Words, “*I give the rest of my Estate, Chattels real and personal, to J. S.*” Resolved *per Harcourt, C.* that nothing but his Chattels passed by the Word Estate. *Hil.* 11 *Ann.* *Anon. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (O. b.) Ca.* 7.

3. J. S. being seised in Fee, by Will directed his Debts and Funeral Charges to be paid, and gave E. his Wife Power to sell his Lands,

&c. (if Need be) for Payment of the same, and then to pay such Legacies as are given by his Will; among which he gives his Wife 1000*l.* to be by her detained out of the first Money that could be raised by the Profits or Sale of his Estate, after Payment of his Debts, and the *Residue of his Estate after Debts and Legacies paid*, he gave to her, and made her sole Executrix, and died. *Cowper, C.* was clear of Opinion, that a *Fee passed by the Devise of all the rest of his Estate to his Wife*, subject to Payment of his Debts, &c. His Lordship also held, that where a Man devises all his Estate, Goods and Chattels, and no Mention had been made before in the Will of Lands of which the Testator was seised in Fee, a *Fee Simple will not pass*, but where a real Estate is mentioned before in the Will, and then such Words follow, a *Fee passes*. *Mich. 1 Geo. 1. in Chan. Cliffe et alii* vers. *Gibbons, Kaddwell et alios*, 2 *Lord Raym. Rep.* 1324.

4. *J. S.* having a Daughter *M.* an only Child, married to Plaintiff, and Plaintiff having Issue by her three Daughters, *J. S.* by Will, after the Devise of several Parts of his real and personal Estates to several Persons, devised the *Residue of his real and personal Estate to Trustees, their Heirs, Executors and Administrators*, in Trust to pay and apply the Produce and Interest thereof for the Maintenance and Benefit of such of his Grandchildren by his said Daughter as should be living at the Time of his Decease, until they should come to the Age of twenty-one, without making any farther Disposition, only directed, that if all his Trustees should die, then in such Case Plaintiff his Son-in-law should be a Trustee. *Macclesfield, C.* held, that the Intention was most plain that the Grandchildren should have the Surplus both of the real and personal Estate, after their Age of twenty-one; and said, it is true there is a Provision for the Children by the Marriage Settlement, but that is not to take Place 'till after their Father's Death; that it was plain, the Testator gives all away from *M.* his Heir at Law by vesting the whole Estate in Fee, as well as the legal Property of the personal Estate, in Trustees, which he would not have done, had he intended any Thing to remain to *M.* Not only the Interest but the Produce of the real and personal Estate is to be applied by such Trustees; and that to help this, the Word (*Produce*) shall be taken in the larger Sense, and then will signify whatever the Estate will yield by Sale or otherwise; and this Case is stronger in regard Plaintiff is to be a Trustee in Case the other Trustees shall all die, but that it cannot be intended that the Plaintiff was to be a Trustee for himself, or for what himself would be intitled to, should it come to *M.* his Wife. *Mich. 1723. Newland and Shephard*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 194.

The Case of
King and Mellings, (a)
1 *Vent.* 230.
is applicable

to the present Case, where the Court construed a Will against the express Words, in order to make it take Effect according to the Intention. (a) Cited in the Case of *Hewitt and Ireland*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 427.

5. *A.* gave specific Legacies to his three Daughters, and having given other Legacies to others, he gave *all the Residue of his Estate to W. R. &c.* in Trust to increase his Daughters Portions. (b) This gives the Daughters a Fee. *Decreed East. 10 Geo. 1. in Chan. Anon. 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 92.

(b) These Words plainly shew the Testator intended to pass the Inheritance immediately, otherwise the Daughters might never get any Thing by it; for which Reason it was decreed, that the Inheritance did pass. *Ibid. MS. Rep. S. C. accord.*

6. A Devise of Lands to *B.* and his Heirs for ever, upon Condition to pay all my Debts, Legacies and Funerals; and if he do not pay them, then I devise the Premises to *C.* (the Defendant) and her Heirs for ever; and as to all the rest and Residue of my real and personal

sonal Estate whatever, not herein before bequeathed, I give and bequeath to the said C. and her Heirs. The Devisee B. died before the Devisor, so it was a lapsed Legacy. The Court held, that C. could not take by these Words, "*All the rest and Residue of my real and personal Estate, not devised or unbequeathed,*" the Lands devised to B. for it must be expounded, the *rest and Residue of the Lands undevised at the Time of making the Will, and not at his Death.* East. 2 Geo. 2. *Roe and Fludd, C. B. Fortesc. Rep. 184.*

7. Sir Robert Bridges by his Will gives several Legacies to his Daughter and other Relations, and then follows this Clause: *I give the Remainder of my Estate, viz: my Bank Stock, India Stock, South-Sea Stock and South-Sea Annuities, to my Son B. Bridges, and I do hereby make him sole Executor.* Quære, if these Words *all my Bank Stock, &c.* do restrain the general precedent Words, *the Remainder of my Estate?* King, C. was of Opinion, that the latter Words which came under the viz. *do not restrain the general Words precedent (the Remainder of my Estate)* but were added by way of Enumeration, or Description of the main Particulars whereof his Estate did consist, and not to restrain the Word Estate to those Particulars; and the rather, because immediately after follow the Words, *and I do hereby make him sole Executor of this my Will.* And when he disposes of the Remainder of his Estate, it is plain he did not intend to die intestate as to any Part of it. Decreed that the Son was intitled to all the Residue of the Testator's Estate. Hil. 2 Geo. 2. *Bridges and Bridges, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (O. b.) Ca. 13.*

8. A. was seised of the Reversion in Fee of Houses of the yearly Value of 264 l. lett out on Building Leases at a Ground Rent of 29 l. a Year. A. had Issue B. his eldest Son, and C. D. and E. younger Children, and devised to C. so much a Year of 29 l. a Year Ground Rent in Red-Lyon Square, to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever; and devised to D. and E. in the very same Words, which in all amounted to the 29 l. and devised to B. whom he called his *undutiful Son*, 5 l. a Year out of some Lottery Tickets. It was argued whether this should carry the Inheritance or not. The Court thought it a new and difficult Case, and so it stood over to the next Term. Trin. 2 & 3 Geo. 2. C. B. *Mandy and Mandy, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 70.* Afterwards Judgment was given for the younger Children against the Heir at Law *per tot' Cur'*, and Error brought in B. R. *Ibid. 288.*

9. A. having Lands in D. and S. conveys the Lands in D. to B. in Tail, Remainder to his own right Heirs; then he devises all his Lands in S. and *elsewhere*, not formerly settled, to C. and *his Heirs for ever.* By this the Reversion passes of the Lands in D. (a) Decreed Mich. 4 Geo. 2. *Chester and Chester, Gibb. 150.* If there had been any Lands or Skirts of Land, lying out of the Places mentioned in the Will, to satisfy the Word *elsewhere*, it might make a Difference. *Ibid. Raymond, C. J. Reynolds, C. B. and Price, J. Ibid. 61.*

10. The Words *Residue of Estate*, do not always necessarily imply that any Thing was before thereout disposed of; for they are merely Words of Course, always inserted by the Penner of the Will, whether there be any precedent Bequest or not, and *in Truth are never improper*, because no Executor can be said to take more than the Residue, *it being impossible for a Man to die without leaving some small Debts behind him, or if it could be so, the Funeral Expences must always be born by the Executor.* Per his Honour, 4 Nov. 1738, in *Casu Miles and Leigh, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (O. b.) Ca. 14.*

(a) 3 Will. Rep. 56. S. C. Decreed accord' by the unanimous Opinion of King, C. and the said Judges.

(H) What Persons shall take by the Word
Heir;—Heirs Male;—Children, &c.

1. **A.** Devised a Term for Years for his Daughter and her Children (she ^{2 Freem. 186.} then having three Children) and also to such other Children as she ^{Mich. 1692.} should have, and the Children of those Children; she having other Chil- ^{Alcock and} dren afterwards, the Question was, whether they should have any ^{Allen, S. C. in} Shares? And it was held, that the Woman and her three Children ^{totidem verbis.} took jointly each a fourth Part, and that the after-born Children took nothing. And that these Words were Words of Limitation, and not of Purchase; and it is as much for the Wife's Part, as tho' it had been given to her and the Heirs of her Body. Mich. 1692. Anon. MS. Rep.
2. Devise to J. S. for Life, and if he should have any Issue, then to such Issue and their Heirs. J. S. has Issue two Sons. Per Treby, C. J. the eldest will take a Fee. But Powell, J. said, that both would take; because Issue is a collective Word, and it would not have been void for Uncertainty. East. 9 W. 3. in Casu Luddington and Kime, 1 Lord Raym. 203, 206.
3. And for Default of such Issue, I give the Remainder of my said Estate to the Heirs Male of the Body of J. L. lawfully begotten; E. L. ^{E. L. is in the} happens to be living at the Time of the Remainder taking Place, yet the ^{Original.} Heir apparent shall take. May 27, 1714. Darbison and Beaumont, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (U. b.) Ca. 5.
4. By a Devise to Children and Grandchildren, none can take but those who are in Esse at the Time of making of the Will, unless there are future Words which shew the Testator's Intent. Agreed per Counsel & Cur'. East. 1717. Northey and Burbage (a), Prec. in (a) ^{Vide Ca.} Chan. 470. ^{P.}
5. J. S. devised 3000*l.* to all the natural Children of B. his Son by M. Parker, C. inclined that a natural Child in ventre sa mere could not take, for that a Bastard cannot take 'till he has got a Name of Reputation of being such a one's Child, and that Reputation cannot be gained before the Child is born. Hil. 1718. Metham and Duke of Devonshire, 1 Will. Rep. 530.
6. J. S. seised in Fee, devises his Lands to his Grand-daughter (being his Heir at Law) for her Life, Remainder to his own right Heirs Male for ever, and dies, leaving his said Grand-daughter, and also a deceased Brother's Son, being the next in the Male Line; which Nephew brought his Bill against the Grand-daughter to perpetuate the Testimony of the Will and for the Writings, and to stay Waste. Defendant demurred, for that by the Plaintiff's own shewing he had no Title to the Reversion or Inheritance of the Premises; and allowed, for per Macclesfield, C. the Words (Heirs Male) must be intended Heirs Male of the Body, and would never extend to an Heir Male of any collateral Line; and it not being said in the Will Heir Male of his Body, or of his Name, the Grand-daughter, who was his Heir at Law, might have an Heir Male, tho' not of his Name.——As to the Case of Brown and Barkham (b), cited for the Plaintiff, his Lordship said ^{(b) 2 Vern.} that was merely of a Trust, but the principal Case is that of a legal ^{729. Prec. in} Estate, where the Rule of Law, that has so long prevailed and been ^{Chan. 442.} taken for granted, must be observed, viz. that he who claims as Heir ^{461.} Male by Purchase must be Heir as well as Heir Male. Besides, this differs from the Case of Brown and Barkham, the Remainder being there

there limited to the Heirs Male of the Body of Sir Robert Berkham the Grandfather, whereas here the Devise was to the Heirs Male, without saying of any Body. East. 1722. Dawes and Ferrers (a), 2 Will. Rep. 1, 3.

(a) *Prec. in Chan. 589. East. 1722. Dawes and*

Ferrars, S. C. accord, but says nothing about a Case being ordered to be stated for the Opinion of the Judges, (as after mentioned) no more than Mr. *P. Williams* does; but Lord Chancellor said, this Point had been settled in all the Courts at *Westminster-hall*, and therefore it was dangerous now to shake it, tho' his Lordship said he thought *Shelly's* Case not agreeable to Reason; and that *Anderson*, who reports the S. C. says, the Judges gave no Reason at all for their Opinions, tho' Lord *Coke* had made so large a Report of their Arguments; but however weak it was at first, the Law has been taken accordingly ever since, and it is dangerous to remove ancient Land Marks; and said, it was no Matter what the Law was, so it be known, and his Lordship said, why don't you bring an Action of Waste, and ascertain the Will at Law? Demurrer allowed. *Ibid. 590.*—*Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (W. b.) P. 317.* S. C. (in a Note) cites it from a MS. Rep. says, it was upon the Will of *G. Dawes*, who devised as above to his Grand-daughter the Lady *E. Bulkeley*, Remainder to his own Heirs Male. A Bill of Review was afterwards brought to reverse the Decree, in which *D. Gwyn, P. Gwyn, and E. Williams*, Infants, by their next Friend, were Plaintiffs, and *John Hooke, Esq;* Defendant, when the Case appeared to be thus: That in 1729 the Lady *Bulkeley* intermarried with Defendant *Hooke*, but before their Intermarriage, by Indentures of Lease and Release, dated 18 and 19 Nov. 1729, the Lady *Bulkeley* did grant and convey the said Premises to a Trustee, to the Use of herself till the said intended Marriage, and then to the Use of the Defendant and Lady *Bulkeley* for their Lives, and the Life of the longer Liver of them; and after the Decease of the Survivor of them, then to the Use of the Defendant, his Heirs and Assigns for ever.—Lady *Bulkeley* died without Issue 8 May 1736, and thereupon the Defendant entered on the real Estate of the said *G. Dawes*.—16 May 1738, the Plaintiffs, the three Great Grandchildren, and Heirs at Law of *F. Dawes* the Brother of the said *G. Dawes*, by their next Friend brought their Bill against the Defendant, stating the Will of the said *G. Dawes* and their Pedigree, as above, and praying (int' al') to be let into Possession of the said Premises. The Defendant by Answer made Title to the Premises under the said Indentures of Lease and Release. 18 Nov. 1740 the Cause was heard before the Lord Chancellor *Hardwicke*, when his Lordship ordered that a Case should be made for the Opinion of the Court of King's Bench, and that the following Question should be stated thereon, viz.—Whether by Virtue of the Will of the said *G. Dawes*, dated 14 Nov. 1693, the Plaintiffs are intitled to the Estate in Question? And *Lee, C. J. Chapple, Wright and Denison*, Justices, upon hearing Counsel on both Sides and Consideration of the Case, were of Opinion, that the Plaintiffs were not intitled to the Estate in Question by Virtue of the said Will, for they conceived that *F. Dawes* the Brother of the Testator, under whom the Plaintiffs claimed, could not take by the Description of the right Heir Male of the Testator. This Opinion was delivered Feb. 1, 1743.

7. Devise of Lands to the Mother for Life, Remainder to her Children, &c. She had then one Child; and about four Years afterwards Testator made a Codicil, at which Time she had two Children more. This Devise is a future Devise, and takes in the Children after born. 11 Geo. 1. *Bateman and Roach (b), 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 104.*

(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

8. *A.* having had several Children, some of whom being dead, leaving Children, by Will bequeathed the Surplus of his personal Estate equally to his Son *James* and to his Son *Peter's* Children, to his Daughter *Traverse* and to his Daughter *Webb's* Children, and his Daughter *Man*, and made *B.* his Executor. At the making of the Will *Peter* was dead, leaving several Children; *Webb* the Daughter was living, but her Husband being in low Circumstances, the Testator by his Will made some Provision for her separate Use. *King, C.* at first seemed inclinable that the Children (c) should take per Stirpes only, yet at length he decreed that *James* and the Children of *Peter* and *Traverse*, and the Children of *Webb* and *Man*, (being in all fourteen) should each of them take per Capita, as if all the Grandchildren had been named by their respective Names. That the Children of *Webb* could not take according to the Statute of Distributions, or in Allusion thereto, as she was living, and so her Children could not represent her; and to determine, that the Grandchildren should take per Stirpes, would be to go too much out of the Will, and contrary to the Words, when the Meaning of the Testator might be according to his Words, and that Meaning a reasonable and sensible one. Mich. 1726. *Blackler and Webb & al', 2 Will. Rep. 383.*

(c) It is Grandchildren in the Original.

9. *J. S.* by Will gives 500 l. to the Relations of *B.* to be divided equally between them; *B.* had at the Testator's Death two Brothers

living, and several Nephews and Nieces by another Brother. *King, C.* said, that as the Testator had directed the 500 *l.* to be divided equally among them, he could not direct an unequal Distribution, and accordingly decreed them to take *per Capita*. *Mich. 1734. Thomas and Hole, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 251.*

(1) In Case of a Devise to an Heir, Where he shall take by Devise, and Where by Descent.

1. *J. S.* had Issue only two Daughters, one whereof was dead, and *J. S.* left Issue *B.* her Heir, and one of the Coheirs of the said *J. S.* *J. S.* devises the Estate to *B.* and his Heirs; and if *B.* should take one Moiety by Descent, and the other by Purchase, or the whole by Purchase, was the Question; and it was adjudged (*on a Case stated*) that he took the whole by Purchase. *Trin. 1703. Rawston and Reading (a), Prec. in Chan. 222.*

(a) 1 Salk.
242. Hil. 1

Ann. B. R. Reading and Royston, S. C. states it thus: *A.* has two Daughters *B.* and *C.* *B.* has a Son, and dies. *A.* devises the Land to the Son and his Heirs. The Son takes the whole by Devise, and not a Moiety by the Descent as Heir, and a Moiety by the Devise; for there can be no such Descent as the Descent of a Moiety to one Coparcener as Heir, but the Descent is to all.

2. *J. S.* being seised in Fee of Copyhold Lands, surrendered to the Use of his Will, and afterwards devised these Lands to his Wife, and died. The Widow was admitted to her and her Heirs, &c. and afterwards married *Trigg*, and then she surrendered to the Use of her Will, and devised the same to her Daughter *Jane Trigg*, who was her Heir at Law, and then died. The Daughter was never admitted. The Question was, whether *Jane* the Devisee took by Descent or by Purchase? For if by Purchase, then the Defendant *Trigg* being of her Blood hath a Right; but if she took by Descent, then the Plaintiff being of the Blood of her Mother the Testatrix, hath the Right. Resolved, that *Jane* was in by Descent, because she was Heir at Law to the Testatrix; and that where two Rights meet together in one Person (as they did in this Case) the one being by Devise and the other by Descent as Heir at Law, the Descent is the most noble Means to come to an Estate, and therefore the Law adjudges that the best Title shall stand. *Mich. 7 Geo. 1. Smith and Trigg, 1 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 23.*

MS. Rep. S. C. accord.

3. So where a Feoffment is made to several Uses, the Reversion in Fee to the Heirs of the Feoffor, in such Case the Heir shall take the Reversion by Descent, because it was Part of the old Estate of the Feoffor; for so much of the Use of the Lands which he did not dispose of by the Feoffment, still remained in him as Part of the old Estate. — But if a Man devise any other Estate to the Heir at Law than what he was to take by Descent, as if the Testator deviseth a less Estate to him, or an Estate in Fee to arise upon a Condition, there it is otherwise. *Per Cur'. Ibid.*

1 Inst. 22. b.
23. a.

4. *J. S.* seised in Fee of a real Estate as Heir on the Part of his Mother's Side, and being also seised in Fee of an Estate of 4 *l.* per Annum, as Heir to his Father, devises all these Lands to Trustees in Fee, in Trust to pay several Annuities and Charities, and the Residue of the Profits (after Payment of the Annuities) to go to the right Heirs of his Mother's Side. Proof was admitted that at the Time of making of the Will the Testator declared the Heir of his Mother's Side should have his Estate, because it came from thence. It was objected, that if the

Will should be construed in such Manner, as to intitle the Heir of the Mother's Side to the Estate, such Will would be void and *nugatory*, because without any Will the Lands would go to the Heir of the Mother's Mother, who was the Heir at Law to this Estate, the Heir of the Mother's Father having none of the Blood of the first Purchaser (a). But *Macclesfield, C.* said, that the Testator giving several Annuities and Charities, and then saying *that the Residue of the Profits should go to the right Heirs of the Mother's Side*, was only as if he had said, "*so far I dispose of my Estate, and let so much of it go from my Heir, who otherwise would have had it; but I will not dispose of it any further from the Heir at Law of the Mother's Side, whence it came, and where it should go, in Case I should not give it away.*" Also there might be Reason to use these Words, and they are not *nugatory*, because as the Devise is only of *Annuities and Charities, without any particular Words, expressing the Devises to the Trustees only*, they, had it not been for these latter Words, might themselves and in their own Right have been intitled to the Premises. Decreed (without any Doubt) in favour of the Heir of the Mother's Side (b). As to the Lands of *4 l. per Annum*, his Lordship was of Opinion, that the same Words might be taken (c) *distributively*, (*viz.*) That the Lands which came by the Mother's Side should return to the Heirs of the Mother's Mother; and that the Lands which descended from the Father, should return to the Heirs of the Father, in the same Manner as if there had been no Disposition made thereof, and they had been left to descend; at least so far was clear, that this small Estate must contribute in Proportion to the Charities and Annuities; but it being of so small Value, the Counsel did not insist upon having the Opinion of the Court about it, nor was the *Heir General of the Testator* a Party to the Suit. *East. 1723. Harris and Bishop of Lincoln, 2 Will. Rep. 135.*

(a) 1 Inst. 12.

(b) His Lordship observed, very little was to be said for the Heir of the Mother's Father, who in this Case was neither the Heir General (for the Heir General must be Heir of the Father's Side and not of the Mother's Father) nor the Heir *quoad hoc*, (*viz.*) as to these Lands; for the Heir as to these Lands was the Heir of the Mother's Mother, from whom they descended; so that the Heir of the Mother's Father was neither Heir *simpliciter* nor *quoad hoc* to the Party that last died seized, *viz. J. S. Ibid. 139.*

(c) Vide *Froth and Chapman, 1 Will. Rep.*

5. Where a Devise was *to the Wife, then to A. (who was Heir at Law) and his Heirs, paying 100 l. when he should come into Possession. A. died in the Life of the Wife.* Decreed that the Heir at Law of *A.* is chargeable with the 100 l. he taking only by *Purchase* and not by *Descent.* 4 Nov. 1738 at the Rolls. *Miles and Leigh, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (P. c.) by way of Note to Case 3.*

(K) Of executory Devises (a); And here of the Limitation of the Trust of a Term.

(a) An executory Devise is a future Interest, which

cannot vest at the Death of the Testator, but depends on some Contingency, which must happen before it can vest. *Gilb. on Devises*, 41.——Since the *Statute of Wills* (a) and *Statute of Uses*, executory Devises and springing Uses have been allowed of. These were first allowed of with respect to the Testator or Party himself; afterwards it came to be allowed of to other Persons; and therefore at this Day in *Devises* and *Limitations of Uses* an Estate may be limited over to a third Person, upon the Defeasance of a former Estate in Fee, if the Condition be not too remote in Point of Time; and tho' there have been Words found out to save in Appearance the Maxims of the Common Law, yet in Effect and in Truth the very Benefit and Advantage of the Condition is passed over to a third Person, notwithstanding the Maxim of Law, that a Stranger cannot take Advantage of a Condition. Per Lord C. Parker, *Mich. 5 Geo. 1.* in the Case of Marks and Marks, *Lucas's Rep.* 423.——

(a) 32 Hen. 8. Executory Devises were grounded on the Common Law. Vide *Goodcheap's Case*, 49 Ed. 3. 16. a. Cited in *Lord Stafford's Case*, 8 Rep. 6. b. 7 Rep. 9. a. 11 Hen. 6. 73. a. Br. Devise, and the Words of the Statute of Wills are not that he devises to any Person or Persons, but "at his Will and Pleasure," and cited *Cro. Jac.* 394. *Blandford and Blandford*. Per *Bridgman*, C. J. and adjudged accord', *Sir T. Raym. Rep.* 83. *Mich. 15 Car. 2. B. R.* in *Casu Bate* and *Amburst and Norton*.——Vide P. Ca. of this Work.

1. *J.* S. having a Son and four Daughters, and being seised of Lands in Fee, and of a long Term, devises all his Estate in D. where the Freehold lies, and likewise in S. where the Term is, to his Son and his Heirs, and if he dies without Issue unmarried, then to his four Daughters; and if he marries, and dies without Issue then living, and having a Wife, then after the Death of such Wife likewise to his four Daughters. Holt for the Plaintiff in the Writ of Error made two Points: First, whether hereby an Estate in Tail of the Freehold Lands passed to the Son, and the Remainder to the four Daughters; or whether the Estate to the Son was a Fee, and it came to the Daughters by way of executory Devise. And that it was a Fee to the Son, and good to the Daughters by way of executory Devise, he cited 2 *Cro.* 590. *Roll. Tit. Estate*, 835, 836. and this Point was yielded by the Counsel on the other Side.—But to the second Point, if this Remainder of the Term was good to the four Daughters, he argued that it was, and cited *Dy.* 74, 358. *Com.* 590. 2 *Cro.* 460. and said, that the Reason of the Resolution in *Child and Bayley's Case*, was for the Repugnancy; for having first devised it to the Devisee and his Assigns; this was opposed by the Counsel on the other Side, and *Child and Bayley's Case* relied on, as also *Roll. Tit. Devise*, 611. *Leventhorp and Ashley's Case*. Time was given for further Argument. Holt cited *Com.* 590. and *Lowe and Windham's Case*, 22 *Car. 2.*; reported in *Mod.* 50. *Mich. 35 Car. 2. B. R.* *Sommers and Gibbon*, *Skin. Rep.* 144.

2. It was agreed, that an executory Devise need not vest as a Remainder must *eo instante*, that the particular Estate determines; but that the Law would support it without a particular Estate, and expect 'till it could take. And cites *Snow and Cutler*, 19 *Car. B. R.* But *North* answered, that then there must be an apparent Intent of the Devisor, that it should not 'till a certain Time, notwithstanding the particular Estate determines; and that, he said, was the Case of *Snow and Cutler*, for there the Devise was to the Heir of J. S. when he comes to the Age of fourteen Years. But if there be no such apparent Intent, it must stand and fall by the Rules of Law (b). *Hil.* 1677, in the Case of *Taylor and Bydall*, 1 *Freem. Rep.* 244.

(b) Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. P. 188. Ca. 11.

3. Favourable Distinctions have been always admitted to supply the Meaning of Men in their last Wills. Ergo a Devise to A. 'till he be of Age, then to B. and his Heirs; this is an Estate for Years in A. with a Remainder in Fee to B. And if such a Devise to A. who is also made Executor, or for Payment of Debts, it shall be for a certain Term

of Years, *i. e.* for so long as according to Computation he might have attained that Age had he lived. Contingent Remainders are at the Common Law, and arise upon Conveyances as well as Wills; one may limit an Estate to A. the Remainder to another, and so it may be by Devise, if the Intent of the Parties will have it so; but as at the Common Law all contingent Remainders shall not be good, so in Wills no such Latitude is given as if none should be bad; they are subject to the same Fate in Wills as in Conveyances. An executory Devise needs no particular Estate to support it, for it shall descend to the Heir 'till the Contingency happen; it is not like a Remainder at the Common Law, which must vest *eo instanti*, that the particular Estate determines, but the Learning of executory Devises stands upon the Reasons of the old Law, wherein the Intent of the Devisor is to be observed; for when it appears by the Will that he intends not the Devisee to take, but *in futuro*, and no Disposition being made thereof in the mean Time, it shall then descend to the Heir 'till the Contingency happens; but if the Intent be that he shall take in *præsent*i, and there is no Incapacity in him to do it, he shall not take in *futuro* by an executory Devise. *Per North, Ch. J. Hil. 29 & 30 Car. 2. C. B. in the Case of Taylor and Biddal, (a) 2 Mod. 291, 292.*

(a) This Opinion of North,

C. J. does not appear in the 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 188. Ca. 11.

4. J. S. having three Sons devised his Lands to them all, and if either of them should die, then the Lands to be equally divided amongst the Survivors. J. S. dies, and then C. his eldest Son died, leaving Issue, and the Question was, whether the surviving Brothers of C. or his Issue should have that Part of the Lands which came to C. by the Devise? And the Court held, that these are cross Remainders vested; for tho' they are contingent as to the Enjoyment, (because it is uncertain who shall survive) yet they vest presently. Secondly, it shall be intended Socage Tenure, tho' it be not found, cites 2 Roll. 697. Judgment *pro quer'*, Trin. 1679. Fortescue and Abbot, (b) 1 Freem. Rep. 481.

(b) 2 Lev. 202. Trin. 29

Car. 2. B. R. S. C. states it, that J. S. had three Children, and devised Lands to each without Limitation of any Estate, and says, if any of them dies his Part to remain to the others. A. the Heir dies. The Question was, what is to be done with his Part? For the Descent of the Fee upon A. destroyed this particular Estate to him, and consequently the Remainder to the other, but it will be good by way of executory Devise.——Pollexf. 479. S. C. adjudged for the Plaintiff.——2 Jo. 79. S. C. adjudged *pro quer'*, who claimed under the Survivor.

5. A Will shall never operate by way of executory Devise, if it may take Effect by way of Remainder, *i. e.* if there is a particular Estate sufficient to support it. *Per Cur'*, Trin. 1 W. & M. in B. R. Reeve and Long, Carth. Rep. 310.

6. A. seised in Fee had three Brothers, A. B. and C. and devises the Lands to A. for Life, Remainder to A.'s first Son in Tail Male, and so to the second and third Sons; and for Default of such Issue to B. for Life, and to his first, second Son, &c. in like Manner. Devisor dies; then A. marries, and dies without Issue born; but the Wife was privement enfeint with a Son, who is born after. Judgment in C. B.

* Vide 10 & 11 W. 3. c. 16. Provision for posthumous Children.

was, that the posthumous * Son had no Title; and it was affirmed in B. R. on a Writ of Error. And they held, that the Remainder to the first Son of A. was a contingent Remainder, and so must take Effect according to the Rule in Archer's Case; but at the Time of the Death of A. there was a Default of Issue Male, on which the Estate vested in the Possession of B. and shall not be removed again by

by the Birth of a Son after. And this is *no* executory Devife upon the Rule laid down 2 Sand. 380, 388. (a) ——— Where a *contingent* (a) *Purefoy and Rogers.* Estate is limited to depend on a Freehold capable to support the Remainder, it shall never be construed an executory Devife. But this Judgment was reversed in *Dom. Proc'*, (b) *East.* 1694. (b) *Reeve and Long, Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3. (b) *3 Lev. 408: S. C. 4 Mod. 282.*

S. C. — 1 *Salk.* 227, S. C. all accordingly. — *Carth.* 309. S. C. held in *B. R.* that the Contingency not happening 'till after the particular Estate was determined, the Remainder is destroyed as in *Archer's Case.* — *Skin. Rep.* 430. S. C. says, that the Judgment in *C. B.* was affirmed *per totam Curiam* of *B. R.* upon the first Argument, without any Difficulty; and afterwards it was reversed in the House of Peers. — And by 3 *Lev.* and 1 *Salk.* it appears that all the Judges were very much dissatisfied with this Opinion of the Lords, and did not change their Opinions thereupon, but blamed Baron *Turton* very much for permitting a special Verdict to be found, where the Law was so clear and certain. — *Comb. Rep.* 252. *Reeve and Long*, S. C. says, the Judgment was reversed in *Dom. Proc'*, the Lords having more Regard to the Equity of the Case than to the settled Rules of Law and the Opinions of the Judges.

7. In Case of executory Devises there can be no Limitation over. *Hil.* 5 *W. & M. in B. R.* *Goodright and Cornish*, 4 *Mod.* 259.

8. One devises all his Lands after the Death of his Executors to *A.* and his Heirs for ever, but if he dies leaving no Son, then to *B.* This is a good executory Devise to *B.* if *A.* dies without Issue, because the Contingency must happen within the Compass of a Life, and so no Danger of a Perpetuity. Per Lord Keeper, *Hil.* 1696. *Fairfax and Heron, Prec. in Chan.* 67.

9. An executory Devise to arise within the Compass of a reasonable Time, is good; twenty, nay thirty Years have been thought a reasonable Time. So in the Compass of a Life or Lives; for let the Lives be never so many, there must be a Survivor, and so it is but a Length of that Life, (for *Twisden* used to say, *the Candles were all lighted at once*;) but they (*Cur'*) were not for going one Step farther, because these Limitations make the Estates unalienable, every executory Devise being a Perpetuity as far as it goes, viz. an Estate unalienable, tho' all Mankind join in the Conveyance. Per *Cur'*, *Trin.* 9 *W.* 3. *C. B.* in the Case of *Scattergood and Edge* (c), *Salk.* 229. (c) *Vide this Case 1 Vol.*

Abr. Eq. 189. *Ca.* 15. but this Opinion does not appear there.

10. In Inheritances there may be two Sorts of executory Devises. First, when the Devisor parts with the whole Fee out of him, and after qualifies the Estate of the Devisee, and limits contingent Remainders over; and this is repugnant to the Rules of the Common Law, to have one Fee depend upon another. 1 *Inst.* 18. By Act of Party one Fee cannot depend upon another, tho' it may by Act in Law, as it is often seen since the Statute of 26 *Hen.* 8. And the first of these Devises that we find is *Wellock and Hammond's Case*, cited 3 *Co.* *Boraston's Case.* — *Cro. Eliz.* 204. 2 *Leon.* 114. and was first countenanced in favour of Provision for younger Children, and of Land deviseable by Custom. *Vide Cro. Eliz.* 532, 525, 360, 497. 2 *And.* 22. *More* 422, 464. *Pell and Brown's* (d) *Case*; — *Doderidge* did oppose the Opinion of the other three Judges as to the Point of its not being barred by Recovery, and the Opinion in 1 *Roll. Rep.* 835, 836. and *Sty.* 274. went down with the Judges like chopped Hay; but since it has been so often passed over it must not be questioned now, because the Estates of many depend upon it. The second Sort is when the Devisor does not part with the whole out of himself, but gives future Estates to rise upon Contingencies, and leaves the Inheritance to descend in the mean Time; and this is not disagreeable to the Common Law; as in Case of Devise, that Executor shall sell Land, where the Lands descend in the mean Time; and when the Executor doth sell it, Vendee is in from the first Testator, and in Pleading must claim under him;

(d) *Cro. Jac.* 590, 592. *Mich.* 18 *Jac.* *B. R.* *Bridgman* 1. S. C. under the Name of *Pettis and Brown.*

and by selling, the Freehold and Inheritance is, by Act in Law, devested out of the Heir or Lord by Escheat; even out of the King,

* *Vide 29 Ed.* if he were Lord by Escheat, without Petition, or * *Monstrans de Droit*. 3. 16.

Per Powell, J. East. 11 Wil. 3. 1699. in the Case of Scattergood

and Edge (a), Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 281.

(a) 1 Salk.

229, 230,

S. C. states the Dictum of Powell, J. thus:—There are three Sorts of executory Estates, one where the Devisor parts with his whole Fee Simple, but upon some Contingency qualifies that Disposition, and limits another Fee upon that Contingency, which is altogether new in Law, as appears by 1 Inst. 18. a Fee cannot be limited upon a Fee.—The second Sort is, where he gives a future Estate to arise upon a Contingency, and does not part with the Fee at present, but retains it, these are not against the Law, for by the Common Law one might devise that his Executor should sell his Land, and in such Case the Vendee is in by the Will, and the Fee descends to the Heir in the mean Time.—A third Sort of executory Devises is of Terms, which are well settled in Manning's (a) Case, and it is dangerous to extend the Boundary of these executory Devises, which at present is a Life or Lives. *Per Powell, J. Ibid.*

(a) *Vide Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3.*

281, 282. S. C. cited.

Vin. Abr. Tit.

Devise,

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totidem verbis.

11. J. S. being Tenant for Life, with Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to his own right Heirs, 20 Oct. 1683 made his Will

thus, viz. "Item, my Land at W. my Wife Mary is to enjoy for her

"Life, after her Death it of Right goes to my Daughter Elizabeth

"for ever, provided she has Heirs, but if my said Daughter dies before

"her Mother or without Heirs, and my said Wife Mary shall marry

"again, and should have Heirs Male, I bequeath all my said Right

"in W. &c. to her Heirs Male by her second Husband, thinking I

"can never sufficiently reward her Love. Provided if my said Wife

"should marry again, and fail of Heirs Males, and my Daughter

"should fail of Heirs, then I devise 50l. Annuity out of W. &c. to

"my Brother D. S." And devised several other Annuities charged on

the Lands to several Persons, who were his Heirs at Law. But he

made no Devise of the Land to any one. The Wife married a second

Husband, and had Issue Male, but died before Elizabeth the Daughter,

who died without Heirs. In Ejectment the Lessors of the Plaintiff were

Heirs at Law, and the Defendant was the Heir Male of the Wife by

the second Husband. On the Trial a Case was made for the Opinion

of the Court. First Objection was, that the first Clause was a Devise

to the Daughter in Fee, but yet that was afterwards controuled and

qualified by subsequent Words, and it was intended to be to her and

the Heirs of her Body only. *Per Cur'*, The Person to whom the

Devise over is, i. e. Heirs Male of the Body of the Wife by a second

Husband, he is a Stranger, and where the Devise over is to a Stranger,

that will not alter the Construction of the Will from what it would

have been without it; so that it will continue a Devise to E. in

Fee-simple. So is (b) 2 Cro. 415. and it is Law now, and not to

be drawn in Question, tho' it was once disputed. A Devise to a

Stranger will not alter a positive Devise to a Person and his Heirs.—

But when this Devise is over of a Rent Charge, or Annuities charged

on the Land to the Heirs at Law, and shews what was meant by Heirs

in the first Place, then it will be a Devise to Elizabeth and the Heirs

of her Body, Remainder to the Heirs Males of the Body of the Wife,

with a Devise over to these Annuitants, and there is no Difference

whether the Devise over be of the Lands or of an Annuity charged on

them, because in the last Place he could never intend the Lands them-

selves should pass to the Persons to whom he had given the Annui-

ties. Secondly, *per Cur'*, the first Clause is not a Devise to the Wife

or to Elizabeth, for they were settled upon her for Life; and what is

said as to the Daughter is only a Declaration of the Devisor what the

Estate and Condition of the Estate was, and how she was to enjoy it; and

he could not say of Right (we) who was to enjoy them, if she claimed

(b) *Hil. 14*
Jac. B. R.
Webb and
Herring.

(we) in the
Original.

under the Will. The Consequence of this is, that the *Lands descended to Elizabeth as Heir at Law, and the Devise to the Heirs Males of the Wife by a second Husband will be contingent*. First, Whether *Elizabeth* should die in the Life-time of the Wife, which must happen within the Compass of a Life; *next Contingency*, if the Wife should marry, &c. and have Heirs of her Body by a second Husband.— But tho' as in *Lloyd and Cary's Case*, she might have Heirs after his Death, and not within the Compass of a Life, yet so near as there could be no Inconvenience if it should take Effect (as) an *executory* (as) not in the Original. Devise in such a Case. But this is not so *here*; for if the Words are taken *disjunctively*, (*if my Daughter dies in the Life-time of her Mother, or without Heirs*) the Contingency never happened, because the Daughter survived the Mother; so the Devise could never take Effect, but will be void;—if taken *copulatively*, and (*or*) taken for (*and*) here it will be hard to turn Words out of the natural Sense and Import, unless there be a plain Intimation of the Intent of the Devisor so to do. How doth the Devisor intend it *copulatively*? What Occasion is there for it? For if the Daughter survived the Mother, he might intend it for her in Fee; why should it be taken, if my *Daughter* dies without Heirs in the Life-time of *Eliz.* (a)? (a) Eliz. in the Original. Thirdly, But if it were so, the Devise over cannot take Effect, *because the Contingency never happened*. Fourthly, But the Death of the Daughter without Heirs is too remote, and the Devise over is void. The Devise of the *Annuities is to take Effect in Nature of a Remainder*, and if the first cannot take Effect, all that comes after cannot take Place, it being not to take Effect but as a Remainder, and then not at all. Next, If the Wife should marry again and have a Son, and should die without Heirs Males, this is also *too remote*, and so the *Devise over is void*, because *to commence upon a Contingency too remote*; and if it cannot be good by way of *executory Devise*, then it must be by way of *Remainder*. And it *cannot be good as a Remainder*, because *there is no particular Estate to support it to any one*; for there was no particular Estate at all, what went before being only a Declaration of what did belong to the Daughter; and as this *contingent Remainder had no particular Estate antecedent to it, it is void*. Not good as an *executory Devise*, because the Contingency never happened; or if it did happen, it was *too remote*, and so void, and therefore the Heirs at Law have a good Title. Fifthly, If the Son of the Wife by the second Husband could take, he would take a Fee-simple, so that the Testator was mistaken in the Law; for he thought he had devised to him but an Estate-tail. Judgment for the Plaintiff, *East. 7 Geo. 1. B. R. Wright and Hammond, MS. Rep.*

12. *William Gore* had several Sons, *Thomas, Edward, &c.* and several Daughters, and being seized in Fee devised *his Lands to Trustees for five hundred Years*, in Trust to pay *50 l. per Annum* to his eldest Son *Thomas* for Life, with Power of Distress, and on several other Trusts, and after the Determination of that Term *to the first Son of his eldest Son Thomas* (then a Batchelor) *to be begotten in Tail Male*, and so to every other Son of the Body of *Thomas* to be begotten in Tail Male successively; Remainder to the Testator's second Son *Edward* for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively, with divers Remainders over. The Testator died leaving *Thomas* then a Batchelor, who afterwards married and had a Son. The Cause came on before *Macclesfield, C.* who directing it to be referred to the Judges of *B. R.* for their Opinion, the first Question was, whether the Devise to the first Son of *Thomas* was good? Secondly, in whom the Freehold

Freehold of the Premises did vest at the Death of the Testator? And *Pratt, C. J. Powis, Eyre and Fortescue A. Justices*, certified their Opinions, "That the Devise to the eldest Son of *Thomas* was void; that it " could not be good as a Remainder, for want of a Freehold to support it; and that it could not take Effect as an *executory Devise*, " because it was too remote, (*viz.*) after five hundred Years; and that " the Freehold of the Premises vested in *Edward* the second Son."—But Lord *Macclesfield* expressed some Dissatisfaction at this Opinion, saying, that tho' the Law might be so, yet the Term of five hundred Years *being but a Trust Term*, and *to be considered in Equity as a Security only for Money*, was not to be so far regarded (at least in Equity) as to make the Devise over void. After which, *Thomas* and his Brother *Edward* came to an Agreement, which was confirmed by the Court. Afterwards, on *Thomas's* Death, his Son bringing this Matter over again in Chancery, *King, C.* sent it a second Time to the Court of *King's Bench*, and Lord *Hardwicke, C. J. Page, Probyn and Lee*, Justices, certified their Opinions against the Opinions of their Predecessors, (*viz.*) " That this was a good executory Devise, and not too remote, for that " it must in all Events one Way or other happen upon the Death of " *Thomas Gore*, whether he should have a Son or not, and either upon " the Birth of the Son, or upon his Death without Issue Male, the " Freehold must vest."—Lord *Raymond* was of this last Opinion.

(a) 2 Mod. Trin. 1722. (*Edward*) *Gore and Gore* (a), 2 Will. Rep. 28 to 65.

Ca. in Law

and Eq. Trin. 1722. S. C. but not so fully reported as in *P. Williams's Rep.*—*Vide Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, P. 370, where Mr. *Viner* by way of Note to Ca. 14, says, that afterwards *Edward* dying without Issue, D. a next Remainder Man brought this Matter yet once more into Chancery in Lord *Talbot's* Time, whereupon his Lordship referred it again to the Judges of B. R. who certified, "That they thought the Remainder good, " and that an Interim Estate 'till the Birth of the Son of *Thomas*, (who is since born) descended to B. and so " the contingent Remainder supported."—The two Certificates above-mentioned in *P. Williams*, were in the Words following:—"We have heard Counsel on both Sides on the Question above specified, and having considered the same, We are of Opinion, that the Devise of the Manors above-mentioned to the first Son of " *Thomas Gore* is void, because he cannot take by way of Remainder, for that there is no Freehold to support it; nor can he take by way of executory Devise, because it is not to take Place within that Compass " of Time which the Law allows; and We are also of Opinion, that the Freehold of the same Manors on " the Death of the Devisor vested in *Edward* the second Son.

—1722.

John Pratt,
Littleton Powis,
R. Eyre,
J. Fortescue Aland.

" Upon hearing Counsel on both Sides, and Consideration of this Case, We are of Opinion, that the Devise of the Manors of B. and S. to the first Son of *Thomas Gore*, is good by way of executory Devise; " and that the Freehold of the said Manors vested in his Heir at Law.

Jan. 26, 1733.

Hardwicke,
F. Page,
E. Probyn,
W. Lee.

13. *A.* devised a Term for Years to his Wife for Life, Remainder to his Son and Daughter. This is an executory Devise. *Vide 11 Geo. 1. Theobalds and Duffoy*, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 101.

14. *A.* seised in Fee, and having three Sons, G. E. and R. devised Blackacre to G. his eldest Son, and to his Heirs, and Whiteacre to E. his second Son, and his Heirs, and a Rent-charge of 50 l. per Annum issuing out of Whiteacre to R. and his Heirs; proviso, that if either of his Sons should die without Issue, the other two living, so as his Estate in Lands should come to the other two Sons, then the Rent should cease. G. died, leaving Issue the Defendant, and R. died sans Issue; so that this Contingency could never happen, because G. had Issue, and he being dead, and R. also without Issue, their Estate in Lands could never come to two, where E. alone was surviving; ergo the Rent-charge must descend to Defendant as Heir at Law, being the Son of G. the eldest Son of the Testator; for this is an executory Devise to two on the Con-

tingency of one dying in the *Life-time of the other two*, which *Contingency must arise within the Compass of one Life*, otherwise it is void; for it is plain that the Testator intended this Benefit of Survivorship during his Sons Lives only. The Court being of that Opinion; Judgment for Defendant. *Hil. 11 Geo. 1. Parsons and Peacock, 1 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 347.*

15. Devise of a *personal Estate to A. the Wife of J. S. for Life*, and *after her Death the Yearly Interest and Produce thereof to be for the Maintenance and Education of such Children as she should have by the said J. S. until the Sons should be twenty-one and the Daughters eighteen, at which respective Ages their respective Portions were to be paid them; and for want of such Issue then to B.*—*A. died without Issue.* *King, C. held that the Words (for want of such Issue) must be intended (for want of such Children); and whether A. shall leave such Children will be known at her Death; if she should leave Children, then they are to have the Proceed and Produce of the Estate for their Maintenance until they come to Age, before which Time they cannot dispose of it by reason of their Infancy, if they had the absolute Interest therein; but as soon as they come to the said Age they are to have the intire Property, and therefore this a very good executory Devise.* *Trin. 1727. Maddox and Stains (a), 2 Will. Rep. 421.*

(a) *Gibb. 318, 319. S. C.*

cited as decreed at the *Rolls* and affirmed by Lord Chancellor, and both Decrees affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*—*Vide the Case of Masinburgh and Ash, 1 Vern. 234, 257, 304. and 2 Chan. Rep. 8vo. 275. where the like executory Devise of a Term for Years was decreed to be good by North, L. K. by Advice of all the Judges of C. B. viz. Jones, C. J. Lewins, Charlton and Street, Justices, who certified the same under their Hands the 17th of Feb. 1684.*

16. *A. devised Lands to B. and his Heirs for ever, upon Condition to pay all the Testator's Debts, Legacies and Funerals, and if he do not pay them, then he devised the Premises to the Defendant and her Heirs for ever, and gave the Residue of his Estate real and personal to Defendant and her Heirs.* (*B. died before the Devisor, so it was a lapsed Legacy*), and one Question was, whether this was an *executory Devise to Defendant?* And *per Eyre, C. J. and tot' Cur'*, this cannot be an *executory Devise to Defendant*, unless it were an original Devise. Here is no *first Devisee*, for he is dead, and that Devise is void. *East. 2 Geo. 2. Roe and Fludd, Fortesc. Rep. 184, 185.*

17. *J. S. (having the Reversion in Fee of Lands, settled upon the Marriage of B. his Son in the usual Manner) devised all his Lands in that Settlement, on Failure of Issue of the Body of B. and for want of Heirs Male of his own Body, to his Daughter C. and the Heirs of her Body.* This does not give an Estate-tail by Implication to *B.* The Devise to *C.* is *executory* and is void, as being on too remote a Contingency. *East. 1733. Lanesborough and Fox, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 262.*

18. A Construction in favour of *executory Devises* to support the Intent of the Testator, will be made either in the Courts of *Law* or *Equity*, if it may be done consistently with the Rules of *Law.* *Mich. 1734. Hopkins and Hopkins, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 44.*

19. *A. devises his Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold, and all his real and personal Estate, not before devised, to three Trustees, their Heirs, In Trust to pay B. his Son an Annuity; and if he should have any Child; or Children, the Residue of his Rents, during B.'s Life, for the Education and Benefit of such Child or Children, and after B.'s Decease a Moiety of the Trust Estate to such Child or Children as he should leave, their Heirs, &c. the other Moiety to his Grandson C. every other Child*

or Children of his Daughter D. their Heirs, &c. and if B. die without Issue, the first Moiety to C. and other Child or Children of D. and their Heirs, &c. and directs an annual Payment to such Wife as B. shall marry. A. died. B. married and had Issue a Son and a Daughter, and died; afterwards C. married and had Issue a Daughter, and died. The Limitation to the Daughter of C. is well supported by the Estates in the Trustees; or if not, is good as an executory Devise; and the Profits shall go to the Children of B. Mich. 1735. Chapman and Blisset, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 145.

20. An executory Devise of an Estate of Inheritance to a Grandson unborn when he shall attain the Age of twenty-one Years, is good, and there is no Danger of a Perpetuity. Mich. 1736. Stephens and Stephens, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 228.

21. Testator devised to A. and his Heirs, and if he die before twenty-one, then to B. and his Heirs. A. died before twenty-one, but B. died before him. The Question was, whether B.'s Heirs should take? And the Court held clearly, that tho' B. died in the Life of A. yet his Heirs might well take under the executory Devise, for that such a Devise is not to be considered as a mere Possibility, but as an Interest vested (tho' not in Possession) in the same Manner as a contingent Remainder, and consequently is transmissible. Adjudged upon a Case made at the Assizes, and reserved for the Opinion of the Court. Trin.

(a) In this 13 & 14 Geo. 2. Gurnel and Wood (a), Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (L. 2.) Case the Chief Ca. 38. Justice cited

the Case of King and Withers, 11 July 1735, where a contingent Devise of a personal Estate was held to be not a Possibility only, but an Interest vested and transmissible, per Lord Talbot, and the Decree affirmed, after long Hearing, in Dom. Proc', 15 March 1735. Ibid.

(L) Of Devises by Implication.

1. A. HAD three Sons, B. C. and D. and devises Lands to C. and D. and if C. dies without Heirs D. shall have his Part, and if D. dies without Heirs, B. shall have it. The Question was, what Estate D. had in this Moiety? For it was agreed that C. had an Estate-tail by Implication by Force of the Words subsequent to the Devise, i. e. and if C. die without, &c. Nudigate argued, that if the Testator had gone no farther but only said, I devise these Lands to C. and D. neither of them had had but an Estate for Life; and then when the Testator by subsequent Words enlarges the Estate of one of them, and restrains it to the Part of one of them, (by saying B. shall have it) this Word it shall relate only to C.'s Part that was before devised to D. if C. dies without Heirs. And the Court inclined to this Opinion, that D. had but an Estate for Life in his Moieties, because Implications that carry Estates ought to be plain and strong, and so gave Judgment Nisi. East. 1673. Allen and Spendlove, 1 Freem. Rep. 85.

Vide P. Ca.

(b) It has been settled by many Authorities in the Books, viz. the 13 Hen. 7.

2. Where an Estate is created by Implication, it must be a necessary Implication, (b) as a Devise to the Heir after the Death of the Wife, the Wife takes an Estate for Life by Implication, because it is plain his Intent was, that the Heir should not have it till after her Death. Per Lord Keep. Trin. 1703. 2 Freem. Rep. 270.

17.—T. Jones's Rep. 98.—2 Lev. 207.—1 Vent. 203.—Vaugh Rep. 259. (Gardiner and Shelden) that nothing less than a necessary Implication could intitle the Wife to an Estate for Life, and the known Diversity is, where I devise Lands to my Heir after the Death of my Wife, this is a Devise by Implication to her for Life; but if I devise Lands to my second or third Son after the Death of my Wife, this is no Devise by Implication to her, but the Lands during her Life shall descend to the eldest Son as Heir. Trin. 1718. Said arg' in the Case of Willis and Lucas, 1 Will. Rep. 473. Vide Ca. 5. P. 343.

3. An *Implication* in a Devise to *disinherit the Heir*, must even at Law be a necessary *Implication*; cited arg' and agreed to by Lord Chancellor in *Casu Boutell* and *Mobum Tilden et al*, *East*. 1714, *Prec. in Chan.* 481, 484. *Gilb. Eq. Rep.*
41. S. C.
accord'.

4. Where an Entail is created by *Implication*, it is ever in favour of the *Heir at Law*; to whom no Estate being given by the Will, so as to enable him to take by Purchase, and there being a Necessity, if he takes at all, of his taking by Descent, therefore to support the Intention of the Testator that the Heir should take, the Law creates by *Implication* an Estate-tail in the Ancestor, to vest it in the Issue by Descent. *Per Parker, C. East*. 4 *Geo.* 1. in the Case of *Target and Grant*, *Lucas's Rep.* 403. — But where there is a Provision how it shall go to the Issue, this Reason entirely ceases. (a) *Per Lord Parker. Ibid.* (a) As in the
Case of *Target*
and *Grant*,
1 Vol. *Abr. Eq.* 193. Ca. 11.

5. A. had three Sons, B. C. and D. and being seised in Fee of Lands, Part whereof was *Gravelkind*, devised it to D. his youngest Son (*Defendant's Husband*) for his Life, he or his Heirs paying out of the Rents, &c. 10 l. a Year to B. for his Life, and also 10 l. a Year to C. and also 10 l. a Year to the Testator's Daughter M. for her Life, and also paying his Legacies; and that after the Death of said D. and Defendant M. his Wife, then the Son or Sons of the said D. should have all the said Premises, equally between them, they or their Brothers paying the Legacies; and if no such Sons, then the Daughter or Daughters of D. to have the Premises equally amongst them, paying, &c. The Testator died, then C. died leaving Issue, then B. the eldest Son died leaving Issue a Daughter, after which D. died leaving Defendant his Widow and three Infant Children; whereupon the Daughter and Heir of B. brought an Ejectment for the Recovery of the Premises against D.'s Widow, who giving in Evidence an old subsisting Term of the Premises, B.'s Daughter preferred her Bill against Defendant for an Account of the Rents, &c. and to set aside the old Term, &c. The only Question was, whether the Defendant had an Estate for Life by *Implication*, the Premises being devised to D. for Life, and after the Death of him and Defendant his Wife, then to the Sons of D? Or whether, during the Life of the Wife of D. the Premises should descend to the Plaintiff as Heir at Law of the Testator, as an Estate undisposed of by the Will during the Life of D.'s Wife? King, C. was strongly inclined for Defendant D.'s Widow, that she took an Estate for Life by *Implication*. However, it being Matter of Law, and an ill-penned Will, the Court ordered that a Case should be made of it, and that it should be referred to the Judges of B. R. *Trin.* 1718. *Willis and Lucas*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 472, 476. *Lucas's Rep.*
416. *Trin.*

4 *Geo.* 1. S. C. and P. says, Lord Chancellor was of Opinion the Wife ought to have an Estate for Life by *Implication*, the Heir at Law being excluded by the Annuity; but this being Matter triable at Law, he directed an Issue accordingly; where the Wife was ordered to insist only on her Title at Law. *Ibid.* 418. *MS. Rep.* S. C. and P. decreed accord.

6. "It is my Will, that if W. my Son shall happen to die, and leave no Issue of his Body lawfully begotten, that then, in that Case, and not otherwise, after the Death of the said W. my Son, I give and bequeath all my Lands of Inheritance in L. unto R. my Son, to have and to hold the same after the Death of the said W. to him and his Heirs." Price, B. gave his Opinion, that W. took an Estate-tail by this Will; for the Words shall not be construed to give an Estate by

by Way of executory Devise, but where the Devisee cannot take any other Way. But here *W.* took by the Will; for it is a necessary Implication that he shall have it to him and the Heirs of his Body, for the Heir shall take by the Will tho' he is not expressly named, or there be no Devise to him by express Words. It was adjudged *W.* took an Estate-tail. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Walter and Drew et al', Comyns's Rep. 372, 375.*

(M) Devises; who shall take by Survivorship. (a)

(a) *Vide D'avers et al',*

and *Folkes et al',* and *Helmes and D'Avers, P. Ca.*

1. *A.* HAVING three Daughters, devised to them 300*l.* apiece, payable at twenty-one or Marriage, which should first happen, and if either should die before twenty-one or Marriage, then her Portion to be equally divided between the Survivors. The eldest marries and hath her Portion, and dies, leaving Issue; the youngest dies before twenty-one and unmarried. The surviving Sister shall have the whole, *per Ellis, Windham and Lord Chancellor*; and tho' it was objected that the Words *equally to be divided*, did imply that they should be Sharers, yet that is to be understood *reddendo singula singulis*, in Case two of them had survived. *Mich. 1673. Anon. 1 Freem. Rep. 301, 302. Ca. 365.*

(b) If a Time of Payment had been limited, that might have

made it have another Construction than now it will. *Per Rawlinson*, who cites the Case of *Clerk and Bridges.*

2. *J. S.* bequeaths to *A.* 500*l.* to *B.* 500*l.* and so gives 500*l.* apiece to five others, and if any die, then her Legacy, and also the Residue of his personal Estate, to go to such of them as shall be then living, equally to be divided betwixt them all. *Per Cur'*, the Words "*shall go to such of them as shall be then living*," must refer to a certain Time, and that is when the Legacies become payable, which is at the Death of the Testator; (b) so that the Death of any of the Legatees after would not carry it to the Survivors. *Mich. 1687. Trotter and Williams, Prec. in Chan. 78.*

(c) *Vide the Case of Lord Bindon and Earl of Suffolk, P. Ca.*

(d) *Shaw. 91. Salk. 238.*

Vide Page and Page, P. Ca. the same Determination.

3. *J. S.* devises the Surplus of his personal Estate unto four Persons, equally to be divided between them, Share and Share alike, and made *B.* his Executor in Trust. One of the four died in the Life-time of the Testator, and then the Testator died; and the Question being to whom the fourth Part, devised to such deceased residuary Legatee, should belong? *Macclesfield, C.* after Time taken to consider of it, delivered his Opinion, That the Testator having devised his Residuum in Fourths, and one of the residuary Legatees dying in his Life-time, the Devise of that fourth Part became void, and was as so much of the Testator's Estate (c) undisposed of by the Will; and that it could not go to the surviving residuary Legatees, because each of them had but a Fourth devised to them in Common, and the Death of the fourth Legatee could not avail them, as it would have done had they been all joint Legatees; for then the Share of the Legatee dying in the Life of the Testator would have gone to the Survivors (d). But here the Residuum being devised in Common, it was the same as if a Fourth had been devised to each of the four, which could not be increased by the Death of any of them.—This Share cannot go to the Executor, he being but a bare Executor in Trust; and consequently it must belong to the Testator's next of Kin, according to the Statute, as so much of the personal

personal Estate remaining undisposed of by the Will; and that as to this the Executor was a Trustee for such next of Kin. *Trin. 1721. Bagwell and Dry, (a) MS. Rep.*

(a) 1 Will. Rep. 700.

S. C. *Am. v. this.*—*Prec. in Chan.* 567. S. C. cited *Trin. 1721.* (as the Case of *Barkwell and Dry*) thus: One devised his real and personal Estate to his four Daughters and their Heirs, Executors and Administrators; one of the Daughters died; and the Question was, who should have her Share? And it was decreed to go in the same Manner as a real Estate, to the surviving Daughters.——But in 1 *Will. Rep.* 701. (in a Note) it is said, that the Report of this Case in *Prec. in Chan.* is not warranted by the Register's Book.

4. No Words are to be rejected which may be reduced to bear any legal Construction; it is true, if any Words are contrary to Law, or insensible, those must be rejected, as where a Devise of Land is to two, or the Survivor and Survivors of them, there the Word (Survivors) shall be rejected, there being two and no more to take. *Per Cur.* *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. in Casu Barker and Eyles and Smith, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 159.*

5. I devise 100 l. per Annum to my Son A. and his Wife, for their respective Lives; 60 l. whereof to be paid to the Wife for the Support of herself and her Daughter, the remaining 40 l. to my Son. The Son dies; his Wife shall have the whole 100 l. per Annum. *Hil. 1731, 3 Will. Rep. 121.*

(N) Devise of personal and real Estate, with Remainder, &c.

1. **T**HE Husband devised his Goods to his Wife for Life, and after her Decease to T. S. who sued in the Court of Equity of the Marchers in Wales to secure his Interest in Remainder; but a Prohibition was granted, because a Devise of the Goods themselves, with a Remainder over, is void; but not where the Use and Occupation of of them is first devised. *Trin. 17 Car. C. B. Anon. March's Rep. 106.* *Sed Vide P. Ca.*

2. J. S. devised 500 l. to his Daughter, and if she died before thirty Years of Age unmarried, then to be divided between three. She receives the Money, and dies before that Time. And resolved, that the Money should be divided, and her Executor chargeable, as possessed in Trust for the Devisors in Remainder. 27 Oct. 1672. *Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 137. Ca. 172.*

3. A Devise of Goods to A. for Life, with Remainder after A.'s Decease, to B. It is now clearly settled, that it is a good Devise to B. and that B. may exhibit a Bill against A. to compel him to give Security that the Goods shall be forth-coming at his Decease; and it is all one whether the Goods, or the Use of the Goods, be devised for Life. *Mich. 1695. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 206. Ca. 280.* *Prec. in Chan. 323. Hil. 1711. Mr. Vernon in the Case of Gibbs and Barnardiston, in Chan. said, the Reason that a*

Devise over of such personal Estate upon a Life barely was good, was, because in Construction of this Court the first Devisee had but the Use of it, and not the entire Property. But in the said Case of Gibbs and Barnardiston, it was held clearly and decreed, that a Devise of a personal Estate to one and his Issue, or to one, and if he die without Issue, (b) Remainder over to another; the Remainder over is void; and the whole Interest vested in the first Devisee. *Ibid.*—*Gilb. Eq. Rep. 79. S. C.* *(b) Vide P. Ca.*

4. Devise of a personal Estate for Life, with Remainder over, is good. *Vide the Case of Cowper and Williams, East. 1697. P. Ca.*

5. A personal Estate was devised to A. and in Case she died without Issue, then to B. Resolved, that the Devise over to B. is void; and the whole decreed to A. *East. 1705. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 287. Ca. 357.*

6. *J. S. devised to A. and if he die without Issue then living to B.* Lord Chancellor decreed this to be a good Remainder; for, the Words *then living* relate to the Time of his Death. *Weake's Case, Trin. 8 Anne.*

(a) *Prec. in Chan. 421. Mich. 1715. S. C. the Devises over were agreed by Counsel on both Sides to*
(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

7. *J. S. devised that all his Money in the Government Funds should be laid out in the Purchase of Lands of 3 or 400 l. per Annum, and settled on A. his eldest Son, and the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder to C. his second Son, and the Heirs Male of his Body, &c. and bequeathed the rest (a) of his personal Estate to the said A. and the Heirs Male of his Body; Remainder over in the same Manner.* Per Cowper, C. it is clear the personal Estate cannot be intailed (a); but the whole Property thereof vests in A. the eldest Son. Bill dismissed. *Mich. 1715. Seale and Seale (b), 1 Will. Rep. 290.*

to be void, and that the whole vested in A. *Ibid. 422.*

8. Money limited after a dying without Issue generally, is void; *secus* if it be after a dying without Issue then living. *Trin. 2 & 3 Geo. 2. Green and Rod, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 68.*

9. *A. devises to H. his Wife, all his Debts, Goods, &c. provided that if H. died without Issue by him, he appointed that 80 l. should remain to his Brother J. — A. dies, then J. dies in the Life-time of H. and then H. dies without Issue by A.* First Question, Whether this was a good Devise to J. Secondly, Whether he dying before the Contingency happened, it was so vested in him that his Executor should have it, or only intended as a personal Benefit to J. Cowper, C. said, There is a Difference between this Devise, which is upon a Condition precedent, and where it is upon a Contingency over, as to one for Life, and if he die without Issue, or Heirs of his Body, then over to another. Here the Wife has nothing in this Money, but this is an Appointment of so much Money when the Contingency happened. In the former Case the Estate-tail absorbs the whole Interest. The Word (*remain*) is observable if such an Accident happened, then so much was to remain to him. If this had been a Devise over, there had been no Question. May not this be construed, if H. died without Issue living by him? This Legacy was to arise upon a Condition precedent, which makes the Legacy the worse; but all the Cases put are of a Devise over, and the Fund here is devised to the Wife. — As to the other Point, if the Devise be good, it must go to the Executor of the Devisee; but he said he would consider of it. *Hil. 4 Geo. 1. Anon. Vin. Ab. Tit. Devise, (F. c.) Ca. 24.*

Prec. in Chan. 528. S. C. in totidem verbis.

10. *A. devises Portions to his four Children payable at their respective Ages of twenty-one or Marriage, and in Case any of them should die before the Time of Payment or without Issue, then his or their Share to go to the Survivors and Survivor of them, and his Heirs.* One of them died under Age, and without Issue and unmarried, and the Plaintiff who was one of the surviving Brothers and married, tho' under Age, brought this Bill for a third Part of the dead Brother's Share; and the Questions were, First, Whether the Devise in Case of Death without Issue, being of a personal Estate, was good? Secondly, Whether, admitting it were, the dead Brother's Share was not still liable to the Contingency of Survivorship till it came to the last of the four Brothers? His Honour decreed, that the Limitation being to the Survivors and Survivor and his Heirs, that it could not be intended a dying without Issue generally, which would make it void; but a dying without Issue in such Manner as that the Survivors or Survivor might take

take it, which must be during their Lives, and consequently good. — Secondly, That it was liable to the Contingency of surviving 'till it came to the last, and therefore the Plaintiff could not have his Share of the Principal of his dead Brother; but in regard no Distinction was given in the Will concerning the Interest, it was decreed he should have a proportionable Part of the Interest during his Life, else the Interest must lie dead 'till it come to the last, which would be very inconvenient; tho' in Cases not so circumstanced, the Legatee has not been allowed the Arrears or growing Interest, for want of a Direction in the Will concerning it, but it has fallen into the Residuum of the Testator's personal Estate. *East. 1719. Nickolls and Skinner, MS. Rep.*

11. One devises that such Part of his personal Estate as his Wife should leave of her Subsistence shall go to his Sister. Devise over good. Decreed by the Master of the Rolls, *Trin. 1720. Upwell and Halsey (a), 1 Will. Rep. 651.*

(a) *Lucas's Rep. 441.*

Trin. 5 Geo. 1. S. C. decreed accordingly. — Vide P. Ca. S. C. more fully abridg'd.

12. J. S. by Will gave all his Money and Securities for Money to Defendants A. and B. In Trust to pay 200 l. to his Wife absolutely, and to pay the Interest of all the rest of the Money to his Wife for Life, and after her Death he gave the Interest of 400 l. Part of the Residue, to A. for Life, and then to his first Son, payable to him until he should attain his Age of twenty-one, at which Time he was to be paid the Principal Sum of 400 l. But if such eldest Son should die before twenty one, then the Testator devised the Interest of the 400 l. to A.'s second Son in like Manner, and so on to the third, fourth, &c. Sons of A. in the same Manner. And devised another 400 l. to B. and his first, &c. Son in like Manner; but if either A. or B. should die without Issue, his Share was to go to the Testator's right Heirs. His Honour decreed, that as to the said Sums of 400 l. and 400 l. if A. and B. should die without Issue living at their Death, then the Share of him or them so dying should belong to the Testator's right Heirs, and not to Plaintiff his Wife and Executrix; but that if they should die leaving Issue, and such Issue should die before twenty-one, then that these Shares should sink into the Residuum of Testator's personal Estate.

—— *Macclesfield, C.* upon an Appeal, took a Difference between a Limitation of a Trust of a Term for Years in such Manner as that all Power of Alienation might be restrained, and consequently a Perpetuity introduced, and a Limitation of a Trust of a Sum of Money which may be subject to more remote Contingencies; for his Lordship thought a Bond to pay Money upon the Death of A. without Issue of his Body would be good (b), and for the same Reason the Trust of Money so limited would be allowed also. However, the Proviso in this Case must be understood of a dying without Issue then living, which is the common Meaning of this Expression (c). But whether this Remainder should go to him that is (d) now right Heir of the Testator, or to such as should be so at the Time when either of the Defendants A. and B. should die without Issue then living, his Lordship ordered that the Consideration thereof be respited 'till that Contingency happens, when it will be proper to make such Heir a Party to this Bill. *Mich. 1721. Pleydell and Pleydell, 1 Will. Rep. 748.*

(b) *Vide the Case of Pinbury and Elkin, 1 Will. Rep. 566.* where it is said per his Lordship, that a Covenant to pay a Sum of Money wh n there should be a Failure of Issue of the

Body of B. would surely be good.

(c) *Vide 1 Vern. 35. Danvers and Earl of Clarendon.*

And 1 *Vcl. Eq. Abr. 202. Ca. 21. S. C. abridged.*

(d) Tho' in Case of a Devise of Land to a Man, and if he die without Issue, then to J. S. this would give an Estate-tail (viz.) to the Issue of the Devisee, and so successively to the latest Posterity; yet such Construction is contrary to the natural Import of the Expression, and made purely to comply with the Intent of the Testator, which seemed to be, that the Land devised should go to the Issue and their Issue, to all Generations. But notwithstanding this, it would be very

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strange to put a forced Construction upon Words *contrary* and *repugnant* to their usual Import, and only to defeat the Design of the Testator, by frustrating that Estate which he intended to give. *Per* his Lordship in the said Case of *Pleydell and Pleydell*. *Ibid.* 750.

13. A *personal Estate cannot be intailed*. 3 Dec. 1726. *Stratton and Pain, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (F. e.) Ca. 26.*

14. J. S. by Will gave *several long Annuities for ninety-nine Years* in the Exchequer, amounting to 320 *l. per Annum*, to Trustees for the Residue of the Term, *In Trust for E. Dod for so many Years of the said Term as she should live, and afterwards for the Plaintiffs for so many Years of the said Term as they or the Survivor of them should live, and after the Decease of the Survivor, In Trust for the Heirs of their Bodies lawfully to be begotten for all the Residue of the said Term; and for Default of such Issue, In Trust for the Defendants.* These Annuities were subscribed into the South-Sea Company in 1720, and the Bill was to have the South-Sea Stock and Annuities sold, and the Money arising by Sale thereof to be paid to the Plaintiffs, who were the Devisees for Life, with Remainder to the Heirs of their Bodies, &c. King, C. said, where a Term is devised to a Man and his Heirs, or to the Heirs of his Body, the whole Term vests in the Devisee, and any Remainder over is void; and so it was held in *Dom. Proc'* the last Sessions in Sir John Rushout's Case. The Remainder in the present Case is void, *being after a Limitation in Tail*. Decreed that the Stock and Annuities be sold, and the Money thereby raised to be paid to the Plaintiffs (a). *Mich. 13 Geo. 1. Dod and Dickenson, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (F. e.) Ca. 25.*

(a) Cases cited for the Plaintiffs were

3 *Lev. 22. Gibbons and Somers.—1 Lev. 290. Love and Windham et al'.—Cited cont', Pinbery and Elkins, Temp. Macclesfield, C.—Peacock and Spooner in Dom. Proc'. Ibid.*

15. J. S. seised in Fee-simple, and possessed of a Church Lease for twenty-one Years in the Possession of A. and B. devised *all his Lands which he then stood seised or possessed of, or any ways interest in, and which were in the Possession of the said A. and B. unto C. his Wife for Life, Remainder to D. and the Heirs of his Body, if then living, (of which the Testator much doubted) Remainder if D. were then dead, or should die without Issue, to Plaintiff for Life, with a Power to make a Jointure, Remainder to Trustees during the Life of the Plaintiff, In Trust to support contingent Remainders, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Plaintiff in Tail Male successively, with Remainders over.* And devised *all his Goods and Chattels, Money and personal Estate, to his Wife and Executrix.* King, C. decreed that the Leasehold Premises should pass by this Will to Plaintiff, who was the Remainder Man for Life, as well as the Freehold (b). *East. 1728.*

(b) His Lordship owned the Addis and Clement, 2 Will. Rep. 456, 459.

Limitations were improper, but then he said the Words of the Will were very strong, *all the Lands which the Testator was seised or possessed of, or any ways interested in*; which Words *possessed of or interested in*, properly refer to a Leasehold Estate, and distinguish the present Case from that of *Rose and Bartlet*, where the Words *possessed of or any ways interested in*, are not to be found. And as this Lease for twenty-one Years was held of the Church, and *always renewable*, the Lessee who was the Testator might look upon himself from the Right he had to renew, as having a perpetual Estate therein, a kind of Inheritance; and therefore his Lordship thought it ought to pass. *Ibid.* 459.

16. J. S. gave and bequeathed *all his real and personal Estate to his Son F. and to the Heirs of his Body, to his and their Use, to be paid to him in three Years after his Death, and during the Time he made D. his Executor; and after the said three Years expired, he appointed that his Son F. should be his Executor, and if his said Son should die leaving no Heirs of his Body living, then he gave so much of his*

his said real and personal Estate as his said Son F. should be possessed of at his Death, to the Goldsmiths Company in London, In Trust for several charitable Uses. But his Will was, that the Company should not give his said Son any Disturbance during his Life. J. S. dies. The Son after three Years takes the Execution of the Will, suffers a Recovery of the real Estate, and dies without Issue, leaving his Wife Executrix. King, C.—His Honour, and Reynolds, C. B. were unanimous, That the Limitation over was void (a). Trin. 5 Geo. 2. Attorney General and the Goldsmiths Company, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 314, 321. Vide P. Ca.

17. J. S. by Will reciting that a Marriage is proposed between his Niece A. and his Cousin B. devises to Trustees his real Estate and Bank Stock, and Money in Orphans Fund, and the Produce of the same, In Trust to pay the Rents and Profits to A. during Life, or to such Person as she by Writing should appoint, with or without the Consent of any Husband. But if she should marry B. then after the Decease of A. In Trust for B. during Life, and after his Decease In Trust for the first and other Sons successively of A. and B. and their Heirs Male, and for want of such Issue, In Trust for the Daughters of A. and B. equally to be divided between them, and for want of Issue of that Marriage, In Trust for the Issue of the Survivor of them; and if neither of them leave Issue, In Trust for C. for Life, with Remainder for such Child and Children as his Brother D. should leave living at his Decease, or that D.'s Wife should be enseint of, that should attain the Age of twenty-one, and to the Heirs, Executors, &c. of such Child or Children, equally to be divided between them, as they should respectively attain the Age of twenty-one Years; and if no such Child attain that Age, then to his own right Heirs. But if A. should not marry B. then In Trust after her Decease for C. for Life, Remainder to the Child and Children of D. (as before) and if none attain the Age of twenty-one, then to his own right Heirs; and devised the Residue of his Ready Money, Plate, Mortgages, &c. and all other his Estates, real and personal, to A. and C. equally to be divided between them, their Heirs, Executors, &c. and made C. and A. joint residuary Legatees, and G. and H. Executors, and died. A. and B. intermarried; B. died sans Issue. C. married, and also died sans Issue. A. died without Issue, having made her Will, and appointed an Executor. D. died before A. leaving Issue two Sons, E. and F. above twenty-one Years of Age. E. died before A. intestate, leaving M. a Daughter an Infant now living. F. is also living. The Orphans Fund and Bank Stock were not transferred, but remained as at the Testator's Death. King, C. held the Limitations after the Estate-tail void, and dismissed the Bill. 22 Nov. 1734. Sabbarton and Sabbarton, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 55. — But 15 Nov. 1736, upon hearing two other Causes upon the same Will, a Reference was made to the Judges of B. R. for their Opinions How a Bequest of a Term for Years in Lands upon the like Limitations as above to the Child and Children of D. would be considered. And they declared their Opinions, "That as this Case has happened (by the others dying all of them without Issue) the Limitation of a Term for Years in like Manner would have been good." Ibid. 249.

(O) Where a Devise shall be in Satisfaction
of a Thing certain (a).

(a) As Debts,
Legacies, &c.

—Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. (L.) P. 203.

Prec. in Chan.
5. S. C. in
totidem verbis.

1. *J. S.* by *Fine and Recovery*, and Deed dated 10 May 12 Car. 2. settled the Manor of *Y. &c.* on himself for Life, and afterwards on Trustees for twenty-one Years, to commence from his Death; and after that Term on *W. S.* his Son in Tail, with Remainder to his own right Heirs, and the Trust of the Term is declared to be for raising 5000 l. for Daughters Portions, viz. 2000 l. for the eldest Daughter of *J. S.* that should be unmarried at the Time of his Death, and to be paid at her Age of eighteen or Marriage, which should first happen, and the other 3000 l. to be equally divided amongst his three other Daughters, payable as aforesaid. And in the Deed there was a Proviso, that if *W. S.* or any Issue Male of his Body should pay or secure the 5000 l. according to the Deed, then the Lease to be void. Afterwards *W. S.* died, and *J. S.* having no other Sons, by Will devised the Manor of *Y. &c.* to his Wife for Life, for the Increase of her Jointure, and she to pay 100 l. per Annum to his Sister, &c. and then comes this Clause, “ And I hereby declare that I leave my Lands of Inheritance to descend to my Daughters as my Heirs at Law, on account of my dying without Issue of my Body; and that the Lands hereby given to my Wife, or settled in Jointure on her formerly, shall not be charged with any Portions or Sums of Money to my said Daughters, by virtue of any former Marriage Settlement made by me.” *J. S.* dies leaving Issue four Daughters all unmarried, the eldest afterwards married the Plaintiff, and the Bill was brought against *J. S.*’s Widow and the other three Daughters and their Husbands, and the Trustees, to have the Benefit of this Term, and to have the 2000 l. paid to the Plaintiff. The Lords Commissioners were all clearly of Opinion, That the Plaintiff must have 1000 l. more than her Sisters; and that if the other Sisters did not agree to pay her three fourth Parts of that 1000 l. out of their Shares of the Land, then the Trustees were to raise the Money according to their Power, and *J. S.*’s Widow was to be reimbursed out of the Inheritance, what her Estate for Life should be damaged in this Matter. Hil. 1689. Lord Viscount Tervist and Lady Spencer et al, &c. econt, MS. Rep.

2. *J. S.* was indebted 50 l. to *A.* and afterwards left him a Legacy of 500 l. and made him Executor, and after the making of the Will she borrowed of him 150 l. more, and died. Decreed per his Honour, that this 500 l. Legacy to *A.* should be a Satisfaction of both the Debts that were contracted after the Will, as well as that contracted before. But *Harcourt, C.* reversed the Decree, because a Court of Equity ought not to hinder a Man from disposing of his own as he pleases; and when he says he gives a Legacy, we cannot contradict him, and say he pays a Debt; and as to the Debt contracted afterwards, he said there was no Pretence to make this to be a Payment of that (a). If a Legacy be less than the Debt, it was never held to go in Satisfaction; so if the Thing given was of a different Nature, as Land, it should not go in Satisfaction of Money (b). So if the Legacy be upon Condition, for by the Breach he may be a Loser, whereas the Will intended it for his Benefit.—Note; In all these Cases the

(a) Vide P.
Ca. Chan-
cey’s Case.
(b) Vide P.
Ca.

Intention of the Party ought to be the Rule. Trin. 13 W. 3. *Cranmer's Case*, 2 Salk. 508. 3 Will. Rep. 227. S. C. cited per Sir

J. Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, as decreed *per Lord Harcourt*, that a Legacy, tho' it exceeded the Debt, could not be intended as a Satisfaction thereof; and indeed it may be presumed, that if the Testator intended to pay or satisfy a Debt, he would certainly have taken Notice of it. *Per his Honour. Ibid.*

3. *A.* was Father to Plaintiff's Wife, and had in his Hands a Legacy of 150 *l.* which had been given her by a collateral Ancestor. Afterwards, on her Marriage with Plaintiff, *A.* (the Defendant) gave her 1000 *l.* Portion, and after settled a Church Lease on her and her Husband, and maintained them fourteen or fifteen Years at his own House, and no Notice was ever taken of the Legacy, nor did it appear that the Husband knew any thing of it; yet after some Differences between them, and on a Bill brought, the Legacy was decreed, with Interest and Costs; and his Honour said, He could not discharge it, tho' he disliked the Suit. Hil. 1703. *Anon. MS. Rep.* Prec. in Chan. 228. Hil. 1703. Chidley & Ux' and Lee, S. C. in totidem verbis.

4. The Court of Chancery goes on Presumptions in Family Settlements;—and if one gives a Daughter 1000 *l.* Legacy, and afterwards on Marriage gives her 1000 *l.* Portion. This shall (in Equity) be a Satisfaction of the 1000 *l.* Legacy.—So if one owes his Child a Sum of Money, and by Will gives him a greater, this shall be also taken for a Satisfaction. *Per Dobyne, Hil. 1704.* in the Case of Clavering and Clavering (a), *Prec. in Chan.* 236. (a) 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 24. Ca. 6. S. C. but not S. P.

5. *A.* agreed with *B.* to give him 2000 *l.* Portion to be laid out by *A.* He purchases Lands with 1000 *l.* and mortgages them, and then settles pursuant to the Articles, excepting only in one Limitation. *A.* devised these Lands to his Wife for Life, and also a Legacy in Money, and gave Legacies to *B.* and his Children, and dies without Issue of his Body, leaving *B.*'s Children his Heirs at Law. The Lands settled according to the Articles is a good Performance so far as the Value is over and above the Mortgage, *per Cowper, C.* Then it was urged that the Legacy to the Children was a Bounty, and not a Satisfaction of the Demand of the Heir, because at the Time of the Legacy it was not known whether he would be Heir, or take any Thing by the Settlement; and also it was a Legacy given to him in Company with others; and the Dispute is not between the Executor Defendant and a Creditor, but between the Executor and *B.* and his Son and Daughter; and there are Assets enough to answer any Thing. Yet his Lordship directed, that the Master enquire what Assets by Descent in Fee and other personal Estate came into his Hands, and that to be as Part of the Satisfaction of his Demand. East. 6 Ann. *Letchmere and Blaggrave, Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 64.

6. *A.* received 1000 *l.* to the Use of *B.* and makes *B.* Executor, and dies. That shall go in Satisfaction. *Per Cowper, C.* in S. C. *Ibid.*

7. *A.* devises 10 *l.* per Annum to *B.* for Life, charged on two Houses held by a Lease, and made *A.* his Wife sole Executrix. *A.* devised 10 *l.* per Annum to *B.* for Life, and made *C.* Executor, and *C.* settled Lands of his own, and charged them with Payment of 20 *l.* per Annum to *B.* for Life. Lord Chancellor Cowper thought the two 10 *l.* Annuities given by the several Wills were several Devises of two several 10 *l.* But whether the 20 *l.* by the Settlement should be additional or only in Satisfaction was not decreed, tho' it was sworn by two Persons to be intended in Satisfaction. East. 7 Ann. *Davison and Goddard, Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 66.

8. *A.* had two Daughters, *M.* and *N.*—A Legacy of 100 *l.* was left to *M.* by *J. S.* and another of 50 *l.* by *W. R.* and both Legacies were in the Father's Hands as Executor of *J. S.* and *W. R.* Afterwards *A.* by Will, by Virtue of a Power, charges his Lands with 2000 *l.* and also left *M.* and *N.* 250 *l.* apiece. This is not a Satisfaction of the two Legacies to *M.* *East. 1711. Meredith and Wynn, 1 Vol. Eq. Ca. Abr. P. 70. Ca. 15. S. C. but not S. P. Prec. in Chan. 314.*

9. *A.* Father gives Legacies to his Children, and makes his Wife Executrix; she not having paid the Legacies, gives them Legacies likewise; one of which was the same Sum, and the other a greater. Decreed they shall not have both, and the latter is a Satisfaction of the former.——And where there was a Devise of the Lands with which one of the first Legacies was chargeable, it was decreed that this was a Devise of the Money which is payable out of the Lands. *1712. Barkham and Dorwine, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (T. c.) Ca. 37.*

10. If one being indebted to another, does by his Will give him (a) *S. P. Per as great or (a) greater Sum than the Debt amounts to,* without taking any Notice at all of the Debt, this shall nevertheless be in Satisfaction of the Debt, so that he shall not have both the Debt and Legacy; but if such a Legacy were given upon a Contingency (b), which if it should not happen, the Legacy would not take Place in that Case, tho' the Contingency does actually happen, and the Legacy thereby becomes due; yet it shall not go in Satisfaction of the Debt, because a Debt, which is certain, shall not be merged or lost by an uncertain and contingent Recompence; for whatever is to be a Satisfaction of a Debt, ought to be so in its Creation, and at the very Time it is given, which such contingent Provision is not. Cites the Case of *Pollexfen* to be so adjudged by Lord *Harcourt*, and affirmed in *Dom. Proc'*; and as it is in the Case of a Will, so it will likewise if the Provision were by Deed; if the Provision be absolute and certain, it shall go in Satisfaction of the Debt; but if it be uncertain and contingent, it can be no Satisfaction, because it could not be so in its Creation, and the happening of the Contingency afterwards will not alter the Nature of it; said by Mr. *Vernon*, and agreed to by the Master of the Rolls. *Mich. 1714, in the Case of Sir John Talbot alias Ivory, and Duke of Shrewsbury et al', 2 Vern. 709. Ca. 631. S. C. and P. Prec. in Chan. 394.*

11. *A.* covenants to leave his Wife 620 *l.* The Husband dies intestate, and the Wife's Share by the Statute of Distribution comes to above 620 *l.* This is a Satisfaction. First decreed by Sir *John Trevor*, Master of the Rolls, 15 Feb. 1715, and in *Trin. 1716*, affirmed by *Cowper, C. in Casu Blandy and Widmore, 1 Will. Rep. 324.*

12. Annuities given by a Codicil, tho' given to the same Persons that were pecuniary Legatees in the Will, and tho' of greater Value, yet shall not be taken to be a Satisfaction for the pecuniary Legacies given by the Will, because the Annuities are not *ejusdem generis*, and the Annuitants might die the next Day after the Death of the Testatrix, and nothing being more uncertain than Life, consequently the latter Gifts, instead of being a Bounty, might be a Prejudice if taken to be in Satisfaction of the Legacies by the Will. The Codicil is Part of the Will, and proved as Part thereof, and the greater pecuniary Legacy given by the Codicil to the same Person that was a pecuniary Legatee in the Will, shall not be taken to be a Satisfaction, unless so expressed; and it is as if both the Legacies had been given by the same Will; and it seemed a Circumstance tending to prove that the Testatrix intended additional Bounties, inasmuch as she after the making the Will and before her making the Codicil, had an additional Estate

Estate come to her from her Mother. *Per* the Master of the Rolls, *East*. 1718. *Masters and Harcourt Masters*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 421, 423.

13. *J. L.* devised Lands to his Wife for her Life, and devised other Lands to the Plaintiff his Brother; and his Heirs. The Defendant, Wife of the Testator, entered into the Lands devised to her, which were of more Value than her Dower, but not devised to her expressly in Lieu and Satisfaction of Dower; and afterwards brought Dower against the Devisee of the other Lands, and recovered against him with Costs; who thereupon brings his Bill to be relieved against the Judgment, the Lands devised to her by her Husband being of greater Value, and she in Possession of them. The Case of *Lawrence and Lawrence in Dom. Proc.* was cited for the Defendant, as a Case in Point that the Wife shall have Dower notwithstanding a Devise to her for Life of Lands by her Husband, unless declared to be in Lieu and Satisfaction of Dower. Lord Parker said, this Point is determined already by the House of Lords, and there is no Relief in this Case in Equity, therefore the Bill must be dismissed. *Trin. 5 Geo. Lemon and Lemon, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (T. c.) Ca. 45.*

14. Mrs. T. having three Daughters, A. B. and C. bequeathed to A. 1000 l. to B. 800 l. and C. 500 l. payable at Age or Marriage. Afterwards on a Treaty of Marriage of A. with Plaintiff, she approving the Match, gave Plaintiff a Note to pay him 500 l. in six Months, if the Marriage took Effect, in Augmentation of her Fortune. The Marriage took Effect; the Mother fell sick on the Day of Marriage, and died six Days after. The Executors insist that the 500 l. on Note was given in Satisfaction of the 1000 l. Legacy, or at least so much of it as the Note was given for. (N. B. These Daughters had Portions of 1500 l. by the Father's Will.) The Defendants insisted that the Mother, after giving the Note, declared, That she only intended to give A. 1000 l. and was uneasy during her Sickness that her Will was not altered, and gave Directions for that Purpose, but died before without altering the Will, and they made Proof thereof, and insisted, that the Words (in Augmentation of her Portion) was to be applied to the Portion left her by her Father. Also that the Mother's Assets would not satisfy all the Legacies in the Will if this Note should be paid. Objected, That the Will gives a Legacy of 1000 l. and the Evidence is to controul it; it is not to prove any Thing consistent with the Will, or to explain it, and where two are of a Name where a Legacy is given, and afterwards the Testator becomes indebted to the Legatee, that cannot be supposed to be given in Satisfaction of the Debt which was not then contracted. But in regard the proper Question was, Whether the Mother hath not, by giving a Note, advanced Part of the 1000 l. in her Lifetime, with Intent to make the 500 l. irrevocable? So the Evidence which was to explain but bare Declarations of a Testator shall not be given in Evidence, for that would be to make a Will in Writing alterable by Parol. The Testatrix died before she had altered her Will or finished; but no Witnesses going to the Value, Lord Chancellor sent it to a Master to state the Value, and reserved the farther Direction. The 500 l. had been paid, and the Defendants agreed to let the Plaintiff have another 500 l. admitting the 1000 l. to be due in all Events. *Hil. 6 Geo. 1. Pepper and Weyneve, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (T. c.) Ca. 46.*

15. If a Man gives a Legacy to his Creditor to the Amount of his Debt, this has been construed a Payment or (a) Satisfaction of the

general Doctrine, yet where the Testator has left *Wherewithal*, and shewed his Intentions so to be, he has been construed to be both just and bountiful. *Vide 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. 204. Ca. 8. and this Work, Chancey's Case, P. 354. Ca. 18.*

Debt, because a Man must be supposed to be *just* before he is *bountiful*. But there can be no Pretence to say, that because a Testator gives a Legacy of 500 *l.* to *W.* his Debtor, that therefore this is an Argument or Evidence that he intended to *remit W.* his Debt. *Per* his Honour, *East.* 1723, in the Case of *Jeffs and Wood*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 128, 132.

16. Testator gives a Legacy of 500 *l.* to his *Executor*, and afterwards the Testator contracted a Debt of 25 *l.* with the *Executor* (who was an Attorney) for Fees and Business done. Lord Chancellor *King* resolved without Difficulty, that this Debt being contracted, subsequent to the Will, the Legacy could be (a) no Satisfaction for the same. *Hil.* 1725. *Thomas and Bennet*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 341, 343.

(a) *Vide* 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 204. Ca. 8.—*Vide* also *Chancey's Case*, *post.*

(b) His Lordship said, he had the more Compassion for this *Executrix*, because she submitted

to account for the Surplus; and said, he was not satisfied with that Notion that a Legacy to an *Executor* excludes him from the Surplus; and therefore, without her Submission, he did not know whether he should have decreed her to account for it. *Ibid.* 400. *Vide* *Tit. Executors and Administrators, P.*

17. 500 *l.* bequeathed to a Creditor for 300 *l.* who was also *Executrix* to the Devisor, and submitted to account for the Surplus (b), was decreed *per* Lord C. *Parker* not to go in Satisfaction of the 300 *l.* but she to have her Legacy over and above her Debt. *East.* 10. *Geo.* 1. ——— and *Mortimer Powell*, *Lucas's Rep.* 398 to 400. ——— *Vide* 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 243. Letter (D.)

(c) *Vide* *P. Ca. Cranmer's Case.*

18. *A.* being indebted to his Maid Servant who had lived with him for a considerable Time, gave her a Bond for 100 *l.* as due for Wages, and afterwards by Will gives her 500 *l.* and it was mentioned in the Will to be for her long and faithful Services. His Honour observed that the Bond was for Service, and the 500 *l.* Legacy also for Service, so that it is a greater Reward and Satisfaction for the same Thing; and so decreed; but held clearly, that such a Legacy is not a Satisfaction for Service done to the Testator after the making of the Will (c). *Hil.* 1717. *Chancey's Case*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 408.—But *Trin.* 1725, this Decree was afterwards reversed by *King, C.* upon the particular Circumstances varying it from the common Case, *viz.* That the Testator by the express Words of his Will had devised “that all his Debts and Legacies should be paid.” And this 100 *l.* Bond being then a Debt, and the 500 *l.* being a Legacy, it was as strong as if he had directed that both the Bond and Legacy should be paid. That when the Testator gave a Bond for the 100 *l.* Arrear of Wages, it was the same Thing as paying it, and as if he had actually paid it, and had afterwards given the Legacy of 500 *l.* the *Executor* could not have fetched back the 100 *l.* and made Defendant refund; so neither should the Bond in this Case be satisfied by the Legacy. His Lordship observed, that the *Executor* did not himself take this 500 *l.* Legacy to be a Satisfaction of the Bond, as appeared by his having voluntarily paid the 100 *l.* So decreed the Servant both her Debt and Legacy (d). *Ibid.* 410.

(d) *Sel. Cases in Chan.* 44. *Trin.* 11 *Geo.* 1. *Chaney and Wootton*, S. C. Decreed accordingly *per* *King, C.*

19. One on the Marriage of his Wife, gave a Bond to her Trustee (Penalty 4000 *l.*) conditioned, That if he at any Time within four Months should settle and assure Freehold Lands of 100 *l.* per Annum on his Wife for her Life, or if his Heirs, Executors or Administrators, should within the Space of four Months after his Death pay unto his said Wife 2000 *l.* then the Bond to be void. The Husband soon after the Marriage made his Will, devising thereby Freehold and Copyhold Lands of 88 *l.* per Annum to his loving Wife and her Heirs, having surrendered all his Copyhold to the Use of his Will, and died within four Months after the Marriage. Whereupon the Wife now insisted to retain these Lands of 88 *l.* per Annum, and that in regard her Husband

band had not settled the 100 *l. per Annum* for her Life, she was also at Liberty to elect the 2000 *l.* out of his Assets. Decreed *per* his Honour, that this 88 *l. per Annum* shall not be taken in Part of the 100 *l. per Annum*, but only as a Benevolence. *Trin.* 1731. *Eastwood and Vinke, or Styles, 2 Will. Rep.* 613, 614, to 617. This Decree was, on an Appeal *East.* 1732, affirmed by Lord Chancellor King. *Ibid.* 617.

Money and Land being Things of a different Kind; the one shall not be taken in Satisfaction of the

other (a).—Whatever is given by a Will is *prima facie* to be intended a Bounty and Benevolence; and it is remarkable that in the present Case the Devise is to his loving Wife, which is a Word of Affection, *per* his Honour, who said he looked upon it as a Stretch that where a Man has owed *£* 100 *l.* and afterwards given him a Legacy of 100 *l.* this latter has been taken in Satisfaction of the former, since at that Rate nothing is given. But tho' the Court has gone so far, it never yet construed a Devise of Land to be a Satisfaction for a Debt of Money; much less has it decreed that a Legacy of a less Sum than the Debt shall be deemed a Satisfaction *pro tanto*.—In the principal Case, the Devise of such of the Land as is Copyhold cannot possibly go towards Satisfaction of the 100 *l. per Annum*, which was to be Freehold; nay, supposing the whole 88 *l. per Annum* were Freehold, it would not go towards Satisfaction of the 100 *l. per Annum*, not being so expressed; but if there be not enough to answer the rest of the Charges laid upon the Land, or the Bond Creditors, who may come upon the Land, then indeed so much of the 88 *l. per Annum* devised as is Freehold might be taken towards Satisfaction, because otherwise the Testator's Will would be disappointed; tho' supposing there are Assets to pay all the Bond Debts, and likewise the Charges laid by the Will upon the Land, (which was afterwards admitted) in such Case the 88 *l. per Annum* shall be enjoyed as a Bounty and Benevolence; refers to 4 Co. *Vernon's Case*, and also to that of *Lawrence and Lawrence, 2 Vern.* 365. *Ibid.* 616.—Note; The Husband's Executors were decreed to pay the incurring Profits of the 100 *l. per Annum* from the Death of the Husband to the Wife, and to settle upon her the 100 *l. per Annum*, they not being bound to pay the 2000 *l.* to her. *Ibid.* 617. By this Part of the Decree we may observe that the Husband's Executors were at Liberty to elect whether to settle the 100 *l. per Annum* or to pay the 2000 *l.*

(a) Money and Land being of a quite different Nature, the one shall never be taken as a Satisfaction for the other. See many Cases to this Purpose, but particularly the Case of *Chaplin v. Chaplin, P. Ca.* and *P. Ca.*

20. 30,000 *l.* is covenanted to be laid out in Land. The Money need not be laid out all together upon one Purchase, but if laid out at several Times it is sufficient; and if the Covenantor dies, having purchased some Lands, which are left to descend, this will be a Satisfaction *pro tanto*. *Per Talbot, Lord C. Mich.* 1733. in the Case of *Lechmere and Earl of Carlisle, 3 Will. Rep.* 228.

21. Robert Styles borrowed of his Wife 100 *l.* which she had saved out of the Money allowed her for House-keeping, and by his Will gave her a pecuniary Legacy of 30 *l.* and also 40 *l.* a Year during the Life of her Mother, and all his Household Goods for her Life, and gave the Residue of his Estate to his three Sisters. And in a Cross-bill brought by the Widow for the 100 *l.* and the Legacies, the Executors insisted that the Legacies and Annuity should be looked upon as a Satisfaction of the Debt; but Lord Chancellor Talbot held that the 30 *l.* cannot be a Satisfaction, because a less Sum, and as to the specific Things devised, and the Annuity of 40 *l.* a Year, these Sort of Devises are never held to be in Satisfaction of a Debt, unless so expressed in the Will; and so he decreed. *Stanway and Styles, et contra Mich.* 8 Geo. 2. *MS. Rep.*

22. Husband on Marriage settles 100 *l. per Annum* Pin-Money, In Trust for his Wife, for her separate Use, which becomes in Arrear, and then the Husband by Will gives the Wife a Legacy of 500 *l.* after which there is a farther Arrear of the Pin-Money; and then the Husband dies; this Legacy being a greater Sum than the Debt, decreed (even in the Case of a Wife) to be a Satisfaction of the Arrears of Pin-Money due before the making of the Will. *Per Talbot, C. East.* 1735. *Fowler and Fowler, 3 Will. Rep.* 353.

There is no Reason to except the Wife out of the Satisfaction of might possibly

general Rule, *per Talbot, C. Ibid.* 355: But the Legacy could not be pretended to be a the Arrears of Pin-Money incurred after the Date of the Will, and which at that Time never become due. *Ibid. Vide Salk.* 508.—1 *Vol. Will. Rep.* 409.—2 *Vol. Will. Rep.* 343.

23. *A.* made his two Brothers Executors, and gave a Legacy of 100*l.* to *B.* the Daughter of one of them. The Executors settled an Account, and divided the Assets, and then the Uncle Executor by his Will gave *B.* 200*l.* And on a Bill for these Legacies, it was held by Sir *J. Jekyll*, That as the 100*l.* Legacy was the Debt of both the Executors, the Gift of 200*l.* by the dead Executor could not be intended to discharge it, there being no Reason to suppose that he designed to make Satisfaction for the Debt of his Co-Executor. *Garrat and Garrat*, at the Rolls after *Hil.* 1735. *MS. Rep.*

24. *A.* by Will gave his Wife 150*l.* per Annum in long Exchequer Annuities during her Widowhood. And the same Day by a Codicil he gave her a further Exchequer Annuity of 600*l.* in Money, to be paid her immediately after his Death, and on his Death-bed he ordered his Servant to deliver to her (she then being present) two Bank Notes amounting to 600*l.* saying he had not done enough for her. She declined taking the Notes, having, as she said, enough already; and for that it would injure their Son, who was the residuary Legatee. At length she was prevailed on by her Husband to accept of the Notes. Tho' the Sum be the same with the 600*l.* Money Legacy given by the Codicil, yet the Manner of giving these Notes, together with the Expressions then made use of by the Husband, declaring that he had not sufficiently provided for his Wife, manifestly shew them to have been designed as additional. Per *Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, *Trin.* 1735. *Miller and Miller (a) et al'*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 356.

(a) *Vide P. Ca.*

(b) *Vide (A). P. 290, Cases.* (P) **Of void Devises (b) (or Limitations in a Will); —and here of lapsed Devises.**

1. **I**F Lands be devised to *A.* and his Heirs, and *A.* dies before the Testator, the Heirs shall take nothing; for Heirs is a Word of Limitation and not of Purchase. Agreed per tot' Curiam, *Trin.* 1677. in the Case of *Steede and Benier*, *C. B.* 1 *Freem. Rep.* 293.

2. Upon a special Verdict the Case was, *J. S.* was seised of two Messuages in Fee after the Death of his Brother, and had Issue two Sons, *R.* his elder and *N.* his younger Son, and had also four Daughters, *E. M. O.* and *A.* and devised his two Messuages to *N.* and he to have 30*l.* per Annum for his Maintenance for ten Years after the Death of his Grandfather, and the Residue of the Profits to be applied for raising Portions for his Daughters; and if *N.* die, then he gives the Estate that *N.* had to his four Daughters, Share and Share alike; and adds, and if it shall please God all my Sons and Daughters die without Issue, then he devises it to his Sister and her Heirs, &c. *J. S.* dies; the Grandfather dies; and after *N.* enters, and dies without Issue. The four Daughters enter and are seised, and one takes an Husband, and has Issue, and dies. And the Question was, Whether her Husband should be Tenant by the Curtesy? *Herbert*, *C. J.* said, They would favour Wills in their Exposition as far as they could, but where Wills are so incertain that the Intention may not be collected, they ought to fall for their Incertainty.—And he said, That here the Testator might have several Intentions; for he might intend, that the Daughters should have but for Life, and then that the Sons should have it, and upon their Death without Issue, that the Daughters should have it; or he might intend, that the Sons might have an Estate-tail after an Estate-tail in the Daughters; or, that after the Death of the Daughters, it should descend to the Sons in Fee; and if they

they die without Issue, to the Issue of the Daughters; and if his Sons and Daughters die without Issue, that he might limit a Fee after to his Sister; tho' there was a Fee before, he might so intend; and therefore he said, it was quite incertain what he intended, and therefore that this Clause is void for the *Incertainity*; and that there was no Estate-tail in the Daughters, & *per consequens* no Tenancy by the Curtesy. And it was so adjudged *per tot' Cur'*, Hil. 2 & 3 Jac. 2. *B. R. Price and Warren, Skin. Rep. 266.*

3. A Termor of one thousand Years without Impeachment of Waste, devised the *same to Defendant*, and *if he die without Issue, then to Plaintiff*. The Plaintiff had got an Injunction to stop Waste, unless Cause, and it was alledged for Cause, that the Plaintiff upon his own shewing had no Title, because the Devise *to him after the Death of the Defendant without Issue was void*.—It was objected, that the Devise was not to the Defendant and the Heirs of his Body, as it was in the Duke of Norfolk's Case; and that the Words *if he died without Issue*, should be construed *without Issue living at the Time of his Decease*; which was agreed to be good in Case it had been so expressed.—But here it was held *per Lord Keeper*, that this being a Devise *after dying without Issue generally*, is void, and thereupon the Cause was allowed, for that it appeared the Plaintiff could have no Title, but that it went to the Defendant, his Executors and Administrators. Hil. 1696. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

² *Freem. Rep. Hil. 1696. S. C. in totidem verbis.*

4. A personal Estate was devised to J. S. and in Case she should die without Issue, then to B. Resolved, that the Devise over to B. is void, and the whole decreed to A. *East. 1705. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 287. Ca. 357. b.*

5. If a Man be *non compos*, and not in his right Senses at the Time of making his Will, tho' he afterwards never so long before his Death becomes a Man of Understanding, and sound Judgment and Memory, yet the Will is a void Will, and will by no Means be made good; because *he wanted the disposing Power* at the Time of Disposition, which was the Time of making his Will.—So the Law is the same of a *Feme Covert*; if a married Woman makes a Will, tho' she becomes a *Widow* and unmarried before her Death, yet such is a void Devise without Republication; for the Law here regards the Time of making only.—So it is the Case of an *Infant*; if he makes a Will, tho' he be of Age, nay tho' he be never so old when he dies, yet it is a void Devise, because he had not Discretion, nor a disposing Mind, at the Time of making; for it is that which the Law regards in these Cases, and not the Time of the Death of the Testator. *Per Trevor, C. J. Hil. 6 Ann. C. B. in the Case of Archer and Bockingham, Rep. of Cases Temp. 2. Ann. 157.*

6. A Devise to A. with several Remainders, and a Remainder over to the Heirs Male of the Devisor. The Devisor had no Heirs Male of his Body at his Death. It is a void Limitation, and a collateral Male cannot take by this Devise.—In the King's Case a Grant to Heir Male is void, but in that of a common Person it is a Fee, and the Word Male is idle; but Heirs Male, &c. in a Will are always intended of the Body, and implies an Estate-tail. *Mich. 7 Ann. B. R. Ford and Offulston, Rep. of Cases Temp. 2. Ann. 189.*

³ *Salk. Rep. 336. S. C. a Devise of a Remainder to*

his right Heirs Male must be intended right Heirs Male of his Body, and no collateral Heirs Males shall take by such a Limitation by way of Remainder.

7. A Devise of a personal Estate to B. and his Issue, or to B. and *if he die without Issue*, Remainder over to C. is void, and the whole

Prec. in Chan. 323. S. C. and P.

Interest vested in B. *Hil. 1711. Gibbs and Barnardiston, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 79.*

(a) Also in the Argument were cited the Cases of *Greenwood and Tyler*.—*Bro. Lease 54. —1 Lev. [117 Pl.] 446. Scovell and Cofel's Case. Vin. Abr. Ibid.*

8. Ejectment and special Verdict. A Man possessed of a *long Term for Years in Lands*, devised them to *Sir St. Andrew St. John* and his two Brothers successively; provided, that neither of them shall take 'till after they are married. Rowland the third Brother dies, *Sir St. Andrew* dies, the second Brother is Lessor of the Plaintiff. The Question upon this special Verdict was, Whether this was a good Devise to *Sir St. Andrew St. John* and his Brothers? It was objected, That this was a void Devise, for the *Uncertainty who should take first by reason of the Word successively*, and *Windsmore v. Hobart, Hob. Rep. 313.* was cited (a) and relied upon. But was resolved *per tot' Cur'*, That the Plaintiff should have his Judgment, because the Devise is not void for the Uncertainty. This Case differs from the Case of *Windsmore and Hobart*. First, In this Will the Testator names *Sir St. Andrew St. John* first, and it appears that he was the eldest Son; the Devise is to him and his Brothers successively, *Sir St. John* was to take first, for he was particularly named, and the Word *successively* implies that the Estate was to go to the next Brother after him.—It is plain the Testator had Respect to the Seniority of the Brothers, and therefore named *Sir St. John* first. In the Case in *Hob.* tho' the Lease was to the Father and his three Sons, yet it does not appear whether the eldest Son was named first.—Secondly, If the Intention of the Testator can be found, that ought to prevail. Now the Intent here is plain, by naming the eldest Son first, that he had Regard to Seniority; it is no more than that the eldest Son should have it for Life, and that his two Brothers should take after him; it is plain Evidence of the Intention; tho' in a *Deed* or *Lease* it must be in more legal Words than in a *Will*, yet the Law in such Case will not make the Will void.—Thirdly, If the Word *successively* be so imperfect that it cannot be learned who should take first, yet rather than that the Will should be void, *successively* shall be rejected, as being a Word of an imperfect Signification, and the Brothers shall take jointly; had that come to be the Question, and we could have learned the Intention of the Testator; when there are sufficient Words without that Word to give them a joint Interest, that Word shall be rejected, the Intention being sufficiently certain before; and no Body can here say, but that *Sir St. John* and his Brothers had a joint Estate given them before this Word came, and so the Plaintiff has a good Title this Way, and nothing appears to sever the Jointure.—Here it is sufficiently expressed by naming the elder Brother first, to shew that the Estate was to go according to Seniority, and so the second Brother has a good Title for Life, and the Plaintiff must have his Judgment. *Per totam Curiam, 10 Ann. C. B. Ungly and Peale (b), Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (D.) Ca. 19.*

(b) *Lucas's Rep. 103.*

*Mich. 11 Ann. Ongly and Peed, S. C. in B. R. on a Writ of Error to reverse a Judgment in C. B. says, the Case was no more than this: A Man devises his Lands to A. and his two Brothers successively; but not to be entered upon or enjoyed by any of them until after Marriage. A. was by the Verdict found to be the eldest Brother. And whether this Will was void by reason of the Uncertainty who should take was the Question? The Court were all of Opinion, That the Will was good, and certain enough; for being in the Case of Brothers, the Common Law was a Guide to the Exposition of the Word successively, viz. that the eldest should after his Marriage enjoy it first for his Life, then the second, and then the third, especially when he who was named in the Will is by the Verdict found to be the eldest Brother.—Had the Devise been to A. B. and C. to take successive, it would have been void for the Incertainty.—Cases quoted in the Argument were Co. Lit. 377.—Hob. 313.—Reym. 82, 83.—Styles 434, 435.—Moore 636.—2 Lord Raym. Rep. 1312. Ongly and Peale, Mich. 11 Ann. S. C. states the Will to this Effect, viz. That the Testator gave to *Sir St. Andrew St. John*, and to his Brothers successively for their Lives, his House at Ludgate, (the House in Question) but not to be entered upon and enjoyed 'till within a Month after their Marriages. Says the Case was argued, and the Court agreed that the Clause about Marriage made no Alteration in the Exposition of the Will, only added a Restriction to the Devise, which before was general; and therefore if the second Son married before the eldest, yet he could not take by this Devise; and They took it to be a plain Case, and*

and affirmed the Judgment *Nisi Causa*, &c.—But Mr. Attorney General, who was to have shewn Cause, taking it to be clearly against him, never did shew Cause, and so the Judgment was affirmed against Mr. Ongley, who was a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration by the Advice of Mr. Serjeant *Pemberton* and Mr. *Richard Webb* of the *Inner Temple*: And the Reporter says, his Client told him, that Mr. *Webb* on a further and later Consideration adhered to his former Opinion, That the Devise was void for Uncertainty. *Ibid.* 1314. The Reporter by way of Note says, That *St. John* took but an Estate for Life by the Will, and so the Sale to Mr. Ongley will be good as to the Fee. *Ibid.*——MS. Rep. S. C. accord'.

9. Devise of Lands to *A.* and afterwards Devisor devises the same Lands to *B.* who was a Papist. Both Devises are void; for tho' the last is void as a Will, yet it is good as a Revocation. *July 11, 1713.* *Roper* and *Constable*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (R. 3.) in the Margin of Ca. 2.

10. It has been said, that if an Estate has been given to a Man *Vide 1 Vol.* and his Issue, it is void for the Uncertainty, because it not appearing *Abr. Eq. 212.* whether Male or Female; but that has been held and determined since *Ca. 3.* where such Devise not to be Law; and that it is well enough in a Devise. *Per Cur'*, was held void *East. 1 Geo. 1. in B. R. in Casu Shaw and Weigh, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 28.* for Uncertainty. See *Vide the Note* there.

11. Testator devised 550 (omitting Pounds) to his Daughter *M.* (the Plaintiff) and also devises 550*l.* to his Daughter *B.* &c. And *per Cowper, C.* the subsequent Devise to *B.* makes this extremely clear that the Testator meant 550*l.* and it is as certain and good as if the Word (Pounds) had been expressed. *Mich. 3 Geo. 1. Freeman and Freeman, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (D.) Ca. 22.*

12. The Father in his Will taking Notice that his Son *J.* had much disobliged him, declares thus, *I do hereby resolve not to give him any more than 20*l.* a Year for Life, to be paid him Quarterly.* N.B. This was a Bastard Son, to whom the Father had by a former Will given 80*l.* a Year, but in the second Will he took Notice of his ill Behaviour at the University, and devises that Estate to his legitimate Son. *Per the Master of the Rolls*, the Bastard Son shall take nothing by this Will, the Words not amounting to a Devise. *Hil. 1717. Holder and Holder, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (D. b.) Ca. 8.*

13. Devise to *A.* and his Issue, Remainder to *B.* and his Issue, Remainder to the Heirs of *A.* *A.* died without Issue, living the Testator, and *B.* died, living the Testator, leaving Issue *C.* who was also the Heir of *A.* The Issue shall not take an Estate-tail as Issue of *B.* nor the Remainder in Fee as Heir of *A.* *Hil. 1717. Goodwright and Wright, in B. R. 1 Will. Rep. 397.* *Lucas's Rep. 369. Hil. 3 Geo. 1. Woodright and Right, B. R. S. C.—Vide P. Ca.*

14. Two Schools in the same Town, one a Free School, and the other a Charity School for Boys and Girls. *A.* devises 500*l.* to the Charity School; tho' both be Charity Schools, yet only the Charity School for Boys and Girls shall take. Decreed *per Parker, C. Mich. 1720. Attorney General and Hudson (a), 1 Will. Rep. 674.* (a) *Vide P. Ca. S. C. more fully abridg'd.*

15. One possessed of a Term devised it to *A.* and *B.* and if either of them died, and leave no Issue of their respective Bodies, then to *C.* His Honour held that the Devise over was void, and said, That had the Words been, if *A.* or *B.* should die without Issue, the Remainder over, this plainly would have been void, and exactly the Case of *Love and Windham, 1 Sid. 450. 1 Vent. 79. 1 Mod. 50.* And he said, There is no Diversity betwixt a Devise of a Term to one for Life, and if he die without Issue, Remainder over, and a Devise thereof to one for Life, with such Remainder, if he die leaving no Issue; for both these Devises seem equally relative to the Failure of Issue at any Time after the Testator's Death. And cited, and much relied upon, *1 Leon. 285, Lee's Case.—Mich. 1720. Forth and Chapman, 1 Will. Rep. 664.* Afterwards in *Trin. Term*

1720, Lord Parker upon an Appeal reversed this Decree, and said, That if *J.* devise a Term to *A.* and if *A.* die without leaving Issue, Remainder over, in the vulgar and natural Sense this must be intended if

if (a) A. die without leaving Issue at his Death, and then the Devise over is good, and that the Word (*die*) being the last antecedent, the Words (*without leaving Issue*) must refer to that. Besides the Testator, who is *inops Concilii*, will, under such Circumstances, be supposed to speak in the vulgar, common and natural, and not in the legal Sense of the Words. And that the Reason why a Devise of a Freehold to *one for Life*, and if he die without Issue, then to another, is determined to be an Estate-tail, is in favour of the (b) Issue, that such may have it, and the Intent take Place, but that there is the plainest Difference betwixt a Devise of a Freehold and a Devise of a Term for Years; for in the Devise of the latter to *one*, and if he die without Issue, then to another, the Words (*if he die without Issue*) cannot be supposed to have been inserted in favour of such Issue, since they cannot by any Construction have it. *Ibid.* 666, 667. (a) *Vide Nicholls and Hooper*, 1 Will. Rep. 198.—And *Target and Grant*, 1 Will. Rep. 432.—1 Vol. Eq. Abr. 193. Ca. 11. S. C.—*Lucas's Rep.* 402. S. C.—And *Pinbury and Elkin*, 1 Will. Rep. 563. (b) *Vide the Case of Target and Grant*, 1 Will. Rep. 432. And 1 Eq. Abr. 193.

16. Devise of Lands to S. and the Heirs of his Body. S. died in the Life-time of the Devisor. It is in the Nature of a lapsed Legacy, and the Heir of S. shall take nothing. 9 Mar. 1725. *Wynne and Wynne*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (W. c.) Ca. 18.

17. A. devised all that his Messuage and Tenement in E. to F. and his Heirs, and all the rest, &c. of his Messuages, Lands, &c. in E. and elsewhere to J. L. in Fee. F. the Devisee died in the Life-time of the Testator, so that this became a lapsed Devise by his Death. In Ejectment the sole Question was, Whether this latter Clause of the Will would carry over the lapsed Devise to J. L. the residuary Devisee; or whether it should descend to the Testator's Heir at Law? Held *per Cur'*, That the Devise of *all the rest and Residue of my Messuages, Lands, &c.* did not convey what was expressly devised before, for the Testator's Intent appears to be to give his whole Estate to F. and his Heirs in that Messuage, and that at the Time of the Will made he had no Rest and Residue in that House, and the Devise to F. being void, the House will go to the Heir at Law. *East*. 11 Geo. 1. C. B. *Wright and Hall*, Fortesc. Rep. 182.

18. A. bequeathed to her Grandchildren B. and C. *some of her best Linen*. His Honour held this a void Legacy for the Uncertainty, and if it had been the *best Linen* it had been uncertain, tho' not so uncertain as the other; if it were *such or so much of my best Linen as they should chuse*, or *as my Executors should chuse for them*, this would be good, and by the Choice of the Legatees or Executors is reducible to a Certainty. However, as these were Grandchildren, and having no other Legacy by the Will, and since it was plain the Testatrix intended *some Linen*, his Honour did by the decretal Order recommend it to the residuary Legatee to give some of the best of the Testatrix's Linen to B. and C. which Recommendation in like Cases (he said) the Court had sometimes made. *Mich.* 1726. *Peck and Halsey*, 2 Will. Rep. 387, 388.

(Q) Of Devises upon Condition, Contingency, and until, &c.—And here What is a Condition, What is a Limitation, and What is a Trust under a Will.

1. John Wheeler having five Daughters, devised his Land to William Wheeler his Son, and the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder to Sir William Wheeler and his Heirs, upon Condition that he should pay 500 l. to such of his Daughters as should be then living, and if Sir William Wheeler should refuse to pay the 500 l. then he devised it to his Daughters and their Heirs. Sir William Wheeler died leaving William Wheeler the Son, who was Tenant in Tail, and devised this Reversion to William the eldest Son of his Cousin John Wheeler of B.

whereas his *eldest Son* was named Andrew.—William Wheeler the Son died without Issue.—Andrew the last Devisee refused to pay the 500 l. to the Daughters for three Years, but now profered to pay it, provided he might have the Land. Lord Chancellor held that this Condition being for paying of Money, altho' in Strictness of Law the Estate was forfeited by the Nonpayment of the Money, and altho' there was an *express Limitation to the Daughters*, yet this was but as it were a Mortgage or Security of Money (a), and the Daughters being paid the Money and Damages, they were at no Damage; and so decreed that Andrew, paying the same, should have the Land. *Mich. 1676. Wheeler and W. Whiteball et al', 2 Freem. Rep. 9, 10.*

(a) *Sed Vide Man's Case, P. Ca.*

2. If a Man devises his Land to his Daughter, upon Condition that she marry J. S. at her Age of twenty-one, and if she refuse, that then the Land shall be to B. and J. S. dies before her Age of twenty-one, yet B. may not enter till the Daughter is twenty-one. *Trin. 4 W. & M. in B. R. Thomas and Howell, Skin. Rep. 320.—1 Salk. 170.* S. C. says, after J. S.'s Death the Daughter having never refused to marry J. S. married W. R. at her Age of seventeen. Adjudged that the Condition was not broke, it being become impossible by the Act of God; and Judgment affirmed (b) in Error in B. R.

(b) *4 Med. 66. S. C. three Judges were for affirming the Judgment, but Gregory, J. contra.*

3. J. S. devised seven several thirty-sixth Shares in the New River Water to his several Children, (by two several Venters) in Fee, provided that if any of them die under Age or unmarried, then the Part or Share of him or her so dying to be divided among the Survivors, Share and Share alike. One of the Devisees dies. Adjudged that the Survivors were Tenants in Common of that Part for Life only, for the Word Share doth not denote the Interest but the Quantity.—(Says *Vide 3 Cro. 52. Pettiwood v. Cooke, 3 Leon. 180. S. C. Roll. 835, 836. Hanbury and Cockerell.) East. 5 W. & M. Middleton and Swail (c) in B. R. Comb. Rep. 201.*

(c) *2 Skin. Rep. 339.*

East. 5 W. & M. in B. R. Middleton and Swain, S. C. states it thus: J. S. being seised in Fee of thirty-five Shares in the New River Water, and having a Son by the first Venter and five Children by the second Venter, devised to these five Children five Shares, i. e. to A. and his Heirs one Share, to B. and her Heirs another Share, provided that if any of his said younger Children die before they shall have attained his or her Age of twenty-one, or be married, that then the Share of such Child so dying shall go to the rest of the said younger Children, Share and Share alike. A. died unmarried before twenty-one; and after B. dies, being unmarried. And adjudged upon a special Verdict that the Part of A.'s Share which was in B. shall go to the Heir, viz. B.'s Brother of the same Venter and whole Blood, and not to the Son and Heir of J. S. by the first Venter.—Show. Parl. Ca. 211. Swain and Lane and Farwalkner, S. C. affirmed in Dom. Proc'.

4. A Devise of Lands was made to the *eldest Daughter*, paying 100 l. to the second Daughter, and 100 l. to the third Daughter, &c. and if the *eldest Daughter* did not pay the 100 l. to the second Daughter by such a Day, then he devised the Lands to the second Daughter, she paying her Sisters Portions by such a Day; and if she did not pay, then he devised the Lands to the third Daughter, &c. Resolved that this was not in the Nature of a Mortgage; to be redeemable after the Time of Payment was over, but that the *eldest Daughter*, not paying at the Time appointed, the second Daughter should have the Land, and the *eldest* had no Relief. *Mich. 1695, cited by his Honour as Sir Thomas Man's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 206. Ca. (280. b.)*

5. A Man possessed of a Term devised it to an Infant *en Ventre sa mere*, if it should be a Son; and if it should be a Son, and die during his Minority, then he devised it to his Grandson, after which he died, leaving his Wife Executrix, and the Child was after born and proved a Daughter; and it was adjudged upon a special Verdict, without Argument, that the Executrix, and not the Grandson, should have the

Term, because the Grandson was not to have but upon a *precedent Contingency*, viz. the Birth of a Son and his dying in his Infancy, which Condition must be first performed, and it appears plainly that the Intent of the Testator was, that he should not have it otherwise. *Trin. 1697. Grascot and Warren, Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3.*

Prec. in Chan.
173. *Mich.*
1701. *Neal*
and *Hanbury*,
S. C. accord'.

6. J. S. devises 5 *l. per Annum* to his Nephew A. (without adding to his Executors or Administrators) to be paid Half-yearly during the Life of the Testator's Wife, on Condition he behave himself civilly to her, for he was a very lewd dissolute Man, and made his Wife Executrix, and died. The Nephew died, and his Wife (the Plaintiff) was his Administratrix, and brought this Bill *in forma pauperis*, to have the Payment of the 5 *l. per Annum* during the Life of the Testator's Widow. But *per* his Honour, this is a *personal Bequest* to A. and it is *upon Condition he demean himself civilly to the Testator's Wife*, which cannot be after he is dead. Bill dismissed. *Mich. 1701. Anon. MS. Rep.*

7. Land was devised to the Heir at Law, paying a Sum of Money to B. Held in this Case that paying did not make a Condition, because no one could enter for the Condition broken, but the Devisee himself; but this would be a Trust upon the Land for raising the Money; and in this Case it was said, that in Case the Devise were to a Stranger, paying 100 *l.* to A. that this makes a Condition, and that the Heir may enter for the Breach of it; but when he hath entered, he shall be a Trustee, so far as to secure the 100 *l.* *Hil. 1704. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 278.*

8. Devise to A. and the Heirs Male of her Body, upon Condition that she intermarry with and have Issue Male by one surnamed Searle, and in Default of both Conditions, he devised over to B. in the same Manner, and in Default thereof he devised to C. for sixty Years, if he so long live, Remainder over to the Heirs of the Body of C. and their Issue Male for ever. Adjudged that this is a good Estate-tail; that the Words of Condition amount to a Limitation; and that the Estate of A. or B. does not cease, tho' she marries one of another Name, for the Remainder is in Default of both Conditions; and in the mean Time it is limited to her and the Heirs Males of her Body, and she may survive such Husband and marry a Searle, and so there is a Possibility as long as she lives. *Trin. 3 Ann. B. R. Page and Hayward, 2 Salk. Rep. 570.*

9. Words of an express Condition shall not ordinarily be construed as a Limitation; but where an Estate is to remain over for Breach of a Condition, which is by express Words of a Condition, yet it ought to be intended as a Limitation. *Per Holt, C. J. Rep. of Cases in B. R. Temp. Ann. 61.*

10. J. S. was seised of Blackacre in Fee and Whiteacre in Tail, and having two Sons, devised the Tail Acre to his youngest Son and the Fee Acre to his eldest Son; the eldest entered upon the Tail Acre; the youngest Son brought his Bill, either to enjoy the Tail Acre, or to have an Equivalent out of the Fee Acre.—This Devise being designed as a Provision for the youngest Son, the Devise of Blackacre to the eldest Son must be understood to be with a tacit Condition, to suffer the youngest Son to enjoy quietly, or else that the youngest Son should have an Equivalent out of the Fee Acre. *Per Cowper, C. who decreed accordingly. Hil. 7 Ann. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 15.*

11. A. by Marriage Articles engages himself to leave his Wife a Moiety of his personal Estate at his Death, and being possessed of an Annuity in the Exchequer, disposed of it by Deed Poll in his Lifetime.—Afterwards he made his Will, and thereby devised to his Wife certain

certain Lands for Life, upon Condition that she should not make any Demand upon the Articles against his Executor, and after her Decease devised the Lands to B. and gives several Legacies, and dies. The Wife waives the Devise, and insists upon the Articles. The Question was, Whether the Wife should have one Moiety of the personal Estate which the Husband had at the Time he entered into the Articles, or only a Moiety of the personal Estate he died possessed of? Lord Chancellor: The Annuity must be accounted a Part of the personal Estate the Wife is to have a Moiety of, for were she to have but a Moiety of the Estate the Husband should have at his Death, it would be in the Power of him to defeat the Articles by Alienation or Gift; the Reason of inserting at his Death, was to explain he meant only a Moiety of his Estate at his Death, which has escaped Misfortunes and Losses. *Trin. 7 Ann. Webster and Milford, MS. Rep.*

The Wife's waiving the Devise, and being let in upon the personal Estate, wrought a Deficiency in the Legacy. Lord Chancellor thought

it the highest Equity that B. who had by the Waiver gained the Possession of an Estate of which he would have had but a Reversion if the Wife had accepted the Devise, should contribute what he was benefited by the Waiver towards raising a Fund for Payment of the Legacies, and his Lordship thought 4000*l.* in Reversion worth but 3000*l.* in Possession, and decreed, that according to this Estimate, the Value of the Lands being settled by the Master, should be charged if the Legacies require it. *Ibid.*

12. J. S. gives his Son a Legacy of 40*l.* upon Condition that he does not disturb his Trustees. On the Trustees applying for an Execution of the Trust, the Son was decreed either to join with them in a Sale of the Premises, or else to forfeit his Legacy. *Per Lord Harcourt, Hil. 2710. Webb and Webb, 1 Will. Rep. 136.*

13. A Man devises Lands to his Wife until his Son shall attain the Age of twenty-one Years, and then to his Son and his Heirs. The Son dies at the Age of thirteen. The Question was, If the Estate devised to his Wife did determine by the Son's Death, or should continue 'till the Son might have attained his Age of twenty-one Years by the Effluence of Time? *Harcourt, C.* was of Opinion that the Wife's Estate did determine by the Death of the Son, and differs from *Boraston's Case (a)*, 3 Co. 19. for there the Devise was to Executors for Payment of Debts otherwise unprovided for, but here the Wife comes in for her Thirds, and that is a sufficient Provision for her in the Eye of the Law. Decreed accord' *Hil. 12 Ann. Mansfield and Mansfield, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (N. b. 2.) Ca. 13.*

(a) *Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 190. Ca. 16.*

14. J. L. had three Sons, A. B. and C. and devised all his Lands to C. (Defendant's Husband) for his Life, he or his Heirs, paying out of the Rents of the Premises 10*l.* a Year to A. for his Life, and 10*l.* a Year to B. for Life, and also 10*l.* a Year to the Testator's Daughter M. (now the Wife of W.) for her Life; and also paying his Legacies; and that after the Death of C. and Defendant his Wife, then the Son or Sons of C. should have all the said Premises equally between them, they or their Brothers, paying the Legacies aforesaid; and if no such Sons, then the Daughter or Daughters of C. to have the said Premises equally among them, paying, &c. *Parker, C.* held, that these Rents were not to sink upon the Death of C. and during the Life of his Wife, (who had an Estate-tail for Life by Implication, as his Lordship held (b), they being expressly given to the several Annuitants (three in Number) for their Lives, and were plainly intended as a certain Provision for them in all Events during their Lives; so that it was as if these several Annuities were given in the first Place by the Will to these Annuitants, and the Lands afterwards given subject to the said Annuities; from whence it seemed to have been the Testator's Intent, that whosoever took the Land should pay the Annuities; and that C.'s Wife should be liable to the Annuities; which appeared to have been all along paid by

(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

by her since her Husband's Death. *Trin.* 1718. *Willis and Lucas*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 472.

15. Tho' a Condition be not in Strictness of Law devisable, yet since the Statute of Uses, the Devisee may take Benefit of it by an equitable Construction upon that Statute. Per the Master of the Rolls and Lord Chancellor, *East.* 1718, in the Case of Marks and Marks, *Prec. in Chan.* 487.

16. A. devises to H. his Wife all his Debts, Goods, &c. provided that if H. die without Issue by him, he appointed that 80 l. should remain to his Brother J. D. — A. dies, then J. D. dies in the Life-time of H. and then H. dies without Issue by A. — First Question, Whether this was a good Devise to J. D. — Secondly, Whether he dying before the Contingency happening, it was so vested in him that his Executor should have it, or only intended as a personal Benefit to J. D. Cowper, C. said, there is a Difference between this Devise here which is upon a Condition precedent, and where it is upon a Contingency over; as to one for Life, and if he die without Issue or Heirs of his Body, then over to another. — Here the Wife has nothing in the Money, but this is an Appointment of so much Money when the Contingency happened. — In the former Case, the Estate-tail absorbs the whole Interest. — The Word (remain) is observable, if such an Accident happened, then so much was to remain to him. — If this had been a Devise over, there had been no Question, May not this be construed if H. die without Issue living by him? This Legacy was to arise upon a Condition precedent, which makes the Legacy the worse; but all the Cases put are of a Devise over, and the Fund here is devised to the Wife. — As to the Point, if the Devise is good, it must go to the Executor of the Devisee. But his Lordship said, he would consider of it. *Hil.* 4 *Geo.* 1. *Anon. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (F. e.) *Ca.* 24.

17. A. devises Portions to his four Children, payable at their respective Ages of twenty-one Years or Marriage, and in Case any of them should die before the Time of Payment, or should die without Issue, then his or their Share to go to the Survivors or Survivor of them and his Heirs. One of them died under Age, and without Issue. This tho' a Limitation of a personal Estate is good, but liable to the Contingency of Survivorship 'till it comes to the last of the four Children.

(a) *Vide P. East.* 1719. *Nichols and Skinner* (a), *Prec. in Chan.* 528.

18. A. gives B. a Legacy, on Pain of Forfeiture of it in Case he should give his Wife any Trouble in relation to his Estate; and makes his Wife Executrix. B. brings a Bill against the Wife, for which there was very little Colour, and amongst other Particulars demands the Legacy. Lord Chancellor King was of Opinion, that the Suit was very frivolous; and tho' he would not make the Legacy forfeited, yet declared, if B. did not pay the Executrix the Costs she had been out of Purse, he would dismiss the Bill. 1724. *Nutt and Burrell, Sel. Cases in Chan.* 1.

19. I give to my Wife all my Lease at S. and all my Household Goods, she maintaining my Children; but if she should marry, then a Moiety of it among my Children. The Children shall have no more than a Maintenance, unless she marries. *Feb.* 25, 1725. *Seagrave and Eustace, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (N. b. 2.) *Ca.* 15.

20. A. seized in Fee has a Son B. and a Sister C. &c. and devises his Lands to his Son B. in Tail general, and if his Son B. should die without Issue, and his Wife should survive him, then the Wife to have the Premises for Life, Remainder to C. in Fee. B. the Son dies

dies without Issue before, but Testator's Wife dies before him. C. is not intitled to the Remainder in Fee, because the Contingency is annexed to all the Devises. *Per* the Opinion of *Reynolds, J.* who tried the Cause at *Chelmsford* Assizes, and who afterwards on taking Time to consider of it, retained his former Opinion, and the *Postea* was delivered, &c. *Mich. 1726. Davis and Norton, 2 Will. Rep. 390.*

21. *J. S.* by Will gives to his Executors some *South-Sea* Stock and Annuities, *In Trust to apply the Dividends thereof for the Maintenance of the Plaintiff* his Grand-daughter until she should attain the Age of twenty-one or be married; and to the Intent that they should transfer the said Stock and Annuities to the Plaintiff when she should attain twenty-one, or be married with the Consent of *A. and B.* But that in Case she should marry without the Consent of *A. and B.* the Executors to pay her the Dividends during her Life, and after her Death transfer the said Stock and Annuities to her Children; and if she die without Issue, then to go over. The Plaintiff having attained twenty-one, brought her Bill to have the Stock and Annuities transferred to her, which was opposed by the Remainder Man, who insisted, that in regard the Plaintiff was *not married*, and if she married without the Consent of *A. and B.* (which might happen to be the Case) then she was only to have the Dividends for her Life, therefore the Stock ought not to be absolutely vested in her. But *King, C.* held that the Plaintiff being twenty-one, she had an absolute Interest vested in her, and that the Forfeiture must be intended only of Marriage without such Consent before twenty-one; and decreed the Stock and Annuities to be transferred to her. *Trin. 1729. Desbody and Boyville, 2 Will. Rep. 547.*

22. Devise to my Daughters and to their Heirs, until my Son shall attain his Age of forty Years, hoping by that Time my Son will have seen his Folly. The Son dies before forty. The Devise to the Daughters ceases. *Hil. 1732. Lomax and Holmeden, 3 Will. Rep. 176.*

(R) Who shall be the Taker Where there is an uncertain (a) Description of the Person.

(a) Or imperfect.

1. **A** DEVISE was to *Margaret* the Daughter of *W. K.* The Daughter's Name was *Margery.* Held that *Margery* should take *quia constat de persona* by the Description; cites *11 Co. 21. Trin. 1677. Gynes and Kemsley, in C. B. 1 Freem. Rep. 293.*

2. A Devise of Goods was made to *A. for Life*, and after his Decease to the Posterity of *B.* And the Question was, Whether by the Word (*Posterity*) only Descendants from the Body of *B.* should take, (*viz.*) Children and Grandchildren, or whether he having no Issue, it should go to the collateral Relations? And *Lord Keeper* was of Opinion, That it went only to the Issue of the Body. And that if a Devise were to *A. and his Posterity*, it would be only an Estate-tail.—But the Master of the Rolls thought that a Devise to a Man and his Posterity would create a Fee. Precedents ordered to be searched. *Per Lord Keeper, Mich. 1703. Attorney General and Bamfield, 2 Freem. Rep. 268.*

3. Devise to *A. B. Father and Son are named A. B. Per Holt, 6 Mod. 199. C. J. prima facie A. B. the Father shall be intended, but if the Devise did not know the Father, it will go to the Son. Hil. 2 Ann. B. R. in Casu Lepiot and Brown, 1 Salk. Rep. 7.*

S. C. and P.
Per Holt, C. J. quod fuit concessum.

4. One devises the Surplus of his personal Estate to his Relations, without saying what Relations. Only such shall take who are ca-

(a) *Vide Roach* pable of taking *within the Statute of Distributions* (a), else it would and *Hammond*, be uncertain; for the Relations may be infinite. *Per* the Master of *Prec. in Chan.* the Rolls, and admitted by Mr. *Vernon* and others. *Trin.* 1716. 401. but more particularly the Case of *Carr* and *Bedford*, 30 *Car.* 2. 2 *Chan. Rep.* 146. where the Testator devised the Residue of his Estate among his Kindred according to their most Need; this shall be construed according to the Statute of Distributions.

1 *Will. Rep.* 5. Devise to A. in Tail, Remainder to B. and the Issue of her Body Hil. 1717. lawfully begotten, Remainder to the right Heirs of A. for ever. A. Goodright and dies without Issue, living the Testator; B. after making of the Will had Wright, S.C. Issue C. (who was also Heir at Law to A.) and dies, living the Testator. Resolved *per Cur'*, That the Heir at Law to the Testator, and not C. should have the Land. Hil. 3 *Geo.* 1. B. R. *Woodwright* and *Wright*, *Lucas's Rep.* 369.

Vide Ca. 4. P. 6. The Testator devised the Surplus of his personal Estate to his 366. and the poor Relations; and the Countess of *Winchelsea* being as near a Relation Notes there. as any to the Testator, claimed a Share; and it was decreed that she was intitled thereto, in regard the Word (*Poor*) was frequently used as a Term of *Indearment* and *Compassion*, rather than to signify an indigent Person; as one speaking of his Father, after says my *poor Father*; or of his Child, my *poor Child*. *Trin.* 1716, at the Rolls. *Anon.* 1 *Will. Rep.* 327.—But the Reporter says, this seems to have been a strained Construction in Favour of the Earl and Countess of *Winchelsea*, who had not an Estate any ways proportionable to their Quality. *Ibid.*

Vide P.
Ca.

7. *J. S.* by Will gives a Legacy of 200 *l.* to Mrs. *Sawyer*, when there was no such Person ever known to her; but it was alledged that she meant one Mrs. *Swopper*. His Honour ordered the Master to examine who the Testatrix meant thereby, and whether she meant Mrs. *Swopper*, who was the Person that contended for the same; and if the Master should find that she was the Person intended, then she to receive her Legacies in Proportion with the other Legatees. *East.* 1718. *Masters* and *Harcourt*, *Masters* at the Rolls, 1 *Will. Rep.* 421, 425.

8. *A.* by Will devised a Legacy of 500 *l.* to *Catherine Earnley*. The Person's Name who claimed this Legacy was *Gertrude Yardley*. It was insisted for her and admitted, that no Person named *Catherine Earnley* claimed this Legacy. It was proved, that the Testator's Voice when he made his Will, was very low, and hardly intelligible; that the Testator usually called the Legatee of this 500 *l.* *Gatty*, which the Scrivener, who took Instruction for drawing the Will, might easily mistake for *Katy*; and that the Scrivener not well understanding who this Legatee of the 500 *l.* was, or what was her Name, the Testator directed him to *J. S.* and his Wife to inform him further, who afterwards declared that *Gertrude Yardley* was the Person intended. It was also proved, that the Testator in his Life-time had declared that he would do well for her by his Will. At the first Hearing his Honour inclined to think that the Legacy was void. But at another Day he gave his Opinion, That the Legacy was a good Legacy to *Gertrude Yardley*, tho' the same was given by the Will to *Catherine Earnley*; and his Honour said, *If this had been a Grant, nay had it been a Devise of Land, it had been void, by reason of the Mistake both of Christian and Surname.* *East.* 1723. *Beaumont* and *Fell*, 2 *Will.*

Rep. 141, 142.

In this Case the Name and not the Person is mistaken; and it is very material, that there is no such Person as *Catherine Earnley* claiming this Legacy; which, together with the Proofs of the Testator's having a very low Voice when he made

made his Will, and of his having usually called the Plaintiff *Gatty* instead of *Gertrude*, and often declared he would do well for her, is sufficient to intitle her to this Legacy. *Per his Honour. Ibid. 143.*

9. *J. S.* being seised in Fee of a real Estate as *Heir on the Part of his Mother's Side*, devises the Lands to Trustees in Fee, In Trust to pay several Annuities and Charities, and the *Residue of the Rents and Profits of the Premises to go to his the Testator's own right Heirs of his Mother's Side for ever.* Decreed *per Lord Macclesfield* in Favour of the *Heir of the Mother's Mother's Side*, from whom the Estate came (a). *East. 1723. Harris and Bishop of Lincoln (b), 2 Will. Rep. 135.*

(a) Note; In this Case a parol Evidence was admitted to prove which Heir was intended, (*viz.*) Whether the Heir of the Mother's Mother's Side, or the Heir of the Mother's Father's Side. *Ibid. 136.*

(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

10. *J. S.* seised of a Church Lease for the Life of *A.* devised an Annuity out of it to *B.* for Life, and directed that if *B.* survived *A.* (the *Cestui que vie* in the Lease) then the Testator's Executor should purchase the Leasehold Premises for the Life of *C.* the Testator's Kinsman, and then devised that his Executor out of the Surplus of the Leasehold and Personal Estate should keep the Premises in Repair; but if the Leasehold Premises could not be so purchased, then he devised the Surplus of the Estate to the Plaintiff, and made *D.* his Executor, In Trust only, giving him a small Legacy. The Executor purchased the Leasehold for the Life of *C.* And the Question was, Whether the Plaintiff or the Defendant *C.* was intitled to the Surplus of the Profits thereof? And King, *C.* held, that the Plaintiff could not have this Lease, the Devise to him being upon a Contingency which never happened, (*viz.*) if the Leasehold Premises could not be purchased for the Life of *C.* whereas such Purchase has been made by the Executor. And decreed that *C.* was intitled to the Leasehold Premises. And his Lordship said, This appears to have been a beneficial Devise, because in the devising Clause the Testator calls *C.* his Kinsman, and here slighter Words will serve to give the Leasehold Premises to *C.* forasmuch as no other Person can take them; and it is a dark Will. *Hil. 1725.* But July 6, 1726, upon a Rehearing, his Lordship reversed this Decree; and held that by this Will the Plaintiff was intitled to the Lease. *Stephens and Stephens, 2 Will. Rep. 323.*

11. Testator bequeaths his personal Estate to his Wife, and adds, *I do not doubt but my Wife will be kind to my Children.* The Court thought that these Words gave a Right to no Child in particular, or a Right to any particular Part of the Estate, but that this Clause was void for Uncertainty. *Hil. 11 Geo. 1. Biggins and Yates, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 122.*

12. *J. B.* Citizen and Founder of London, having a Wife and one Daughter *Mary*, married to Defendant *Thomas Taylor*, by Will devises as follow: "*I do give to my dear Wife all my worldly Goods, House at Illington, Stock, Money, Bonds, Notes in the East India or elsewhere, and ninety-nine Years Annuity in the Exchequer, with all the Profits which may come upon them or by them, with this Condition, to give to my three Sisters 5l. Yearly for their Lives, or the longest Liver, presently after my Decease, if God permits you to continue in this Capacity, not else; and after my Wife's Decease, the same I give to my Sisters, and then after my Daughter's Decease, to the Fruit of her Body; but for want of such Issue or Fruit, to my Brothers and Sisters then living, and after them to their Children, and the Children of my Brother Richard now deceased, except a Note of 50 l. in Mr. Taylor's Hands, and Goods and Plate that I give to him.*"

And

And appointed his Brothers *P.* and *W.* and Mr. *Taylor* Executors, to see his Will performed, and died. And the Defendant *Taylor* proved the Will, and possessed the personal Estate. Then *Mary Taylor* the Daughter died without Issue, leaving Defendant her Husband. Then the Testator's Widow died, having made her Will, and thereof Defendant *Taylor* Executor, who proved the Will, and also took out Administration to *Mary* his Wife. The Plaintiffs are all the Testator's Brothers and Sisters that were living at the Death of both the Widow and the Daughter. The Question was, Whether the subsequent Limitations after the want of Issue of the said Daughter's Body, or any, and which of them (the Wife and Daughter of the Testator being dead without Issue) are good, and to whom the Estate does belong? On a Case from Lord Chancellor; Lord *Raymond*, C. J. *Page*, *Reynolds* and *Probyn*, Justices, were of Opinion, That the Testator's Wife being dead, and *Mary* his Daughter being also dead, without Issue living at her Death, the subsequent Limitations are good, and that the Estate in Question belongs to the Plaintiffs. And Lord Chancellor decreed accordingly (a). *Brooks and Taylor, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (T. b.) Ca. 33.*

(a) *Quære*,
What Term
and Year?

13. *H.* by Will gave 500 l. to the Relations of *E. H.* to be divided equally between them. *E. H.* had at the Testator's Death two Brothers living, and several Nephews and Nieces by another Brother. It was said, that in the Case of *Brown and Brown*, Lord *Macclesfield* had determined, that the Word *Relations* should be confined to such Relations as were within the Statute of Distributions, because of the Uncertainty of the Word *Relations*; and upon this Authority, *King, C.* in the present Case, determined, that no *Relations* should take by this Description that could not take by the Statute of Distributions. *Mich. 1734. Thomas and Hole, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 251.*

(S) Where the Words are in the disjunctive Who shall take.

1. THE Testatrix devised Money, In Trust for such of her Daughters or Daughter's Children as should be living at her Son's Death. Some of the Daughters were living at the Son's Death, and had also Children, and others were dead, leaving Children. Sir *Jos. Jekyll*, Master of the Rolls, after having taken Time to consider of it, decreed that all the Children, as well of the living as of the dead Daughters, should come in for their Shares. For that the Word (*or*) should be taken (b) for (*and*), otherwise the whole Devise would be void for Incertainty; and that it was the same as if the Devise had been to such of my Daughters, and their Children as shall be living at my Son's Death (c). *East. 1718. Richardson and Spragg, 1 Will. 388, 389.—Rep. 434.*

(b) *Vide* the
Case of *Keyl-
way and Keyl-
way, P. Ca.*
Also 2 *Vern.*
388, 389.—
Godb. 363.—

(c) The Word (*or*) might be of Use in regard all the Daughters might die in the Son's Life-time; and then the Testatrix might not think it proper to say, Daughters and their Children, when there might not be some of each Species, but (*or*) in such Case would be the proper Word; and that the Word (*or*) is usually put for (*and*), appears by very many Instances in the Case of *Price and Hunt*, in *Pollexfen's Rep. 645.* Per his Honour in the above Case of *Richardson and Spragg. Ibid.*—It seems as if it might have been agreeable to the Sense of the Testatrix to have understood the Devise thus: "To my Daughters, and to the Children of such of them as shall be dead, &c." *Ibid. 435.* in a Note by the Editor.

2. So if the Devise had been to my Children or Grandchildren, my Children and Grandchildren would have taken. Per his Honour in the above Case. *Ibid.*

(T) Where

(T) Where Lands are devised in Trust, or to be sold for, or charged with, the Payment of Debts (a), — Legacies (b); With Remainder over.

(a) Vide Tit. Heir.

(b) Vide Tit. Legacies.

1. AS to the Disposal of my Estate, I devise the same as follows: I give and devise, &c. And then devises his Lands to B. his eldest Son in Tail, Remainder to his three other Sons in Tail Male successively, with Remainder to his own right Heirs, and devises Copper Mines and other Estates to B. to be sold to pay Debts; and then gives to his Daughter 30 l. per Annum 'till twelve Years old, and afterwards 50 l. per Annum 'till Marriage, and gives her 1500 l. to be paid by B. within three Months after Marriage, and makes B. Executor, and dies. The personal Estate fell short. Lord Chancellor Cowper ordered Precedents to be searched, but thought the Lands not charged. Mich. 1617. Lord Pawlet and Parry, Prec. in Chan. 449.

See Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, 461. Ca. 16. S. C.

2. A Man that had several Creditors, makes his Will, and recites, that for the Payment of his Legacies and Debts, he devises such Lands to his Executors; then he gives 800 l. to his Wife, and 800 l. to his Daughter, &c. and says, That his Will is, that these several Sums should be paid out of Money raised upon the Sale of his Land. And the Value of the Land falling short of the Debts and Legacies, Finch Lord Keep. held, that the Debts should be paid before the Legacies. East. 1675. Hickson and Witham, 1 Freem. Rep. 305.

Lord Keeper took a Difference where Lands were conveyed by Deed, in Trust for the Payment of Debts and Legacies; there they should go in Pari Passu,

and should have proportionable Satisfaction; and the Debts should have no Preference; but where Lands were devised to an Executor for the Payment of Debts and Legacies, this shall be intended that he shall have them as Assets; because the Testator shall not be supposed, without express Words, to be so unconscionable as to give his Estate in Legacies, and leave his Debts unpaid.—But if he devises Lands for the Payment of Legacies only, this shall not be liable to Debts, because it was in the Testator's Power to dispose of it under what Conditions and to what Purposes he pleased; and if he would make so unconscionable a Will, his Lordship said, He would not make a better Will for him. And he agreed, that if he had devised that his Legacies should be first satisfied, and that then the Remainder of the Profits should go to the Satisfaction of his Debts, that then the Legatees should be served before the Creditors; but the naming of Legatees first (as to say Legatees and Debts) gives no Preference; but here his Intention being apparently to provide for his Debts and Legacies, tho' the Legacies are specified, and his Desire that they should be satisfied, yet it shall be intended in Course of Law, and that Way that was most conscionable for the Testator. But here his Lordship said, That there being a Provision for the Payment of his Debts, there should be no Difference between Bonds and Debts upon Contract, but they should be equally satisfied; for being just Debts, there should not be that Difference betwixt them, upon a Nicety of Law, that some should have all and others none, Ibid. 305, 306.—See 1 Chan. Ca. 248. Finch Rep. 196.

3. If a Man devises Lands to his Executors for Payment of his Debts and Legacies generally, it shall be Assets, and Debts must have the Preference, according to the Rules of Law. Agreed per Cur' and Counsel. East. 1675, in the Case of Hickson and Witham, 1 Freem. Rep. 305, 306.

4. A. bequeaths 20 l. to B. whom he makes his Executor, and devises his real Estate to C. and his Heirs, upon Condition that he pay his Debts and Legacies, the Debts within two Months after his Decease, and the Legacies within three Months; and if the Debts and Legacies were not paid accordingly, then the Creditors and Legatees might enter. Decreed per Lords Commissioners, that the personal Estate shall be first applied to discharge the Debts and Legacies (c). Hil. 1689. Gower and Mead, Prec. in Chan. 2. MS. Rep. S. C. accord'.

(c) And per Maynard, Commif-

sioner, If a Man devises his real Estate to another, upon Condition to pay his Debts, and does not dispose of his personal Estate, that shall be first applied in Ease of the real Estate, and in the principal Case the Condition annexed to the Devise is not a Condition to avoid the whole Estate, but only to give an Entry to the Creditors and Legatees. Prec. in Chan. 2. in S. C.—And per Keck, Commissioner, The Creditors

have

have a Bill now at Hearing, and have a Demand *primarily* against the *personal* Estate, and may certainly take their Remedy against that if they please. Suppose in *this Case* there had been no Executor named, the Administrator must certainly have applied the *personal* Estate in Ease of the real, and the Executor does take no more to his own Use than an Administrator; therefore the *personal* Estate must be applied.—And per Rawlinson, Commissioner, There is a Diversity between *Hæres Factus* and a Devisee of particular Lands; for a Devisee of particular Land shall not have the Benefit of the *personal* Estate, but *Hæres Factus* of the whole shall. *Prec. in Chan.* 2, 3. in S. C.—MS. Rep. S. C. accord^d.

5. Devise of the Rents and Profits of Lands 'till his Son attain twenty-one, towards Payment of Debts; and if my Son die before twenty-one, the Debts being paid, then to A. The Son dies before twenty-one; yet the Rents and Profits, not only 'till he would have attained twenty-one, but also beyond, 'till the Debts be paid, shall be applied for that Purpose. *Mich.* 1691. *Martin and Woodgate, Prec. in Chan.* 34.

Rawlinson admitted, That if the Testator had only devised the Profits 'till his Son should be twenty-one, towards Payment of Debts, and had gone no farther, that it should have been carried no farther than 'till the Son would have attained to that Age. But *Hutchins* was of Opinion, That even in that Case the Profits should be applied to pay the Debts beyond the Age of twenty-one, if those to that Time were not sufficient to discharge them all. *Ibid.* 35.

6. Devise of Lands to A. and his Wife for their Lives, Remainder to such of their Children as should be living at the Death of the Survivor of them, and to their Heirs, equally to be divided between them, A. paying 40 l. to the Plaintiff, &c. at a certain Time. Decreed that the Lands be sold for Payment of the Money; and then the Defendants to have such a Proportion of the Overplus of the Purchase Money, as is answerable to their Interest for Life in the Land; for the Money devised is a Charge upon all the Estates. *Trin.* 1691. *Sadd and Carter, Prec. in Chan.* 27.

7. If a Man devises his Lands to J. S. and desires that the said J. S. should pay his Debts, or if it be the said J. S. paying his Debts; or if immediately after the Devise of his Lands, he does appoint or desire that his Debts should be paid; or if he useth any Expression in his Will whereby it appears that he had any Intent to charge his Lands with his Debts; in such Case his Land will stand charged. But in the Case at Bar, where the Testator had in the Beginning of his Will said, that he desired that all his just Debts should be paid, and afterwards in the said Will he gave several Legacies, and devised Lands; it was held that his Devisee was not charged with the Payment of the Debts; for if that should be so, the Debts of every Testator would be charged upon his Lands; for there are few Wills but have some such Expression whereby the Testator desires his Debts to be paid. *Mich.* 1693. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 192.

8. Devise of Lands after Debts paid, (and then says, my Debts are only these contained in the Schedule); Devisor afterwards contracts new Debts. The Payment of the first Debts is what is required by the Will. *Mich.* 7 *W-3.* C. B. 3 *Lev.* 433.

9. The *personal* Estate, tho' devised, shall pay off a Mortgage, tho' there is no Covenant for Payment of it in the Mortgage Deed. Decreed per Lord Chancellor, *Trin.* 1696. *Meynell and Howard, Prec. in Chan.* 61.

10. J. S. devises his real Estate, In Trust for Payment of his Debts, and the Surplus to his Sisters; and devises all his *personal* Estate to his Wife, whom he makes his Executrix. The Wife shall have the *personal* Estate exempt from Debts, the Debts being more than the *personal* Estate amounted to. Decreed per Lord Chancellor, *Mich.* 1699. *Bamfield and Wyndham, Prec. in Chan.* 101.

11. One being in an undue Manner drawn in to execute a Conveyance of his Estate, after makes his Will, and thereby devises all his

his Lands in the first Place for Payment of his Debts, and the Surplus to other Persons. His Creditors may set aside the Conveyance, having a Right in Nature of an Equity of Redemption, as the Testator himself had; tho' urged, that it was but in Nature of a *Chose en Action*, and therefore not assignable. *Hil. 1700. Blake and Johnson (a), Prec. in Chan. 142. (a) Vide P. Ca.*

12. Lands were devised to Trustees and their Heirs, to lett and set, and out of the Rents, (without saying, and Profits) to pay Testator's Debts. Lord Keeper Wright held that these Words were not sufficient whereon to ground a Decree for a Sale; but that the subsequent Words, that *after his Debts and Legacies paid, it should be to the Trustees*, were sufficient. *Hil. 1701. Cook and Parsons (b), Prec. in Chan. (b) 1 Vol. Eq. Abr. P. 280. Ca. 4. S. C. (cites 2 Vern. 429.) but is not S. P.* 184, 185.

13. Where Lands were devised for Payment of Debts and Legacies, the Debts being such as had no Lien upon the Land, as Debts by simple Contract, &c. the Debts shall have no Preference; but if there be not sufficient to pay all, they shall be paid in Proportion, altho' it was otherwise held in Lord Nottingham's Time, who used always to say, that *a Man ought to be just before he was bountiful*; and so the Court of Equity since that Time seems to be settled. 2 *Freem. Rep. 270. Pl. 339. Trin. 1703. Cited by Dobbins as a Case settled upon Consideration had of all the former Cases by Lord Keeper, in a Cause of Herbert and Herbert.*

14. As to my temporal Estate wherewith God has blessed me, I give and dispose thereof as follows: "First, I will that all my Debts be justly paid which I shall owe at my Death to any Person or Persons whatsoever; also I devise all my Estate in G. to J. S." This was all the real Estate the Testator had. *Per Lord Keep. Wright, This is a Charge on the real Estate for Payment of Debts. Mich. 1706. Bowdler and Smith, Prec. in Chan. 264.*

15. J. S. seised of Lands in Fee, gives 1000 l. to A. and devises the Lands to B. and C. for their Lives, Remainder to D. in Tail, with several Remainders over, Remainder to his own right Heirs, provided that his Executrixes and Executor, and Tenants in Tail, should pay the said Sum of 1000 l. within six Months after his Death, and makes B. C. and D. Executors. J. S. dies not leaving personal Assets to pay this 1000 l. Cowper, C. decreed that the Interest from the Time the 1000 l. became due, should be paid by the Tenants for Life, and their Estate to be rated at a third Part of the 1000 l. and he in Remainder to liable to the other two Thirds; for which Purpose they were all three to join in suffering a Recovery to dock the Estates-tail and Remainders, and then to make a Security of the Estate for raising this 1000 l. according to the said Rate. *Hil. 1709. Jones and Selby, Prec. in Chan. 288.*

16. As for (and) concerning my Estate with which God hath blessed me, I give as followeth: Imprimis, I will that all my Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and satisfied, and then makes a particular Disposition of the Estate. This was decreed no Charge, as it would be when Testator says, I will my Debts be paid in the first Place; or where he gives away the Estate after Payment of Debts and Legacies; for here was a Clause in the Will, that after Payment of Legacies and Funeral Charges, the Overplus was to go to such and such Uses, which declare the Intention to be, that the same was to answer only Legacies and Funeral Charges, and not Debts. *Per the Master of the Rolls, Trin. 9 Geo. Parker and Wilcox, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z.d.) Ca. 25.*

17. J. S. devises that his Executors shall sell his Lands, and with the Money and Surplus of his personal Estate purchase an Annuity of 100 l.

100*l.* per Annum for A. for her Life, out of which she was to maintain her Children; and gave 30*l.* to each Child, to be raised out of the said Annuity and the personal Estate he should die possessed of. J. S. dies, and the Annuitant dies three Months after him. J. S.'s Executors renouncing, Administration with the Will annexed was granted to B. who was also the Administrator of A. the Annuitant. B. shall compel a Sale, and shall have the Money arising therefrom as *personal* Estate, he paying the Childrens Legacies. Mich. 1725. Yates and Compton, 2 Will. Rep. 308.

Vide P.
Ca.

18. "All my personal Estate of what Nature, Kind or Quality soever, I give to my Sister A. whom I make my Executrix; and all my real Estate, of what Kind, Nature or Quality soever, I give unto my Sons B. and C. chargeable with my Debts." Held at the Rolls about 1731 or 1732, and afterwards by King, C. That the personal Estate should be first liable. Cited *arg'* in the Case of Stapleton and Colville (a), as the Case of Bromball and Wilbraham (b). Vide Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 204.

(a) Vide P.
Ca.

(b) Ibid. 209.

S. C. cited by Lord Talbot, who said, That in this Case the *real* and *personal* Estates were pretty much of the same Value, and the Debts must have exhausted the one or the other Fund; so that had the Judgment of the Court been otherwise, the Man's Children would have been left without any Provision.

19. As to my wordly Estate, I give it in Manner following: Imprimis, I will that all my Debts shall be discharged. This is a good Devise to charge the Land. East. 5 Geo. 2. Lord Warrington and Leigh, MS. Rep.

20. "For the just and true Performance of this my last Will, and for the Payment of all my Debts, I give and devise all my real Estate; and as to the personal Estate, which at the Time of my Death I shall be possessed of and intitled to, I give the same unto my Executrix, to defray my Funeral Charges and Expences; and if my personal Estate shall fall short to discharge the same, then the Remainder to be paid to my Executors out of the first Rents and Profits of my real Estate, as they shall become due after my Decease, until Payment be made of all my Legacies, Debts and Funeral Expences as aforesaid; and if there be any Surplus of my personal Estate, that then my Executors pay the same to my dear and loving Wife." Held that the personal Estate should go to the Wife discharged from the Payment of Debts. Cited *arg'* as the Case of the Attorney General and Barkham (c), about 1734, in the Case of Stapleton and Colville,

(c) Ibid. 210.

S. C. cited by Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 207.

Lord Talbot;

who said, That in this Case the Testator had laid the Charge upon the *real* Estate; and then taking up his personal Estate, mentions particular Things which he charges it with; so that the Surplus there meant must be the Surplus after the particular Charges which he had there specified; and therefore this Case being very particular, must stand upon its own Bottom and Reason, and cannot be compared to the Case of Stapleton and Colville.

Cases in Eq.
Temp. Talbot

1736. S. C.

states it thus:

J. S. devised

his Lands to

A. his Wife

for Life,

charged and

chargeable

with two Annuities for the Lives of B. and C. and with a Legacy of 1000*l.* and gave his Wife a Power by Mortgage or Sale of any Part of the Inheritance, to raise Money sufficient to discharge the Debts he should owe at his Death; and then reciting the great Satisfaction he had of his Estate's having continued so long in his Family, and the great Desire he had to perpetuate, as far as he could, his Name and Estate, he devised all his real Estate after his Wife's Death to D. his Nephew for Life, Remainder to his first, &c.

Son

21. A. by Will gave his Lands for Life (chargeable with the Payment of his Debts, and chargeable with the Payment of the Annuities given by the Will) to his Wife, and thereby also gave her Power of Authority by Sale or Mortgage of such Part as she shou'd think proper, to raise such Sum as should be necessary for the Payment of his Debts, and gave her all his Goods and personal Estate, and made her sole Executrix.

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cutrix.—By his Will he takes Notice, that the Estate had been in the Family for several Generations.—Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, held the personal Estate to be discharged of the Debts, and decreed for the Defendant the Wife. [The Case of *Harewood and Child*, 1734, was cited *arg*’, which was a Devise of Lands, and it was directed that the Trustees should raise Money sufficient to pay all his Debts, and the Interest thereof; and after the Payment of his said Debts, the Testator gave his Lands to and for such Persons, and for such Uses, as the Manor of *A.* was before settled; and adds these Words, “*And if any Money remains after the Payment of my Debts and the Trustees Charges, then it shall be paid to my Daughter Catharine, or to such Persons as shall be intitled to my said Manor,*” which he had given before.—Afterwards he gave all his personal Estate of what Nature soever to *Catharine*, and made her Executrix.—Held by *Talbot*, Lord Chancellor, That the personal Estate was not exempted (*a*). *Brombal and Wilbrabam* was also cited (*b*).]—On an Appeal from the Decree at the Rolls, *Talbot*, Lord Chancellor, in the present Case said, The Question is, Whether the Debts ought to be paid out of the real or personal Estate? The general Rule is, that the personal Estate is liable to Debts of all Kinds, but a Man may substitute another Fund for this Purpose, if he thinks fit; and if so, if any of the Creditors take their Remedy against the personal Estate, then the Court will give it the Devisee out of the real Estate. That the Testator may exempt his personal Estate from the Payment of his Debts; and that this may be done by express Words, or by other Words that implicitly declare such Intention from the whole Form and Tenor of the Will.—When a Testator makes an Executor, and gives nothing but what the Law gives him, and charges the Lands with Debts, there the personal Estate shall be first applied.—Where the Trust is to sell Lands, and the Party leaves a personal Estate, there the personal Estate may be liable.—Where he devises his real Estate absolutely to be sold for the Payment of Debts, and directs the Surplus of the Money to be given to another Person, there is no Reason to believe but he intended to have the Purchase Money of the Lands the Fund to be made by the Testator; but that the Annuities having none but what is particularly provided for them, yet that must have some Weight; that he did not think the using the Words *charged* or *chargeable* will make any Difference, since they are used indifferently; and then coming the Power given to the Wife, it seemed to him clearly to manifest his Intent of her taking what he gave her by his Will to her own Use; for his Intent being to perpetuate his Estate, he thought it not to be supposed, that after having given her the whole Power over his personal Estate by making her Executrix, he would likewise empower her to dispose of so much of the Inheritance, and consequently of defeating the Devise (not of so much as the personal Estate should prove deficient, but) of what should be necessary for Payment of his Debts: That his Intent seems clear to give her this Power of disposing of so much of the Inheritance as would satisfy his Debts, in order to secure to her the full Enjoyment of her Estate for Life; and of the personal Estate, free from all Charges whatsoever. And so affirmed the Decree made by Sir Joseph Jekyll in Behalf of the Wife. (a) Cases in Eq. Temp. *Talbot* 204. S. C. cited *arg*’ in the Case of *Stapleton and Colville*, thus: “*I devise all my Manors to A. and B. and their Heirs, In Trust that they and their Heirs out of the Rents and Profits, or by Lease or Mortgage, or Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, shall raise so much Money as I shall owe at my Death, and after Payment of my Debts, and reimbursing themselves, upon further Trust, that they and their Heirs shall stand seised of such Part of the Premises as shall remain unsold, to and for such Persons and Uses as the Manor of C. is already settled; and if any Money remain after Payment of my Debts, it shall be paid to my Daughter, and such as are intitled to the said Manor by the Limitation aforesaid.*” Testator before the making of his Will had given the Manor of *C.* to his Daughter in Tail, with Remainder to his Nephew, and then gave all his personal Estate of what Nature or Quality soever, to his Daughter, whom he made Executrix. And held by *Talbot*, C. that notwithstanding this express Devise to the Trustees, the personal Estate should be first applied in Discharge of the real.—*Ibid.* 209. Lord Chancellor said, That the Opinion of the Court in the Case of *Harewood and Child* was founded upon the Complexion of the Will, which being taken together manifested the Intention to be, that the Daughter should take the personal Estate, liable to the Payment of his Debts, she herself being Devisee of the whole; and that it would be absurd to imagine the Testator to have intended his personal Estate to be exempted from Payment of his Debts, when he had expressly provided that the Surplus of the Produce of what should be raised out of the real Estate, should go to the very same Person who was Devisee in Tail of the real Estate. (b) Vide *Ca.* P.

Son in Tail, &c. upon Condition of taking and using his Name and Arms forever. And in the Close of the Will, he gives all his Goods, Chattels and personal Estate, to his Wife, and makes her sole Executrix. On an Appeal from the Rolls Lord Chan. *Talbot* observed, That after the Gift of the Annuity and Legacies where-with he charged his real Estate, he gives his real Estate to his Wife for Life; and said, that tho’ it does not necessarily follow that the coupling both together shews he intended both to be payable out of one and the same Fund, the personal Estate being the proper Fund for Debts, tho’ no Provision had been

(a) *Vide P. Ca.*

(b) *Vide Ca. P.*

pay Debts.—*Vide* the Case of *Peach* and *Chichester*, a strong Case for affecting the real Estate. But I believe there were other Circumstances in the Case besides what was stated.—In the Case of an Executor, the Estate vests in him in *auter droit*;—if he converts it, it shall go to his Representatives; if not, it shall go to the Administrator *de bonis* of the first Testator.—If there is an Executor, and he is made *residuary* Legatee, and then he dies intestate, *his next of Kin shall be intitled to Administration, and not the next of Kin to the first Testator*; for *there was an Interest vested in the Executor as residuary Legatee*. In the Case of *Harewood* and *Child* (a), that was because Dr. *Harewood* was to take the real Estate in Tail, and it could not be conceived that he intended when the real and personal Estate was to go to the same Person, that he should charge the real Estate before the personal. This was chiefly the Reason of the Case of *Doleman* and *Smith*, 2 *Vern.* In the Case of *Bromhall* and *Wilbraham*, there the Children of the Testator must be disinherited in Case the Court had made the Lands liable in the first Place. *Bramfield* and *Windham*, in *Chan.* 101. *Attorney General*

and *Burham* (b).—One general Inference may be drawn from these Cases, that where there is no express Exception of the personal Estate, it must be collected from the general Frame of the Will.—In this Case, *he gives to his Wife all the rest of his Lands for her Life, chargeable with the Payment of his Debts and Annuities.*—Some observe on the Word (*chargeable*), that it is not so strong as if the Devise was for the *particular Purpose of the Payment of his Debts*.—With regard to the Annuities, it must be taken as charged, and therefore cannot have two different Significations in the same Clause.—The Words which follow are, *That she should have Power and Authority to sell as much of the Estate as should be sufficient to pay all my Debts*, and then gives *all his Goods and personal Estate to his Wife, and makes her Executrix*.—If the Testator had only made his Estate *chargeable* with the Payment of his Debts, this would not have exempted the personal Estate.—The Question is, Whether the Testator did not intend she should have all he gave her.—If he had intended not to have given her the personal Estate *absolutely*, then he would not have given Power to sell as much as would be sufficient to pay all his Debts, but so much as would have paid such Part of them as his personal Estate would not extend to pay. Upon these Circumstances, I think, it was the Intention of the Testator to exempt his personal Estate.—So the Decree was affirmed, *Trin.* 1736. *Stapleton* and *Colville*, *MS. Rep.*

22. Bill by the Heir at Law against the Executors, to have an Account of the personal Estate of the Testator, and that it might be applied in Exoneration of the real Estate devised to Trustees, to be sold for Payment of Debts and Legacies. The Case was this: *W.* by Will devised several *Lands to Trustees, to be sold for Payment of his Debts and Legacies*, and devised *all the Residue of his personal Estate to his Wife*, and gave her also 600*l.* out of the Money to be raised by Sale of the *Trust Estate*, and makes her *Executrix*. *Harcourt*, C. said, Here is not only a Devise over of the Residue of his personal Estate to his Executrix, but he gives her further the Sum of 600*l.* out of the real Estate; so that he did not think the Residue of the personal Estate sufficient for her, but gave her 600*l.* out of his real Estate; which is the strongest Presumption imaginable of the Intent of the Testator, that his Wife should have the Residue of his personal Estate. And this makes it differ from the Case of *Garroway* and *Christ's Hospital*; for

for there was no Devise unto his Executors out of his *real* Estate.

Bill dismiss'd, *quoad* an Account of his *personal* Estate. *Mich.* 12 *Ann.*

Waife and Whitfield (a), *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (Z. d.) *Ca.* 19.

23. One devises Lands *to his Executors, for and until Payment of his Debts*. This is but a Chattel Interest. 22 May 1717. *Carter and Barnardiston*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 505, 509.

24. *J. S.* being seised in Fee of a real Estate, and possessed of a personal Estate, devised one third Part of *all his Estate whatsoever* to *M.* his Wife, and devised to his Son *B.* and to his Heirs *two Thirds of all his real and personal Estate, upon Condition to pay his Debts*. The Judges and Master of the Rolls (on Time taken to consider of it) were all of Opinion, That *M.* the Widow should have her Thirds, *not liable to the Debts*, they being by the expresse Words of the Will fixed upon the other two Thirds; by which the Devise to the Wife was rendered clear; and upon this Point was cited *Dy. 59. b. 164. a. Goldsb.* 149. *Hil.* 1725. *Chester and Painter*, upon an Appeal to the King in Council from a Decree in the Court of Chancery in the *Island of Antigua*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 335, 337.

25. One seised of Lands in Fee in *G.* that were in Mortgage, and also seised in Fee of other Lands, devised his Lands in *G.* to *J. S.* at her Age of twenty-one, *subject to the Incumbrances that were there-upon*; and ordered, that the Rents and Profits of the Premises should, during the Infancy of the said *J. S.* be paid to her Father, for her sole Use; and devised other Lands to Trustees, *In Trust to pay the Testator's Debts*. The Master of the Rolls held that this Mortgage shall be discharged by Moneys arising from the Sale of the Trust Estate. *Mich.* 1726. *Serle and St. Eloy*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 386.

26. *A.* seised in Fee of a real Estate, and possessed of a personal Estate, by Will directs that his Legacies be paid out of his *real* Estate, and devises his *personal* Estate to his Children. His Children shall have the personal Estate free from the Legacies, *but charged with the Debts*; and the *real* Estate only shall be charged with the Legacies. *Trin.* 1726. *Heath and Heath*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 366.

27. Devise of the Rents and Profits of Lands 'till his Son attains twenty-one, towards Payment of Debts; and if my Son die before twenty-one, my Debts being paid, then to *A.* and the Son dies before twenty-one; yet the Rents and Profits, not only 'till he would have attained twenty-one, but also beyond, 'till the Debts be paid, shall be applied for that Purpose. *Mich.* 1691. *Martin and Woodgate*, *Prec. in Chan.* 34.

28. In Case of a Devise of Lands to pay Debts, if the Creditors bring a Bill to compel a Sale, the Heir is generally to be made a Party; *secus* in Case of a Trust created by Deed to pay Debts (b). *Trin.* 1730. 3 *Will. Rep.* 92.

(a) This Case is misplaced in point of Time; and also the following Cases until you come to (U).

(b) *Vide Tit. Bills, P. 169. Ca. 22.*

(U) Where Money is devised to be invested in Lands to be settled, &c. how construed.

1. *A.* BY Will gave 8000 *l.* to *B.* to be laid out by her in a Purchase of Lands, to be settled to the Use of herself for Life, Remainder to *C.* and his Heirs; and in Case *C.* died in the Life-time of *B.* Remainder over to *D.* his Heirs, Executors and Administrators. — *C.* died in the Life-time of *B.* — *D.* also died in *B.*'s Life-time, having made his Will, and thereof Plaintiff his Wife Exeatrix, and having

Prec. in Chan. 543. *S. C.* accord.

ving given several Legacies to the other Plaintiffs, and leaving Defendant *F.* his only Daughter and Heir at Law, an Infant.—Then *B.* died, and the Money had been never laid out; the Bill was brought against *F.* and against *B.*'s Executors to have the Money for the Benefit of the Executors and Legatees of *D.* and that no Purchase might be made for the Benefit of *F.* the Defendant, the Heir at Law of *D.* Lord Chancellor clearly decreed, that the Money belonged to *F.* as the Lands would have done, if a Purchase had actually been made, as it ought to have been by *B.* the Trustee. Tho' the Trust for laying out the Money was *personally* confined to *B.* without nominating Executors, yet her Executors were implied and included in it; and this Case is the stronger, because the Heir at Law of *D.* was an Infant; and as *B.* survived *D.* two Years, the Infant Heir might have brought her Bill against *B.* herself. The Trustee to have had the Purchase made, and her Laches in not doing it, is not to turn to her Prejudice, *being an Infant.* The Cases cited were *Lingen* and *Souray* (a), in Lord Harcourt's Time, and a Case lately decreed of *Jones* and *Powell.* Mich. 1720. *Scudamore et al'* and *Scudamore, MS.*

(a) 1 Vol.
Abr. Eq. 175.
S. C.—
1 Will. Rep.
172. S. C.—
Prec. in Chan.
400. S. C.

2. If Money be devised to be laid out in the Purchase of Lands to be settled on one and his Heirs, the Person himself, for whose Benefit the Purchase was to be made, may pray to have the Money; and that no Purchase may be made, *because none have an Interest in it but himself:* But if he dies before the Purchase made, or Payment of the Money, so that the Question comes between his Heirs and Executors, which of them shall have the Money, the Heir shall be preferred; and it shall, for his Benefit, be considered in Equity, as if the Purchase had been actually made in the Life-time of the Ancestor. First, Because the Heir is to be favoured in all Cases rather than the Executors, who, by the Old Law, were to have nothing to their own Use. Secondly, If the Executor should have it, it would be against the Words of the Will, which gave it to the Heirs. Agreed by Lord Chancellor, to be a declared Rule of this Court in the said Case of *Scudamore* and *Scudamore.* Ibid. 544.

Prec. in Chan.
544. accord'.

(W) Where a Contingency in a Will shall extend to all the Devisees.

1. *A.* Seised in Fee, has a Son *B.* and Sister *C.* and devises his Lands to *B.* in Tail general, and if *B.* should die without Issue, and *M.* the Testator's Wife should survive *B.* then she to have the Premises for Life, Remainder to *C.* in Fee. *B.* dies without Issue, but Testator's Wife dies before him; *C.* is not intitled to the Remainder in Fee, because the Contingency is annexed to all the Devises over. Mich. 1726. *Davis* and *Norton* (b), 2 Will. Rep. 390.

(b) Vide P.
Ca. S. C.
more fully
abridg'd.

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C A P. XXXIV.

Discovery, Bills of (a). (a) *Vide Tit. Bills (C) P. 171.*

(A) Cases in general relating to Bills of Discovery (b).

1. **T**O a Bill for Discovery of *Symony* the Defendants demurred, and Demurrer was allowed. *Per Cur'*, Hil. 1702. *Attorney General* at the relation of *Hindley and Sudell et al'*, *Prec. in Chan.* 214.

2. Plaintiff not intitled to a Discovery without verifying his Title at Law. 1713. *Duke of Hamilton and Fleetwood*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Discovery, (A) Ca. 7.*

3. Persons who claim Lands by a Will, or any other voluntary Disposition, having the Law on their Side, are intitled as against an Heir at Law to a Discovery in Equity of Deeds relating to the Estate, and to have them delivered up, otherwise the Heir might defend himself at Law, by setting up prior Incumbrances, and by that Means hinder trying the Validity of the Will. May 19, 1713. *Dutchess of Newcastle and Lord Pelham*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Discovery, (M) Ca. 12.*

4. Bill for the Discovery of the Consideration of a promissory Note for 275 l. suggesting that it was given *ex turpi Causa*, to smother and make up a Felony, &c. Demurrer to that Part of the Bill which seeks a Discovery if the Note were not given to make up a Felony, which is of a criminal Nature, &c. and the Demurrer allowed. *Mich. 4 Geo. 1. in Canc. Guiborn and Fellows et al'*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Discovery, (C) Ca. 6.*

5. A. obtained Judgment, and lodged a *Fieri Facias* in the Sheriff's Hands, to which *Nulla bona* was returned. A. afterwards may bring a Bill against the Defendant or any other, to discover any of the Goods or personal Estate of the Defendant, and by that Means to affect the same; but he must first go as far as he can at Law by delivering his Writ of *Fieri Facias*, and getting it returned. Cited by Mr. *Vernon*, *Trin. 1718*, in the Case of *Balch and Wastall*, to have been so held by Lord *Nottingham*. *Vide 1 Will. Rep. 445.*

6. Will concerning personal Estate proved in the Spiritual Court; Respondent having a former Will in his Favour, brings his Bill to discover by what Means the latter Will was obtained, and to have an Account of the personal Estate, and whether the Testator was not incapable, and imposed upon. Defendant demurred, Because it belonged to the Spiritual Court only to prove the Validity of Wills, and the former Will was not proved in the Spiritual Court, as the Will in his Favour was. Demurrer over-ruled. Feb. 6, 1723. *Andrews and Powers or Powis*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Discovery, (G) Ca. 9.*

7. J.S. deriving his Title under a Settlement, consulted Counsel whether he could suffer a Recovery and bar the Remainders; and Counsel being of Opinion that he could, he suffered a Recovery, and made a Will in Prejudice of the Persons claiming under the Settlement. The

(b) *Max. Discovery draws with it Relief. Gilb. Eq. Rep. 227.*

Validity of which being controverted, and also whether, supposing it to be a good Will, he was enabled by the Recovery to defeat the Remainders, and dispose of the Estate, to which Purpose it would be necessary to have all Deeds, Writings and Family Settlements brought into Court, to see whether he had such Power. *King, C.* held it most natural to see whether *J. S.* could dispose; to examine whether he has made a Will, before it be known whether he had a Power, would be unnecessary and really impertinent; and therefore his *Lordship* decreed that all Deeds should be produced, and the *Counsel's* Opinions; *not as they will be a Guidance to the Court*, but for the Case on which they might be founded, for Papers may in those Cases be mentioned which otherwise might be suppressed, and not come to Light. 29 Oct. 1724. *Floyer and Sydenham, MS. Rep.*

Sel. Cases in Chan. 2. S. C.

accord'.—2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 99. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Floire and Sidenham, S. C.* states it thus: Plaintiff exhibited his Bill as one of the *Cobairs* of *A.* and claimed a Moiety of the Estate under a Settlement made by *B.* the Great Grandfather of the Plaintiff and of the Defendant, who having set up a Will made by *A.* in Favour of the Defendant, and it being suggested in the Bill, that the Will, if any, was fraudulently obtained, it was prayed that the Deeds and Writings concerning the Lands in Question might be brought into Court, and the rather because the Defendant in his Answer owns the Settlement as set forth in the Bill, and that Plaintiff is one of the *Cobairs* of *A.* but says, that the Father of *A.* suffered a Recovery of all or the greatest Part of these Lands, and declared the Uses to *A. and his Heirs*, so that he might devise the same. And *per Cur'*, The Right of the Plaintiff at Law cannot be tried without the Deeds, and there can be no Reason why the Plaintiff should contest the Will, before he knows whether the Testator had Power to make it, which cannot be known without the Settlement, and the Deed to lead the Uses of the common Recovery; for if the Plaintiff hath any Right, 'tis by Virtue of this Settlement made by his Great Grandfather. And as this Contest is between *Cobairs*, where one sets up a Will made in his Favour, and insists that he is not obliged to produce the Settlement until the Will is set aside, certainly that cannot be a Reason for not producing it, because the Plaintiff hath no better Right to see it then, (*viz.*) after the Will is set aside, than he hath now; therefore the best Method is to have the Deeds brought before the Court. And Plaintiff to have the *Costs* of this Suit.

MS. Rep. S. C. accord'.

8. Bill brought to set aside a Purchase, and to have a Discovery of the Site and Profits of the Estate. Defendant by Answer insists that he is a Purchaser, and that he is not obliged to make a Discovery. To which Exception was taken for not answering, and allowed *per King, C.* In Support of the Exception was cited the Case of *Stephens and Stephens* before Lord *Macclesfield*, which was, A Bill was brought for a Discovery of the Rents and Profits of an Estate, which Plaintiff claimed by Will from a common Ancestor. Defendant says, he is intitled to the Estate, and therefore 'till the Right is determined he was not obliged to give an Account of the Rents and Profits. Lord *Macclesfield* said, this might have been good by way of Plea, but having answered, must answer the Charge of the Bill.—So lately in the Case of *Edwards and Freeman*; Bill brought for an Account; the Defendant controverted the Right, and said he was not obliged to give an Account before that was settled; and *King, C.* was of Opinion, that having answered, the Charge of the Bill must be answered. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Richardson and Mitchel, Sel. Cases in Chan. 51.*

Comyns's Rep. 664. S. C. cited arg'.

9. A Copyholder cut down more Timber than he could justify, and a Bill being brought against him for a Discovery, he demurred, Because it would subject him to a Forfeiture as being Waste, and the Demurrer was allowed. 11 Geo. 1. *Attorney General and Vincent, MS. Rep.*

Another MS. Rep. Anon. S. C. cited arg'.

10. Upon the Marriage of Mr. Payne with Mrs. Gage, Lands were settled to the Use of the Husband and Wife for their Lives, and the Life of the Survivor of them, then to the Use of the first and every *Comyns's Rep. 665. East. 12 Geo. 2. S. C. cited arg' in the Case of Jones et Ux' and Meredith et al', in Scac'*, states the Case thus:—On Marriage of Mrs. Payne with Mr. Smith, a Settlement was made to the Use of the Husband and Wife for their Lives, and after to the first and other Sons of that Marriage in Tail, Remainder to Mrs. Payne in Fee, who devised it to the Defendant; and the Bill was to discover if the Devisor was not a Papist, in which Case the Devise would be void; and on a Plea to this Bill, Lord *Chan. Hardwicke* held that Defendant was not obliged to answer.

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other Son in Tail Male, Remainder to the right Heirs of the Husband. The Marriage took Effect, but the Husband died in the Life-time of the Wife without leaving any Issue, having devised all his Lands to his Wife and her Heirs. In 1730 the Wife devised all her real Estate to the Defendant, subject to a few Legacies, but lived and died a Papist; but that being difficult to prove at Law, the Plaintiff, who had married Elizabeth Payne, Heir at Law to Mr. Payne and his Wife, filed their Bill against the Defendant to set aside the Marriage Settlement and Will of Mr. Payne, under which Mrs. Payne claimed, and in particular prayed that the Defendant might discover whether Mrs. Payne, under whom the Defendant claimed, was a Papist or not. As to so much of the Bill as sought a Discovery whether Mrs. Payne was at any Time, and how long before her Marriage with Mr. Payne, a Papist, and professed the Popish Religion, and continued so 'till her Death; and whether, as such, she was incapable and disabled by the Laws of the Realm to purchase either in her own Name, or in the Name of any to her Use, or in Trust for her, any Manors, &c. The Defendant pleaded the Deeds of Settlement made upon the Marriage of Mr. Payne and his Wife, and also the Will of Mr. Payne under which his Wife claimed, as also the Will of Mrs. Payne, under which the Defendant claimed; and for Plea further saith, that by the Act made the 11 & 12 W. 3. it was amongst other Things enacted, That every Papist, or Person making Profession of the Popish Religion, should be disabled, &c. See said Act Sect. 4. And Lord Chan. Hardwicke was of Opinion, That the Defendant was not obliged to discover whether Mrs. Payne was a Papist or not; and that there was no Rule better established in this Court, than that a Man shall not be obliged to answer to what may subject him to the Penalty of an Act of Parliament. No Person can doubt whether this be a penal Law, and whether the Clauses relating to Papists are not Penalties imposed on all Persons exercising that Religion. It is objected, That this is not the Case of a Forfeiture, because the Estate was never vested, and therefore can never be divested; yet it all falls under the same Reason; and an Incapacity or Disability to hold at all, created by Act of Parliament, is certainly as much a Penalty as the Forfeiture of an Estate by a Person who had a Right to enjoy it before that Forfeiture. That this is not like the Case of an Alien or Bastard, who are incapable, by the general Laws of the Realm, to inherit; for this is a Disability created by an Act of Parliament. That what swayed with him most was the great Inconvenience that would follow, should this Plea be disallowed, for that there would be nothing but Bills of Discovery whether such and such Persons were Papists or not, and no Body knows what Confusion would follow.—His Lordship held that as Mrs. Payne was not obliged to discover whether she was a Papist or not, so likewise the Defendant, who claimed under her, was not; and that in that Respect there was no Difference between the Party herself and the Person who derived his Title from her. Plea allowed. March 19, 1736. *Smith and Read, Vin. Abr. Tit. Discovery, (B) Ca. 21.*

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11. Chancery never allows a Bill of Discovery in Aid of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Per Lord Hardwicke, Mich. 1738, *Dunx and Balguy, Vin. Abr. Tit. Discovery, (A) Ca. 19.*

12. The Plaintiff's Bill set forth, That J. S. died seised of Lands of 100 l. per Annum, leaving Issue only one Son A. and three Daughters, B. C. and D. since married to W. (a Protestant) and who are the Defendants. And the Plaintiff married Mary the only Sister

Comyns's Rep.
661. S.C.
accord.

Sister of *J. S.* and who on Failure of Issue of the said *J. S.* is his Heir at Law. That *A.* the Son entered and died seised; that his Sisters *B. C.* and *D.* were educated in the Popish Religion, whereby the Plaintiff *Mary*, their *Aunt*, being the next Protestant Kin, is intitled to enjoy the Rents and Profits of the Estate by Virtue of the Stat. 11 & 12 *W.* 3. until the Defendants take the Oaths and conform. That the Plaintiff brought an Ejectment, but *Roberts* (another Defendant to the Bill) caused himself to be added a Defendant in the said Ejectment, and insisted on a Mortgage of the said Estate, made to him by the other Defendants for a Term of Years, for Security of 400 *l.* Therefore the Bill prays a Discovery, Whether *J. S.* the Father, and *A.* the Son, did not die seised, and when; and that *Roberts* may discover whether *B. C.* and *D.* were not educated in the Popish Religion, and now profess it; and whether they were not of the Age of eighteen Years and six Months and upwards, at the Death of *A.* the Son, or of what Age; and whether they have not refused to take the said Oaths, and are thereby incapacitated to hold the said Estate. Whether Plaintiff *Mary* is not the next Protestant Kin to the said *J. S.* and to the said *A.* and also to the Defendants *B. C.* and *D.* and thereby, and by the said Act, intitled to the Premises during such Incapacity; and what Incumbrance *Roberts* has, and that Plaintiffs may redeem, &c. To such Part of the Bill as sought a Discovery whether the Defendants were not educated in, and did not then, and at the filing of the Bill, profess the Popish Religion; and whether they were not at the Death of *A.* the Son of the Age of eighteen Years and six Months, or what Age; and whether they had not refused to take the Oaths in the said Statute, and had not thereby incurred the Incapacities of the said Act; and whether the Plaintiff *Mary* is not their next of Kin, &c. the Defendants plead the said Statute, in regard that such Discovery might subject them to the Penalties, Forfeitures or Disabilities of the said Act.—Plea allowed. *East.* 12 *Geo.* 2. *Jones et Ux* and *Meredith et al*, in *Scac*, *MS. Rep.*

13. By the ancient Course of the Court, a Person was allowed to bring his Action at Law against the Representative of the deceased, and at the same Time to bring his Bill here, in order to have a Discovery of Assets; tho' now it is established that if the Party proceeds in Equity against such Representative, his Bill must be both for a Discovery of Assets and a Satisfaction for his Debt. Per Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* in the Case of *Barker and Dumeres*, 1740. *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 278.

Barnard.
Chan. Rep. 39.
East. 1740.
S. C. accord,
of which this
MS. Case
seems to be
a Transcript;
—says, the
Authority
cited in Sup-
port of the
Plea was
3 *Cro.* 310.
and 1 *Lew.* 92.
and on the
other Side
1 *Vern.* 398.
Ibid. 40, 41.

14. The Plaintiff's Bill set forth, That *J. S.* being appointed Cashier to the Commissioners of *Hawkers* and *Pedlars*, Defendant applied to the Plaintiff to be Security with him for *J. S.* in the Sum of 6000 *l.* *J. S.* absconding, an Extent was threatened to be taken out against the Plaintiff, in order to prevent which he paid 3000 *l.* and several other considerable Sums on that Account, and in order to reimburse himself the said Monies, he exhibited his Bill against the Defendant, and also proceeded at Law. That Plaintiff being obliged to make his Election, he elected to go on at Law, and recovering 4500 *l.* against the Defendant, he sued out an *Elegit*, which was delivered to the Sheriff in 1734, and subsequent to such Delivery the Defendant secreted great Part of his Goods, in order to defraud Plaintiff of the Benefit of his Execution. However the Plaintiff executed the Writ, and the Sheriff took what Goods he found remaining, and seised a *Moiety* of the Defendant's Lands. That this Writ was returned and filed, and a *Liberate* sued out, and thereupon this Bill was brought to compel Defendant to discover whether he did

not make such Concealment as aforesaid, and that he might discover in whose Hands those Goods were placed, and that he might set forth what Incumbrances there were upon the Land, that were seized under the *Elegit*. To so much of the Bill as prayed a *Discovery of the Concealment of the Goods*, he pleaded in Bar the Substance of the Matter as set forth in the Bill; and insisted, that as the *Elegit* was executed, and the Return filed, the Plaintiff's Remedy was gone, and that he was not intitled to a *Discovery*; and as to the other Part of the Bill, relating to the Incumbrances, &c. he demurred in Law. And per Lord Chan. Harwicke the Demurrer must be over-ruled. This is a Demurrer to that Part of the Bill wherein a Tenant by *Elegit* seeks to discover Incumbrances upon the Estate, in order to bring an Ejectment under *Liberate*, and such Person may come into this Court for such a *Discovery*. Such a Tenant is intitled to hold the Premises quousque he has satisfied his Debt, and an Ejectment is necessary for to get into Possession. The Difficulty in the present Case arises upon the Plea, and 'tis really a new Point on which this Question arises. But his Lordship allowed the Plea, saying, It would be of no Use to the Plaintiff to go on as to this Part of the Case, which is covered by the Plea. If the Plaintiff will be benefited by a *Discovery of the Concealment of the Goods*, either by going afterwards into a Court of Law, or else by having Relief here, he may certainly come into this Court for that Purpose; but if he cannot, he will not be intitled to such a *Discovery*. Now the Ground on which the Plaintiff insists, that by having a *Discovery*, &c. he will thereby be benefited in one or other of these Ways, is, that by the Statute of Frauds the Goods are bound from the Time the Writ is delivered to the Sheriff, and from that Time, it has been said, that the Plaintiff is intitled to *jus in re* or *jus ad rem*. By having this *Discovery*, it has also been said, that the Plaintiff will be intitled to apply for a new Writ of *Elegit*, and that the former one may be taken off the File. But his Lordship was of Opinion, That that could not be done. Before the said Statute, the Defendant's Goods were bound in his Hands from the Teste of the Writ of Execution. To avoid this the Statute was made, whereby it is enacted, That the Goods shall only be bound from the Delivery of the Writ to the Sheriff. But neither before this Statute nor since, is the Property of the Goods altered, but continues in the Defendant till the Execution executed. The Meaning of these Words, "That the Goods shall be bound from the Delivery of the Writ to the Sheriff," is, that after the Writ is so delivered, if the Defendant makes an Assignment of his Goods, unless in Market-overt, the Sheriff may take them in Execution.—If this Court could require a *Discovery* and give Relief, it would be to extend the Writ of *Elegit* farther than the Courts of Law will do. His Lordship said, He did not know that a Writ of *Elegit* (after the Return is expired and the Writ filed) had been ever taken off the File, and a new Writ granted in a Case of this Nature.—Indeed where a Man has not known in what County the Defendant's Lands have lain, and he executes his *Elegit* only in that County where Part of the Lands has laid, his Lordship said he did not know but afterwards, upon *Discovery of the Mistake*, the Courts of Law have allowed the Writ to be taken off the File, and a new one granted; and he believed the same had been done in this Court upon Statutes and Recognizances; but that could not be done in the principal Case. East. 1740. Lowthal and Tonkins, MS. Rep.

C A P. XXXV.

Dower and Jointure.

- (A) Of what Estate the Wife shall be endowed.
 (B) What shall be a Bar of Dower,—And in what Case a Dowress shall have Relief in Equity, et econt'.
 (C) Of Jointures, and in what Cases a Jointress shall be favoured or restrained.

(A) Of what Estate the Wife shall be endowed (a).

(a) Dower cannot be assigned in Chancery,

(because a Decree there cannot carry any Estate) unless where the Heir of the King's Tenant is in Ward; and in such Case it is assigned in Court, which is more usual, or a Writ issues to the Escheator to do it. *Per Holt, C. J.* on pronouncing the Resolution of the Court of B. R. in the Case of *Smith and Angell*, 13 W. 3. 2 *Lord Raymond's Rep.* 785.—In 1 *Inst.* 33. (b.) *Lord Coke* says, That all Kinds of Dowers were instituted for the Subsistence of the Wife during her Life; which Right of Dower is not only a legal but a moral Right, and as it was held by Sir *John Trevor* the late Master of the Rolls, in the Case of *Lady Dudley and Lord Dudley*, *Prec. in Chan.* 244.—The Relation of Husband and Wife, as it is the nearest so it is the earliest, and therefore the Wife is the proper Object of the Care and Kindness of the Husband; the Husband is bound by the Law of God and Man to provide for her during his Life, and after his Death the moral Obligation is not an End, but he ought to take Care of her Provision during her own Life.—This is the more reasonable, as during the Coverture the Wife can acquire no Property of her own;—if before her Marriage she had a real Estate, this by the Coverture ceases to be her's, and the Right thereto, whilst she is married, vests in the Husband;—her personal Estate becomes his absolutely, or at least is subject to his Controul; so that unless she has a real Estate of her own (which is the Case but of few) she may by his Death be destitute of the Necessaries of Life, unless provided for out of the Estate, either by a Jointure or Dower.—As to the Husband's personal Estate, unless restrained by special Custom (which very rarely takes Place) he may give it all away from her; so that his real Estate (if he had any) is the only Plank she can lay hold of to prevent her sinking under her Distress: Thus is the Wife said to have a moral Right to Dower.—Dower is also a legal Right, created by Law, which settles the Quality of the Estate out of which the Wife's Dower arises, and likewise ascertains the Quantum thereof.—The Common Law says, a third Part is *rationabilis Dos*, and a special Custom (which is *lex loci*) enlarges or abridges the Common Law of Dower, and gives the whole, half, or less than a Third. 1 *Inst.* 33. b. The Common Law likewise ascertains Dower, with respect to the Nature and Quality of the Husband's Estate; it says, the Wife's Dower must come out of such an Estate as would descend to the Issue of the Husband by that Wife; and gives Dower of the Husband's Seisin tho' not actual, or reduced into Possession.—It annexes Privileges to Dower; as not to be liable to Distress for the Husband's Debt to the King, much less for any due to the Subject; with several other Privileges.—Again, the Law fixes the Age when a Woman is dowable; and (by the way) fixes it at such a Time as by the Course of Nature (at least in this Part of the World) it seems impossible she should have Issue, or be pregnant, (*viz.*) at Nine Years old: But it is not so favourable to a Tenancy by the Curtesy; which is allowed only in Case of a Seisin in Deed; it annexes no Privileges thereto; and tho' the Husband may be Tenant by the Curtesy of a common *sans* Number, of which the Wife is not dowable, yet that is because of its Indivisibility; in which Case, if Dower were allowed, it would be injurious to other Persons, and the Lands doubly charged. Thus the Law, where it can justly do it, prefers the Title of Dower to that of the Curtesy.—Dower is also an equitable Right, and such a one as is a Foundation for Relief in a Court of Equity; it arises from a Contract made upon a valuable Consideration; Marriage being in its Nature a civil, and in its Celebration a sacred Contract; and the Obligation is a Consideration moving from each of the contracting Parties to the other; from this Obligation arises an Equity to the Wife in several Cases, without any previous Agreement.—By the Common Law, where the Husband had an inheritable Estate, it was Part of the Marriage Contract, that the Wife should have her Dower; one Species of which was *ad osium Ecclesie*. *Litt. Sect.* 39. "when the Husband comes to the Church-Door to be married, after Affiance or Troth plighted between the Husband and Wife, he endows her," which implies, that such Endowment is before the Marriage is completely solemnized; and tho' *Lord Coke* says, such Dower is after the Marriage solemnized, this is a Mistake.—Also by the *Romish* Ritual used here before the Reformation, it appears that all Marriages were celebrated *ad osium Ecclesie*; so that it should seem to be incumbent on the Husband, if he could do it, to endow his Wife, and to specify the Dower upon the Marriage; instead of which, the general Words of endowing with all his worldly Goods, in the Office of Matrimony, now in Use, came in; from whence it is to be inferred, that Dower is, and Time out of Mind has been, a Part of the Marriage Contract when it came to be publicly solemnized; and if so, a Right of Dower is founded in Contract, and is therefore an equitable Right, to which

a Tenant by the Curtesy has no Pretence. Per Sir J. Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1732, in the Case of *Banks et al*, and *Sutton et al*, 2 Will. Rep. 634 to 638. And his Honour said, He could not but wonder how it ever came to be thought that a Tenant by the Curtesy, was intitled to Relief in Equity more, or farther, than a Dowress; and particularly that a Tenancy by the Curtesy might be of a Trust Estate, but not of Dower, which is no less than a direct Opposition to the Rule and Reason of the Law, allowing Dower of a Seisin in Law, but not a Tenancy by the Curtesy, because the Wife cannot gain an actual Seisin, but the Husband may; which Reason holds in a Trust Estate, for the Wife cannot compel a Trustee to convey the legal Estate to the Husband, but the Husband himself may; therefore if any Distinction is to be made, Dower (one would think) ought to be preferred to Curtesy. *Ibid*. 638.——His Honour admitted that the Lord Somers decreed, in *Snell and Cray's Case*, 2 Vern. 324. that a Tenant by the Curtesy should have the Benefit of a Trust Term attendant on an Inheritance, and denied it to a Dowress in the Cases of *Lady Bodmin* and *Vendebandy*, and *Brown and Gibbs*, which occasioned the above Distinction to be advanced.—But it hath been exploded, or declared unreasonable, as often as mentioned ever since; and the Lord Somers, when the Case of *Snell and Cray* was urged in that of *Brown and Gibbs*, as an Authority for a Dowress, it being taken for granted that there was no Difference in Reason between the Case of Dowress and that of Curtesy; and Lord Somers seems to admit there was no Difference; for he avoided the Authority of *Snell and Cray*, by saying, that Point of a Tenant by the Curtesy's having the Benefit of a Trust Term, was not debated in that Cause. *Ibid*.

i. **T**HE Bill was to be relieved against the Defendant's Dower, her Husband being only a Trustee; and and it appearing that the Husband was but a Trustee, the Defendant was barred of her Dower, contrary to the Opinion in the Case of *Nash and Preston (a)*, 1 Cro. 191. And so it was said is the constant Practice of the Court now. Mich. 1678. *Noel and Jevon*, 2 Freem. Rep. 43. (a) Vide this Case 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. P. 217. Ca. 1.

2. A Woman was never endowed in Equity of a Trust Estate, arg' in the Case of the Countess of Radnor and Vandebandy (b), Parl. Cases 69, 70, 72.—All agree that a Woman cannot be endowed of the Trust of an Inheritance, as she may of the Inheritance itself. Per Lord Chan. Somers in S. C. Mich. 1696. *Prec. in Chan.* 65. (b) Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 219. Ca. 3. S. C.

3. A Dowress has a Right to redeem a Mortgage, paying her Proportion of the Mortgage Money, and to hold over for the rest; and distinguished this Case from Lady Radnor's, for there was a satisfied Term, and the Husband had a Power to bar her by assigning over the Term, which he did, but here it's only a Mortgage, and against the Heir. Per Lord Keeper's Opinion, Hil. 1700. *Palmes and Danby*, *Prec. in Chan.* 137. S. C. cited per Lord Chan. Talbot, Mich. 1734 in the Case of Attorney General and Scot, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 140.

4. Where the Trust of an Inheritance is created by the Husband himself, Sir J. Jekyll, in the Case of *Sutton and Sutton*, Hil. 1732, said, He took it to be settled that the Wife shall not have Dower. 2 Will. Rep. 640.

5. The Widow of a Tenant in Tail of a Trust, to whom the legal Estate is by the Will of the Dower directed to be conveyed at his Age of twenty-one, and he living to that Age, she is intitled to Dower. Per Sir J. Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, in the Case of *Sutton and Sutton*, alias *Banks and Sutton*, Hil. 1732. 2 Will. Rep. 647. Donor

6. The Widow of a Cestui que Trust of a Copyhold Estate shall have her customary Dower as if the Husband had the legal Estate in him. Hil. 1732, in the Case of *Sutton and Banks*, 2 Will. Rep. 644.

7. A Dowress shall have the Benefit of a Trust Term against an Heir or Devisee, but not against a Purchaser. Hil. 1732, in *Sutton and Banks*, 2 Will. Rep. 639.

8. If A. be seised of a Trust Estate of Inheritance, 'tis generally true that the Wife shall not be dowable of it, for Dower is a legal Demand, and as a Woman was not dowable of a Use before the Stat. 27 Hen. 8. so neither of a Trust after, and this has been the received Opinion of all Conveyancers, in the Case of the Attorney General and *Lockley*, Mich. 9 Geo. 2. MS. Rep. (c).

intitled to a Conveyance of the legal Estate at a certain Time, and neglects to call for it, there it seems Equity will aid the Wife, for Things to be done, in Equity are to be considered as done (d). *Banks and Sutton*, at the Rolls 1733 (e). MS. Rep. (c) But if the Husband was

(d) Maxim. Vide Grounds and Rudi. in Law and Eq. 75.

(e) Quare, If it should not be Hil. 1732.

9. The

No Dower out of an Estate in Trust, 16 *Car. 2. fol. 749 **, *Colt and Colt (a)*, 1 *Chan. Rep. 254*.—2 *Will. Rep. 640*. *Colt and Colt* cited per Sir J. Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1732, in the Case of *Sutton and Sutton*, to be a Claim of Dower of a Trust created by the Husband himself. Vide the Case of *Bottomley and Fairfax (b)*, 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq. 217. Ca. 2. S. P.*—And *Ambrose and Ambrose, P. Ca. this Work.* * This should be 15 *Car. 2. fol. 794.* (a) *Ossorio Edit.* (b) 2 *Will. Rep. 640*, 641, S. C. cited by his Honour.—And S. C. also cited by Lord Talbot Mich. 9 Geo. 2.—And says, That if a Woman should be endowed of a Trust, the received Practice of inserting to bar Dower would be of no Signification. Vide Cases in *Eq. Temp. Talbot 139*.

10. *A.* the Grandmother of *B.* being seised in Fee of Lands, conveyed the same to the Use and Intent that certain Trustees in the Deed named, should receive and enjoy a Rent-charge of 30 *l. per Annum* to them and their Heirs, with Power to distrain and to enter, and hold the Lands, on Nonpayment for forty Days, and then the said Rent was to be to the Use of *B. in Tail Male*, Remainder to the Use of the same Persons that had the Land in Fee. *B.* to whom the Estate-tail was limited in the Rent died, leaving Issue *C.* who married Plaintiff, and afterwards died without Issue Male, whereupon one Question was, Whether the Plaintiff was dowable of this Rent of which her Husband died seised in Tail Male? And Lord Talbot held that supposing this was a Rent created *de novo*, the Remainder in Fee whereof was extinguished by a Limitation of it to those that had the Land, such Rent being determined by the Death of the Husband Tenant in Tail, and having no longer any Existence, the Wife cannot be endowed of that which is not in Being;—but that it is otherwise where Tenant in Tail of Land marries and dies without Issue, whereby that Estate-tail is determined: For the Wife in that Case shall be endowed notwithstanding, because the Land is in Being, tho' the Estate-tail therein is determined, and the Dower is in some respect a Continuance of the Estate-tail.—So if a Rent in *Esse* be granted to *A.* in Tail, Remainder to *B. in Fee*, and *A.* marries and dies sans Issue, the Wife shall be endowed;—or if a Rent *de novo* be granted to *A.* in Tail, Remainder to *B. in Fee*, (which has been (c) adjudged a good Remainder) and *A.* marries and dies without Issue, his Wife shall be endowed. Hil. 1733. *Chaplin and Chaplin*, 3 *Will. Rep. 229*.

(c) For tho' the Objection is, that there can be no Remainder of

that whereof there is no Reversion, yet the Intent of the Party gives the Rent *de novo* first a Being for the whole, and then the lesser Estates are carved out of it. By Holt, C. J. 3 *Will. Rep. 230*, in a Note by the Editor. And cites *Salk. 577. Weeks and Peach.*

11. Afterwards it was disclosed to the Court, that the legal Estate of the Rent in Fee was in Trustees, In Trust for *B. in Tail*, and that on his dying, the Trust of this Estate-tail descended to his only Son *C.* in Tail, Plaintiff's Husband, who (*inter al'*) brought her Bill for her Dower of this Rent; and then the Point was, Whether the Wife of a *Cestui que Trust* in Tail should be endowed? And after much Debate and Consideration, Lord Chan. Talbot was of Opinion against the Plaintiff, saying, That the Case of a Trust Term set up in Opposition to Dower, was nothing like the present, for there the Judgment is, that the Plaintiff in Dower shall recover, but that *cesset Executio* during the Term; and if the Trusts of such Term are satisfied,

His Lordship said, As to the Case of *Sweetapple and Bindon*, (2 *Vern. 536*, and 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq. 394. Ca. 6.*) that it

might be right to allow an Husband to be Tenant by the Curtesy of Money to be laid out in Land, since Money agreed to be laid out in Land is as Land in Equity, where every Thing directed by a Will or agreed by Articles to be done is looked upon as done. Ibid. 232.—This will serve to warrant the Resolution of his Honour in the Case of *Banks and Sutton*, (Vide P. Ca. of this Work) for however that learned Argument may be considered, as tending to prove in general that a Woman ought to be endowed of a Trust, yet in that particular Case, the legal Estate was by the Will of the Donor directed to be conveyed to the *Cestui qui Trust*

fied, and at an End, the Term ought not to subsist in Equity to stop a favourite Right at Law, as Dower is. Whereas in the Case of a Trust, there is no Judgment at Law that the Wife shall recover her Dower; for the Husband had no legal Estate, not consequently any Thing of which the Wife is dowable.—And in the Case of a Purchaser, even with Notice, the Court would not relieve a Dowress against a Trust Term that stood in her Way (a). Hil. 1733. Chaplin and Chaplin. Ibid. 230 to 233.

Trust at his Age of twenty one, and he living to that Age, according to the Principle (or Maxim) above mentioned, his Widow was well intitled

to Dower. 3 Will. Rep. 232, by way of Note.

Preamble of the Stat. of Uses (27 Hen. 8. c. 10.) it is recited, that by means of these Uses the Wife was defeated of her Dower; by which it appears, that the Wife of Cestui que Use was not dowable at Common Law; and if so, then, as at Common Law, an Use was the same as a Trust is now, it follows, that the Wife can no more be endowed of a Trust now, than at Common Law; and before the Statute, she could be endowed of an Use; so that here was the Opinion of the whole Parliament in the Point: That it had been the common Practice of Conveyancers, agreeable thereto, to place the legal Estate in Trustees, on Purpose to prevent Dower, wherefore it would be of the most dangerous Consequence to Titles, and throw Things into Confusion, contrary to former Opinions, and the Advice of many eminent and learned Men, to let in the Claim of Dower upon Trust Estates; that he took it to be settled that the Husband should be Tenant by the Curtesy of a Trust, tho' the Wife could not have Dower thereof; for which Diversity, as he could see no Reason, so neither should he have made it; but since it had prevailed, he would not now alter it; that there did not appear to be one Case, whereby, abstracted from all other Circumstances, it had been determined there should be Dower of a Trust; for which Reason his Lordship dismissed the Bill as to such Part of it as claimed Dower of the Trust of this Rent. Ibid. 233, 234.

(a) His Lordship took Notice, that by the

12. All Estates-tail are Estates of Inheritance, to which Dower is incident, and must be within the Stat. de donis. Said arg' and agreed to per Cur', but a Limitation of an Estate pur auter vie to A. and the Heirs of his Body, makes no Estate-tail in A. and there can be no Dower of it, it being no Inheritance, but only a descendible Freehold. East. 1734, in the Case of Low and Burron, 3 Will. Rep. 262, 263.

13. An Estate was conveyed to A. and his Heirs, to the Use of him and his Heirs, In Trust to permit B. and C. to receive the Rents and Profits during their Lives, and the Life of the Survivor of them, with Power to B. to charge it with 400 l. and subject thereto A. to stand seised to the Use of the Survivor of them. B. died in 1713; C. died in 1723, and devised his Estate to D. and his Heirs, who before had married M.—D. mortgaged the Estate, and if M. would upon D.'s Death be intitled to Dower, so as to affect the Mortgage, was the Question. And Talbot, C. decreed that M. could not be intitled to Dower of this Trust Estate. Mich. 1738. Attorney General and Scot, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 138.

(B) What shall be a Bar of Dower,—And in what Cases a Dowress shall have Relief in Equity (b), et econt'.

(b) Vide the Case of Chaplin and Chaplin, Ca. P.

1. A Wife joined with her Husband in a Fine, in order to make a Mortgage, which afterwards was not made; the Husband died, and the Wife brought a Writ of Dower, and got Judgment by Default; and the Heir could not be relieved against it here, as he would have been, if Fine had been a Bar of her Dower in Equity as it was at Law. Anon. MS. Rep.

Prec. in Chan. S. C. accord'. Cited arg' Mich. 1691 as Mrs. Danby's Case.

2. J. S. made a Settlement of Lands to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to Trustees for ninety-nine Years, Upon Trust to raise 200 l. apiece for the two Daughters of M. his Son, Remainder to the said M. and the Heirs of his Body, &c. Remainder to his own right Heirs, provided, that if the Heirs of the Body of M. should pay the two

Daughters 200*l.* apiece at twenty-one or Days of Marriage, then the Term to be void. *M.* died, leaving no Issue but those two Daughters. *M.*'s Widow brought a Writ of Dower, and had Judgment, but could have no *Benefit at Law 'till the Determination of the Term*; therefore she brought her Bill *to be relieved for Dower against the two Daughters*, and Heirs of *M.* and *to set aside the Term*, insisting that the Defendants, the Daughters, were now Heirs of the Body of *M.* and the Estate vested in them, which was equal to the Payment of the Money; and so the Trust of the Term being satisfied, the Term ought not to stand in the Way; and it was now all one as if the Money had been paid at the Time; and that by the express Proviso it ought to have been void. But Lord Chan. Somers would give no Relief (a), but dismissed the Bill *without Costs*. Mich. 1799. *Browne and Gibbs et al'*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 233.

(a) And Lord Chancellor said, He did

not know any Case where a Dowager had had Relief in such a Case as this, but that Dower being an Interest that did not arise by any Contract but by Implication of Law; and it ought to stand or fall according to the Right at Law, without any Assistance of a Court of Equity; but said, he did not know how it might be in the Case of a Mortgage. *Ibid.* 234.——The Reporter adds, *Sed Semble a Moy*, there is no Difference between that Case and this, says the Reporter. *Ibid.*——*Prec. in Chan.* 97. Mich. 1699. *Brown and Gibbs*, S. C. says, the Widow recovered Dower at Law with a *Cessat Executio* during the Term, and on a Bill by her to set aside the Term, and to have the Benefit of the Judgment, Somers, C. said, the Question here is, Whether a Court of Equity shall make a new Rule? The Judgment that the Plaintiff has is with a *Cessat Executio*, and therefore to set aside the Term would be to relieve her against the very Judgment upon which she founds her Right of Relief, and Plaintiff being a Dowager must be contented with the Estate as the Law gives it. Bill dismissed, but says nothing about the Costs. *Ibid.* 99.——*Vide* the Case of *Dudley and Dudley*, 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 219. Ca. 5. where it was decreed that a Dowress should have the Trust of a satisfied Term removed against the Heir at Law.——2 *Will. Rep.* 639. *Dudley and Dudley*, cited per his Honour Hil. 1732, in the Case of *Sutton and Sutton*.——*Cases in Eq. Temp.* Talbot 140. S. C. cited per Lord Chan. Talbot Mich. 1735, in the Case of *Attorney General and Scott*.

3. Administration (granted to another) in Case of a Divorce *a Mensa & Thoro* during the Coverture. The Master of the Rolls would not assist the Wife as to Dower, but bid her go to Law to try her Title, there being no Impediment. *East.* 1700. *Shute and Shute*, *Prec. in Chan.* 111.

4. A Dowress has a Right to redeem a Mortgage, paying her Proportion of the Mortgage Money, and to hold over for the rest. Per Lord Keeper, who distinguished it from Lady Radnor's Case, for there was a satisfied Term, and the Husband had a Power to bar her, by assigning over the Term, which he did; but here it's only a Mortgage, and against the Heir. Hil. 1700. *Palmes and Danby*, *Prec. in*

2 *Will. Rep.*

648, 649,

S. C. cited by

his Honour, Hil. 1732, in *Sutton and Sutton*, and he said, That it was a Mortgage for Years, (tho' not so reported in *Prec. in Chan.*) but that the Question is there stated generally, *Whether a Dowress had a Right to redeem a Mortgage?* And that Lord Keeper Wright declared that she had; and his Honour said, that he saw no Reason for a Difference between a Mortgage in Fee and for Years as to the Dowress's redeeming in a Court of Equity.

5. Devise of Land *durante Viduitate* is no Bar of Dower. May

(b) *Vide* S. C. 16, 1717. *Lawrence and Lawrence* (b), *Vin. Abr.* Tit. Dower,

1 *Vol. Abr.*

Eq. 218. Ca.

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(Q. 3.) Ca. 15.

6. A. was the Mother and Guardian of the Infant Heir, and received the Rents and Profits of the Estate, (then in Mortgage for a Term of Years, the Interest whereof she had paid) of which she was intitled to Dower, but it was never assigned, and the Mortgagee had never entered upon the Premises. Lord Chan. Cowper held that there ought to be an Allowance of the third Part of the Profits for Dower to the Mother, or her Representative; for here, when the Mortgagee never insisted to enter for his Mortgage, it would be hard that the Heir should insist upon it to prevent the Dower; besides, the Mother (had there been Occasion) could have redeemed the Mortgage;

and as to the want of a formal Assignment of Dower, that is nothing in Equity, for still the Right in Conscience is the same; and if the Heir brings a Bill against the Mother for an Account of Profits, it is most just that a Court of Equity should, in the Account, allow a Third of the Profits for the Right of Dower. *East*. 1710. *Duke of Hamilton & Ux*’, and *Lord Mobun* (a), 1 *Will. Rep.* 118. The Reporter says, 2 *Chan. Ca.* 157. *Osborn and Chapman* was cited as a stronger Case. *Ibid.* 122.

(a) 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq. P. 9. Ca.* 6. S. C. but not S. P.

7. The Question was, If Assignees of Commissioners of Bankrupts, by taking an Assignment of a Mortgage Term prior to the Title of Dower, shall protect their Estate from Dower? It was insisted that Creditors and Assignees of Commissioners of Bankrupts stand only in the Place of the Bankrupt; and since such an Assignment to the Bankrupt himself or his Heirs, would not protect the Estate from Title of Dower in the Hands of the Heir, neither will it protect the Estate in the Hands of the Bankrupt’s Creditors, or the Assignees of the Commissioners. And this differs the present Case from the Case of *Lady Radnor and Vandebendy* in *Dom. Proc.*, where it was held that such a prior Term should protect the Estate from Dower in the Hands of a Purchaser.—(Nota Differentiam.)—Decreed that Plaintiff be let in to her Dower, keeping down the Interest of a third Part of the Mortgage. *East*. 10 *Geo. 1. Squire and Compton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Dower, (G) Ca.* 60.

8. Jointure before Marriage is a Bar of Dower, if the Wife was a Party to the Settlement and of Age, and it is expressed that it shall be in Bar of her Dower; but if it is not so expressed, it shall never be averred to be in Bar; and so is *Vernon’s Case*. *Per Cur.*, *Trin.* 11 *Geo. 1. 2 Mod. Cas. in Law and Eq.* 152.—And tho’ the Settlement was in Consideration of a Portion in Marriage, yet it not appearing that the Parties intended it to be in Bar of Dower, which is a different Consideration from that of a Marriage Portion, it was held that nothing but a plain and (b) express Intention of the Parties shall bar the Right of Dower. *Per Cur.*, *Ibid.* Cites it as the Case of *Lawrence and Lawrence* (c), in the House of Lords, *Anno* 1717.

(b) *Vide Finch Rep.* 368. *Ex-ton and St. John.*

9. A. before Marriage, for the Maintenance and Livelihood of his Wife, entered into Bond to pay her 14 *l.* a Year during Life. A. died seised of an Estate of 45 *l.* and the Wife claimed Dower out of that, and also her Annuity, which the Master of the Rolls thought she was intitled to. But upon an Appeal to Lord Chan. King he held the Bond was to be considered as a Jointure, and to be intended to be in Satisfaction of Dower, and decreed that the Woman should abide by the 14 *l.* a Year. *Bozett and Longdon* (d).

(c) *Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq.* 218. *Ca. 2.*

10. A. devised Lands to Trustees to pay out of the Rents and Profits 30 *l.* per Annum to his Wife for her Life, without any Deductions in Satisfaction of her Dower. The Question was, Whether there was to be an Allowance for the Land-Tax; and the Master of the Rolls held that there ought, for that this Devise was to be considered as a Rent-charge to the Wife. *Mich.* 1727. *Green and Marygold* (e), *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (M. d.) Ca.* 3.

(d) *Quære, Term and Year?*

(e) *Vide Tit. Annuity and Ca. 2. and*

Rent-Charge, (A) P. 64. Ca. 8. S. C. with the Reasons. Vide also King and Weston, P. 62. the Notes there.

11. A. seised in Fee of Lands, mortgaged the same to B. afterwards A. devised his real Estate in Fee to C. In Trust to pay his Debts and Legacies, and to educate D. until twenty-one or Marriage, and then to settle a Moiety of this Estate upon him and the Heirs of his Body.

Body. *A.* died. The Trustee entered, paid off the Mortgage, and took an Assignment of it to a Trustee for himself; *D.* attains twenty-one, married *M.* and lived some Years afterwards. The Trustee did not settle a Moiety of this Estate on *D.* in Tail according to the Will, but received Part of the Mortgage Money by Perception of Profits. *D.* died, and then *M.* his Widow brought her Bill to redeem the Mortgage, to be let into her Dower, and to be paid her Arrears since her Husband's Death, offering to pay or keep down a Third of the Interest of the Mortgage Money remaining unsatisfied. Sir Joseph Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, said, That he did not know, nor could find any Instance, where a Dower of an Equity of Redemption was controverted and adjudged against the Dowress; and as there were Authorities in Cases less favourable, therefore his Honour declared that the Plaintiff being the Widow of the Person intitled to the Equity of Redemption of this Mortgage, (which was a Mortgage in Fee) hath a Right of Redemption; and accordingly decreed her the Arrears of her Dower from the Death of her Husband, she allowing the Third of the Interest out of the Mortgage Money unsatisfied at that Time, and her Dower to be set out, if the Parties differ (a). Hil. (b) 1732. Sutton and Sutton.

(a) Tho' his Honour's learned Argument in the above Case of Sutton and Sutton, &c. may be considered as tending to prove in general that a Woman ought to be endowed of a Trust, yet please to observe that in that particular Case the legal Estate by the Will of the Donor was directed to be conveyed to *D.* the Cestui que Trust at his Age of twenty-one, and he living to that Age, his Widow was well intitled to Dower. 3 Will. Rep. 232, in a Note.—

(b) Vide the Case of the Attorney General and Scot & al', 12 Nov. 1735, (P. Ca.) when upon a Bill for the Sale of an Estate, the Lord Talbot determined that a Wife should not have Dower of an equitable Estate devised to her Husband, who had mortgaged it to the Defendant. 2 Will. Rep. 651, in a Note by the Editor.

12. A Dowress shall be aided in Equity against a Trust Term attendant on the Inheritance. Per his Honour, Hil. 1732, in the above Case of Sutton and Sutton, alias Banks and Sutton. Ibid. 646, 647.

13. A Dowress shall have the Benefit of a Trust Term against an Heir or Devisee, but not against a Purchaser, for a Purchaser ought to be safe. Per his Honour, Hil. 1732, in said Case of Sutton and Sutton. Ibid. 639.

14. Nothing but a plain and express Intention of the Parties shall bar the Right of Dower, as where a Settlement was made in Consideration of a Portion in Marriage, but it did not appear that the Parties intended it should be in Bar of Dower. Cited per Cur', in the Case of Charles and Andrews, Trin. 11 Geo. 1. 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 152, as the Case of Lawrence and Lawrence, to be so held in Dom. Proc', Anno 1717.

15. Tenant for Life, Remainder in Fee, &c. The Tenant for Life makes a Lease to him in Remainder for so many Years as he (the Remainder Man) should live; then Tenant for Life died, and so did the Remainder Man. It was adjudged that the Wife should not be Tenant in Dower, because the Possibility which the Tenant for Life had that the Estate might revert to him, had barred her of all Right of Dower. Per Cur', Trin. 11 Geo. 1. 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 151. Cited the Year Book 1 Ed. 3. 14, 15.

16. No Chattel Interest can bar Dower at Law or within the Statute; but where a Term for Years was settled in Jointure in Bar of Dower, in regard the Wife expressly consented to accept such an Interest for her Jointure, the Court would not admit her to have both. Per Cur', Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Charles and Andrews, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 152.

17. A *Feme Infant*, having a *Jointure* made to her before Marriage, may elect to abide by it or not when of Age, unless after her coming of Age she enters. Account was directed of the real Estate, and after taking thereof she to elect *Jointure* or *Dower*. 14 May 1734, at the Rolls, *Cray and Willis, Vin. Abr. Tit. Dower, (Q. 3.) Ca. 18.*

18. *Devise of Lands to a Wife, who was intitled to Dower, is no Bar of Dower*, but a voluntary Gift, unless it be said to be in *Recompence* or in *Satisfaction* of her *Dower*. Per Lord Keeper, Mich. 1700. *Hitchin and Hitchin, Prec. in Chan. 133.*

19. Lands in *Coparcenary* descended upon *A.* and *B.* *A.* died about eight Months after, before any Receipt of Rent or Partition made, whereupon his Widow brought a Bill against *B. (et al')* charging that Defendants had got *Possession of all the Title Deeds*, whereby she was disabled to sue for *Dower* at Law, and therefore prayed to have *Dower* assigned her here.—Defendants demurred, Because *Dower* is a Right merely at Law, and triable by a Jury, and that no Impediment was suggested why she could not recover there; and insisted that for *Detainer of Dower Damages* were to be assessed by a Jury, and that she was not intitled to the *Possession of the Deeds*, but that they belonged to the Defendants. But Lord Chancellor over-ruled the Demurrer, saying, That in this Case *A.* dying before Receipt of Rent or Partition, she could not recover without the *Deeds*; and that as *A.*'s Estate was complicated she must come here for a Partition, or else she must at every six Months End sue for her Share as for Damages for *Detainer*, which his Lordship thought absurd and unreasonable. Trin. 1735. *Moor and Black, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 126.*

(C) Of Jointures, and in What Cases a Jointress shall be favoured or restrained.

1. *H.* Being seised in Tail of some Lands, with Remainder over, and also for Life of other Lands, with a Power to make a Jointure in Bar of *Dower*, with Remainder over, &c. during his Minority, in Consideration of a Marriage to be had with *U.*'s Daughter, and 1000 *l.* paid, and 3000 *l.* more to be paid by *U.* to *H.* at his Age of twenty-one, doth covenant by his Guardian to settle a Jointure of 500 *l. per Annum* when he comes of full Age, upon his intended Wife. The Marriage took Effect, and afterwards *U.* the Plaintiff's Father, pays *H.* the 3000 *l.* Residue of the Portion when he came of full Age, and then *H.* in Pursuance of his Guardian's Covenant settles 500 *l. per Annum* upon his Wife, the Plaintiff. Some Years after *H.* makes his Wife an additional Jointure of 250 *l. per Annum* upon her Father's dying and leaving her the Value of 9000 *l.* and at the same Time persuades his Wife to join with him in a Fine of all the Residue of his Estate. Afterwards *H.* dies, and by his Will devises a House and Lands to his Wife for her Life, to the Value of 270 *l.* and gives her a Legacy of 4000 *l.* and his Plate and Jewels to the Value of 2000 *l.* more, and makes her Executrix, and gives her the Moiety of the Residue of his personal Estate, &c. It happened that the Jointure made pursuant to the Marriage Articles proved defective both in Title and Value, and thereupon she brought a Bill against the Remainder Man to have a Satisfaction out of the real Estate for the Deficiency of her Jointure. Decreed that the Remainder Man do settle 500 *l. per Annum* upon Plaintiff for Life out of the Lands which

Tho' his Lordship said, He saw no Reason why a defective Execution of a Power for the Benefit of the Wife, tho' otherwise provided for, should not be aided in a Court of Equity, as well as want of a Surrender of a Copyhold in Case of a Devise to a Child, who had another Provision by the Will. *Ibid.*

came to him upon *H.*'s Death, and that the Lands contained in the additional Jointure, or devised to Plaintiff, shall not come in Aid of the other Lands *pro rata*, to make a Satisfaction for the Marriage Articles, but the whole 500*l.* *per Annum* shall entirely come out of the other Lands in Remainder, notwithstanding the Fine levied by *H.* and his Wife, the now Plaintiff, of those Lands, tho' that be a Bar and Estoppel of her Dower at Common Law; and that Plaintiff have a Satisfaction for the said 500*l.* *per Annum* from her Husband's Death. Defendant directed to account for the Rents and Profits of the additional Jointure of 250*l.* *per Annum* from *H.*'s Death. But the Counsel for the Defendant moved, that the additional Jointure was made out of the Lands of which *H.* was only Tenant for Life, with a Power to make a Jointure, &c. and that the Power not being well executed, and being a voluntary Settlement, it ought not to be aided in Equity; and it being insisted on that there is no Precedent in this Court of supplying a defective Execution of a Power in Case of a voluntary Settlement, his Lordship gave Leave to try the Validity of the Execution of the Power at Law, and retained the Bill *quoad* that Part 'till there determined. Decree affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*, *Mich.* 12 *Ann.* *Lady Hooke and Grove et al.*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 40.

2. Bill to be relieved and indemnified against an Annuity of 100*l.* *per Annum*, charged upon the Plaintiff's Jointure, and payable to the Defendant *Oldfield* for his Life, &c. upon this Case.—*Mr. Ramsden* (the Plaintiff's late Husband) treating with the Plaintiff's Friends and Relations about a Marriage with the Plaintiff, did propose to settle certain Lands in Jointure upon her; it was objected, upon looking into the Title, that the *Lands proposed to be settled were subject to a Rent-charge of 100l. per Annum to Defendant Oldfield for Life*, and the Plaintiff's Counsel did insist that *Mr. Ramsden* ought to give Security to indemnify the Plaintiff's Jointure from this Charge, and thereupon *Mr. Ramsden* gave a Bond for that Purpose; but that not being thought a sufficient Security, he offered to get Defendant *Appleyard* (a Man of a considerable Estate) to be bound with him, and upon his Application to *Mr. Appleyard*, *Mr. Appleyard* by Letter directed to *Mr. Ramsden*, writes thus, (*viz.*) “*That he is willing to be bound with him, (viz. Ramsden) to indemnify the Lady's Jointure from the said Annuity, and doth, by this his Letter, oblige himself so to do.*” Upon this the Settlement was made, and the Marriage took Effect, and a Bond was drawn pursuant to this Agreement, which was executed by *Mr. Ramsden*, but never by *Mr. Appleyard*. *Mr. Ramsden* died insolvent in 1717; and *Mr. Oldfield's* Annuity being secured by Demise and Redemption of Part of the Jointure Lands, he brought an Ejectment against the Plaintiff to recover his Rent-charge; and thereupon Plaintiff brings her Bill against her Husband's Executors and against *Mr. Appleyard's* Executors, and also against his Heir at Law, to whom he devised all his real Estate, subject to the Payment of his Debts. The principal Point was, If the Heir at Law and Devisee, subject to the Payment of *Mr. Appleyard's* Debts, should be liable to indemnify the Plaintiff's Jointure from this Rent-charge, by Virtue of this Letter to *Mr. Ramsden*, without having executed the Bond to indemnify, *Mr. Ramsden the Plaintiff's Husband dying insolvent*, and *Mr. Appleyard's Executors having no Assets*. Insisted for Defendant (*int' al.*) that *Mr. Ramsden's Heir at Law*,

Law, as well as his Executors, ought to have been Parties to this Suit; for if he had Affets by *Descent*, he would be liable to satisfy the whole: Mr. Appleyard being only a Surety (supposing his Heir to be bound by this Letter) ought not to be charged. Lord Chan. Parker: It is not so much as suggested in all the Pleadings, that Mr. Ramsden left Affets real or personal to save the Defendant harmless from this Rent-charge; and the *Exception for want of proper Parties*, ought to have been made before the Cause was at Hearing; and therefore over-ruled the Exception: He held that there was a sufficient Consideration for this Promise or Undertaking of Mr. Appleyard, viz. the Marriage; and such a Consideration is good at Law; for tho' no Profit accrues to the Promiser, yet the other Party, without this Promise, would be liable to a Loss or Damage, and that is a sufficient Consideration to support an *Assumpsit* at Common Law. That this Promise of Mr. Appleyard is direct and positive in the present Tense, and writ with an Intent to shew to Plaintiff's Counsel, to satisfy him that the Lady's Jointure should be indemnified from the Rent-charge, and upon which the Match was made. Tho' this Letter of Mr. Appleyard's would not bind his Heir at Law, being by simple Contract only, yet it will bind him as Devisee of the real Estate, subject to the Payment of Debts; for thereby the Lands are liable to the Payment of all Debts whatsoever; and decreed an Account to be taken of what is due to the Defendant Mr. Oldfield for the Arrears of his Annuity, to be paid by an appointed Day, otherwise the Injunction to be dissolved. That the Plaintiff be reimbursed what she shall so pay, by the Defendant the Devisee of Mr. Appleyard, who is to give Security as the Master shall approve, to indemnify the Plaintiff from all future Payments. Mich. 7 Geo. Ramsden and Oldfield, and Appleyard et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (B) Ca. 5.

3. B. on Marriage with M. settles a Jointure on her, with the Approbation of A. his Father, and who witnessed the Deed. The Son died, afterwards A. discovered that B. was only Tenant for Life, and that the Fee was in himself, and recovered at Law. Upon a Bill by the Wife, King, C. said, He should make no Difference whether A. knew of his Title or not at the Time, considering the near Relation of Father and Son, and that it was plain it was thought the Son had the Fee; and that as the Father knew of the Settlement, he shall not take Advantage against it; and tho' there was a Covenant in the Deed, and the Son left Affets sufficient, his Lordship said he would complete her Jointure, and would not oblige her to have Recourse to the Covenant. Mich. 1726. Teasdale and Teasdale, Sel. Cases in Chan. 59 (a).

is said, that by the Settlement the Husband was made Tenant for Life, and the Wife Tenant in Tail, which the Court would not decree, but ordered an usual Jointure to be made on her, i. e. an Estate for Life impeachable of Waste. Ibid. 60.

(a) In a Note to this Case it

4. The Remainder Man brings a Bill to be relieved against a Jointure made by the Tenant for Life even upon his Death-bed, in Consideration of, and previous to, his Marriage, by Virtue of a Power reserved to him; but Lord Parker, assisted by Pratt, C. J. and the Master of the Rolls, denied Relief. Cited by the Master of the Rolls, Trin. 1731, as the Case of Wicherly and Wicherly, 2 Will. Rep. 619.

5. The Reason why Chancery does not relieve against Marriage Contracts for Settlements, Jointures, or other Provisions, tho' they may be very unequal in Favour of the Wife, is, because it cannot set the

the Wife *in statu quo*, or *unmarry the Parties*. Per his Honour Trin. 1731, in *Casu North and Ansell*, 2 Will. Rep. 618.

6. Robert Pitt, in *Consideration of Marriage*, agreed to lay out 10,000 l. in Land to several Uses, one of which was *to the Use of Plaintiff Harriot for Life, for her Jointure*. Robert's Father, after the Marriage, gave him an Estate for Life, with *Power to grant a Rent-charge of 400 l. a Year out of it to any Woman for her Jointure*. Robert, in Pursuance of this Power, grants that Rent to Harriot after his Death, in Satisfaction of Part of her Jointure. Three Days after, he conveyed a Leasehold Estate of 200 l. a Year, In Trust for his Wife, and by his Will he confirmed the Grant of the Rent-charge, and Conveyance of the Leasehold Lands, settled on the Plaintiff Harriot by way of Addition or Augmentation, and in full Completion of her Jointure. And held that this was a Satisfaction of the Jointure provided by the Articles, according to the Intention of Robert, and that the Lady should be put to her Option whether to have the Rent and Leases, or the Money laid out. Hil. 7 Geo. 2. Earl of Grandison and Harriot Pitt, Widow and Executrix of Robert Pitt, and Thomas Pitt et al', MS. Rep.

7. A Dowress shall have Emblements, because Dower is considered as an Excrescence or Continuance of the Estate of the Husband, but a Jointure is not. Trin. 1734. in Chan. Fisher and Forbes, Vide Tit. Emblements, in this Page.

Vide the Case of Mills and Eden, Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (A) P. 251. Ca. 6.

C A P. XXXVI.

Emblements.

1. *A. Tenant for Life, Remainder to B. his Wife for her Life, for her Jointure, Remainder to A. in Fee.*—A. devises his Remainder in Fee to B. and died in May, leaving Hops in the Ground which were cultured at great Charge in February, and gathered in August. Question, Whether they belonged to B. or to A.'s Executor? The Master of the Rolls at first inclined to think the Hops belonged to B. in Right of her Rent and Emblements; but in regard of Cases cited, adjudged that in Case of Dower she shall have the Emblements, because Dower is considered as an Excrescence or Continuance of the Estate of the Husband, but a Jointure is not; he afterwards declared that the Hops and Corn growing at the Testator's Death were Emblements, and ought to be accounted for as Part of the Testator's Estate. Trin. 1734. Fisher and Forbes, Vin. Abr. Tit. Emblements, (A) Ca. 82.

Error. Vide Writs, P.

C A P. XXXVII.

Estate.

- (A) Of legal and equitable Estates.
- (B) Of an Estate pur autre vie.
- (C) Of an Estate-tail by Deed.

(A) Of legal and equitable Estates.

1. **A** Legal and equitable Interest cannot be incorporated together. *Hil. 1735, in the Case of Sir John Robinson and Comyns, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 166.*

2. *A. devised all his Lands to B. and his Heirs, In Trust to pay Debts, and then In Trust for C. and the Heirs of her Body, Remainder to B. and his Heirs, upon Condition that he marry C. and gave B. his personal Estate, In Trust for C. until she attain twenty-one, and made B. Executor, and died. C. refused to marry B. and married J. S. and afterwards at her Age of twenty-one C. and J. S. made a Bargain and Sale to W. to make him Tenant to the Præcipe, in order to suffer a Recovery, in which C. and J. S. was vouched, and the Uses were declared to the Issue of the Marriage, Remainder to C.'s own right Heirs. Quære, What Sort of Estate the Remainder in B. is? Whether it be a Trust or a Legal Estate? It is observable that the whole Estate is given to B. and his Heirs, to the Use of him and his Heirs, which is a compleat Disposition of the whole legal Estate, and being in Case of a Will would be so of the equitable Interest likewise, unless the Testator's Intent appears to the contrary, as in this Case it manifestly does; for it is given in Trust for Payment of his Debts, &c. and so far is a Limitation of an equitable Estate, the Remainder of which (had the Testator gone no farther) would, after the Purposes served, return to the Heir at Law, as was determined upon Serjeant Maynard's Will. But then there comes a Remainder to B. and his right Heirs, &c. It is true that the Word Remainder (properly speaking) signifies only a Continuance of the same Kind of Estate as is before limited, which here was only a Trust Estate; for when the whole legal Estate is disposed of, and Part of the equitable Interest likewise, there the Remainder must be an equitable Remainder; in this Case indeed it is not an absolute one, but conditional, which, when the Condition is performed, will vest the Estate in him, and if the Condition be not performed, it will then descend to the Heir. The Testator therefore has considered it as an equitable Interest, and yet it is likewise true that this equitable Interest, when vested in the same Person with the legal one, must as to some Purposes be considered as a legal Interest. Hil. 9 Geo. 2. Sir John Robinson and Comyns, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 165.*

(B) Of an Estate pur auter vie.

1. *A.* Seised of an Estate for three Lives, devised the same to *M.* his Daughter for Life, Remainder to her Issue Male, and for want thereof, Remainder to *L.* *M.* by Lease and Release conveyed the Premises in Consideration of her Marriage with *E. B.* to the Use of herself and her intended Husband, and the Heirs of their Bodies, Remainder to the Heirs of her Husband. *M.* died without Issue, and the Plaintiff claiming under *L.* the Person in Remainder, brought his Bill for an Account of the Rents and Profits. One Question was,—One having an Estate for three Lives, and devising it to *A.* in Tail, Remainder to *B.* whether this Remainder was good? Said arg' and agreed *per Cur'*, That the Limitation of an Estate pur auter vie to *A.* and the Heirs of his Body, makes no Estate-tail in *A.* for all Estates-tail are Estates of Inheritance, to which Dower is incident, and must be within the Statute *De Donis*; whereas in this Kind of Estate, which is no Inheritance, there can be no Dower, neither is it within the Statute, but a descendible (a) Freehold only. And Lord Chancellor Talbot held plainly that this was a good (b) Remainder to *B.* on *A.*'s Death without Issue, it being no more than a Description (c) who should take as special Occupants during the Lives of the three Cestui que vies. As if the Grantor had said, instead of a wandering Right of (d) general Occupancy, I do appoint that after the Death of *A.* the Grantee, they who shall happen to be Heirs of the Body of *A.* shall be (e) special Occupants

(a) For which Reason it has been determined, that where a Lease for three Lives has been granted to a Man and his Heirs, and such Grantee died, leaving an Infant Heir, the Parol should not demur. By Lord Talbot, in a Branch of the Case of *Chaplin and Chaplin*, 18 July 1735, cited 3 Will. Rep. 263. in a Note.

(b) The Objection against the Remainder being good, is, For that when the Lessee had devised the Premises in Tail, he then had nothing left in him but a Possibility, which he could not devise or limit over; as if a Man were seised in Fee-simple, and at Common Law had granted Lands to one, and the Heirs of his Body, this was a conditional Fee; and forasmuch as the Donor had only a Possibility of Reverter, he could not limit it over.—Now if at Common Law an Estate in Fee could not be limited over after an Estate given to one, and the Heirs of his Body, much less should an Estate for three Lives be limited over after such a Failure of Issue. And as to the Notion that in this Kind of Limitations the Heirs of the Body of *A.* take only as special Occupants, and that a Man may name as many special Occupants as he pleases; by the same Reason it may be argued, that this Estate for Lives may be limited to *A.* and his Heirs, and if *A.* die without Heirs, then to *B.* and his Heirs; which certainly would be a void Limitation to *B.* and, in Presumption of Law, the Continuance of the Issue of a Man's Body may be for ever. From whence it should seem, that after the Lessee for three Lives has granted or devised the Premises to *A.* and the Heirs of his Body, he (the Lessee) has nothing but a Possibility which he cannot grant or limit over. Note; This appears from the Reporter's MS. to have been the Opinion of Mr. Webb, an eminent Conveyancer, late of the Inner Temple. However, the Law is settled as above. *Ibid.* 263. in a Note by the Editor.

(c) See the Case of *Chaplin and Chaplin*.

(d) It is observable, that at Law there could be no general Occupant of a Rent: As if *J.* had granted a Rent to *A.* for the Life of *B.* and *A.* had died, living *B.* the Rent would have determined. 2 Roll. Abr. 150. Salk. 189. But there might have been a special Occupant of a Rent: As if *J.* had granted a Rent to *A.* and his Heirs, for the Life of *B.* and *A.* had died, living *B.* and leaving an Heir, such Heir would have been a special Occupant; yet if a Man had granted a Rent to *A.* his Executors and Assigns, during the Life of *B.* and afterwards the Grantee had died, leaving an Executor, but no Assignee, the Executor should not have had the Rent; in regard of it being a Freehold, the same could not descend to an Executor. Mo. 664. 2 Vol. Abr. 152.—3 Car. Sir Richard Buller et al' v. Chiverton, agreed and admitted by Jones, J. and Cur', and by the Counsel on both Sides, that the Rent is extinct; tho' there seems to have been no sound Reason for this Distinction. But as to Rents granted pur auter vie, the Statute of Frauds has made an Alteration; for by that Statute any Estate, pur auter vie, is made devisable, and if not devised away, shall be Affets in the Hands of the Heir, if limited to the Heir; if not so limited, it shall go to the Executors or Administrators of the Grantee, and be Affets in their Hands. So that, if since that Statute, a Rent be granted to *A.* for the Life of *B.* and *A.* die, living *B.* *A.*'s Executors or Administrators shall have it during the Life of *B.* for that Statute is not only made to prevent the Inconvenience of scrambling for Estates, and getting the first Possession after the Death of the Grantee, but likewise for preserving and continuing the Estate during the Life of the Cestui que vie. And it is reasonable, since the Grantee might by Deed have disposed of the Rent during the Life of the Cestui qui vie, that, tho' by his dying without having made any such Disposition, in Nicety of Law this Estate would have determined, yet by that Statute the Interest which passed from the Grantor ought to be preserved, and shall go to the Executors or Administrators of the Grantee, during the Life of the Cestui que vie. And the Statute in this Case does not enlarge, but only preserve the Estate of the Grantee. Per the Lord Keep. Harcourt in the Case of *Rawlinson v. Dutcheffs of Montague et al'*, 4 Dec. 1710, tho' this was not the principal Point. *Ibid.* 264. in a Note.

(e) Vide *Chaplin and Chaplin*.

of the Premises; and if there shall be no Issue of the Body of A. then B. and his Heirs shall be the special Occupants thereof; and that here can be no Danger of a Perpetuity, for all these Estates will determine on the Expiration of the three Lives.—So, if instead of three there had been twenty Lives, all spending at the same Time, all the Candles lighted up at once, it would have been good; for, in Effect, it is only for one Life, (*viz.*) that which shall happen to be the Survivor. For which Reason it were very improper to call this an Estate-tail, since at that Rate it would not be liable to a Forfeiture, or punishable for Waste, the contrary whereof is true. *East.* 1734. *Low and Burton*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 262, 263, 264, 265.

(C) Of an Estate-tail by Deed.

1. *A.* By Marriage Settlement, after the Limitations to his Son in Tail Male, limited the Remainder to B. for Life, and after his Decease, to the Heirs Male of his Body *hereafter to be begotten.* *Talbot*, C. held, that B. took an Estate in Tail, and that the Words *hereafter to be begotten*, do not confine it to the Issue born after, as *Procreatis* and *Procreandis.* *Co. Lit.* 20 and 24 *E.* 3. 15. And this, his Lordship said, was to prevent the great Confusion which would otherwise be in Descents, by letting in the Younger before the Elder. *East.* 1734. *Hebbetwaite and Cartwright*, *Cases in Eq. Temp.* Lord *Talbot* 31, 32.

C A P. XXXVIII.

Evidence and Witnesses.

(A) Of the Sufficiency and Disability of a Witness.

(B) What will be admitted as Evidence;—And here of presumptive Evidence.

(C) In what Cases parol or collateral Evidence shall be admitted.

(D) Of examining Witnesses in Chief, and *De bene esse*, and establishing their Testimony in *Perpetuam rei Memoriam*;—Of publishing, reading, amending, and suppressing their Depositions.

(A) Of the Sufficiency and Disability of a Witness.

1. *L*ORD Keeper was *clearly* of Opinion, That tho' by the Statutes of 3 & 4 *Ed.* 6. *cap.* 4. and 13 *Eliz.* *cap.* 6. an Exemplification of Part of a Patent be made sufficient to make a Title under, or to be pleaded in any Court where the other Side will have Time to resort to the

the Patent, and to be advised whether the Exemplification be of all that is material, and if it be not, they may take Advantage of it; yet they did not extend where the other Side could have no Time to consult the Patent Roll, and so might be surpris'd and lose his Right by an imperfect Exemplification. *Per Lord Keeper*, who cited a Case wherein he had known it so held in *B. R. Mich. 1695. Attorney General, &c. and Taylor, Prec. in Chan. 59.*

2. A Witness *incompetent* being interested, may, on a Release given by him, whereby he becomes disinherited, be examined again. — So a Witness at the Hearing rejected to be read because interested, yet, on a Release given, was examined again before the Master on the Account, and allowed good, on Exceptions to the Master's Reports. *East. 1704. Callow and Mince (a), Prec. in Chan. 234.*

(a) *Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 223. Ca. 2.*

In this Case Lord Chancellor said, Fair Book-keeping, while the Trade is in Repute and

Credit, is good Evidence; but Razures will abate the Credit; and Book-keeping about the Time the Bankruptcy is committed, is not Evidence.

3. A Bankrupt's Servant was produced in Behalf of Creditors, to prove some Dealings between his Master and his Debtors, but excepted against, because the Bankrupt had paid him his Wages *post* Bankruptcy, so that is no Payment in Law. *Lord Chancellor* overruled this Exception, taking the Payment to be good, and consequently that the Evidence was unbiased, and said, It was *unreasonable that a Servant should come with the rest of the Creditors. East. 7 Ann. Humphrys's Case, MS. Rep.*

4. If a Man *unnecessarily* makes any one a Defendant, he thereby cuts himself off from the Benefit of his Evidence, for it is his own Fault. — But where several are made Defendants, it will not hinder any one of the *Defendants* from the Benefit of the Evidence of any *others* that are made so. *East. 10 Ann. Gibson and Albert in Canc', Lucas's Rep. 19.*

(b) See the Case of *Cal- low and Mince,*

Ca. 2, in this Page; where a Witness was examined before the Hearing while she was interested, but after the Hearing she released her Interest, and was examined again before the Master, and her Depositions before the Master were allowed to be read.

(c) *2 Vern. 287. S. C.*

5. In a Suit to establish a *former* Will, *A.* is examined by the then Plaintiff, as a Witness to prove the ill Practices made use of in obtaining a *latter* Will; after which, and before the Hearing of the Cause, *A.* becomes interested, (*by having a Rent-charge devised to him out of the Lands in Question by the Person claiming under the former Will*) and Plaintiff in the Cause, and because *A.* was a *good Witness*, and *disinterested at the Time of the Depositions taken*, and the present Bill being in Nature of a Bill of Revivor of the Proceedings in which the now Plaintiff was examined, Lord Cowper admitted the *now* Plaintiff's *own* Depositions to be read (b). *Mich. 1715, in the Case of Grosz and Tracey (c), 1 Will. Rep. 288.*

6. In the above Case of *Grosz and Tracey* it was declared, that a *Grantee*, when he appears to be a *bare* Trustee, is good Evidence to prove the Execution of the Deed to himself. *Ibid. 290.*

The Method of *disfranchising* is, by an Information in the Nature of a *Quo Warranto* against the Member, who confesses the Information, on which the Plaintiff obtains Judgment to disfranchise. *Ibid. 596.*

7. If a Corporation would examine any of their Members as Witnesses, they must (and so is the Course) *disfranchise* them, and then they may make use of their Testimony, *per Parker, C. Mich. 1719. Mayor and Aldermen of Colchester and ———, 1 Will. Rep. 595.*

8. Parishioners are no good Evidence to prove a Charity given to the Parish, because they are interested, as being eased in the Poor Rates; *secus* if only a Lodger, and one that does not pay to the Poor. — But a Witness examined (being described to be of ——— to the Poor of which Parish a Charity was given) must be intended an *Housekeeper*, and one liable to pay Parish Rates, unless the contrary be made appear. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, Hil. 1719. Attorney General and Wyburgh et al', 1 Will. Rep. 599.*

Note; This was in the Case of a Sum of Money given for the Cloathing of six poor Persons of the Parish of Endfield.

9. Bankrupt's Wife cannot be examined against her Husband to prove his Bankruptcy; but may (*by Statute*) touching discovering his Effects. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, Hil. 1719. Ex parte James, 1 Will. Rep. 611.*

Vide Tit. Bankrupts, C. P.

10. But the Bankrupt himself may be examined touching his own Bankruptcy, by Statute 5 Geo. 1. *per Lord Chan. Parker. Ibid.*

Vide Tit. Bankrupts, C. P.

11. J. S. makes his Will, and (*int' al'*) devises Lands to A. and his Heirs, In Trust to pay the Testator's Heir at Law 200*l.* and there are three Witnesses to the Will, one of which is A. the Devisee. The Heir brings his Bill to impeach the Will for want of three credible Witnesses, in regard A. the Devisee of the Land is a Party interested; and the Question was, Whether A. was not a good Witness, if he aliens the Land without Covenant or Warranty? But the Court said nothing as to this Point, but that the Heir ought to have contested the Will at Law, and if it had been adjudged against him there, *viz.* that the Will was good, then he might have come *here* for the 200*l.* wherefore Lord Chan. Parker retained the Bill for a Year, that the Plaintiff might have two Affizes to try the Will, but the Plaintiff to pay A. (the Defendant) his Costs. *Trin. 1719. Baugh and Holloway, 1 Will. Rep. 557.*

12. A bare (a) Trustee is a good Witness for his *Cestui que Trust*, but not an Executor *In Trust* (b), as he is liable to be sued by Creditors, and liable to pay Costs, and consequently differs from a common Trustee. *East. 1733. Croft and Pyke, 3 Will. Rep. 181.*

(a) *Vide Barnard. Eq. Rep. P. 416. Hil. 1740, when a Trustee is to account, he*

shall not be allowed to be examined as a Witness in that Cause.

(b) But if an Executor *In Trust* renounces the Executor's Part, and lets another take out Administration with the Will annexed, he may be a Witness. *Ibid.* in a Note which seems to be added by the Reporter at the Top of P. 182.

13. It is a good Rule at Law, that when the Plaintiff has made many Persons Defendants, and the principal Defendant calls one of the Co-Defendants to be a Witness; if the Plaintiff cannot give some (c) material Evidence against him, he is allowed to be a good Witness, *else* it would be in the Power of the Plaintiff to take off all the Defendant's Witnesses in the Action. The same Rule is in Equity. *Trin. 1734. Piddock and Brown et al', 3 Will. Rep. 288.*

(c) See *Skin. Rep. 673. The King and Sir Thomas Culpepper.*

14. A Witness appeared to be interested, but swore he had received Satisfaction; and *per Cur'*, he is not a competent Witness; the Law will not trust him to swear thus, but the Release or other Act destroying his Interest, must be proved. *Mich. 11 Geo. 2. Anon. MS. Rep.*

15. The Question of Evidence before the Lord Chancellor (in the Determination of which he desired the Assistance of Lee and Willes, C. J. and Parker, C. B.) arising on the following Case, (as opened by Plaintiff's Counsel): — Mr. Barker, Governor at Pataras in the East-Indies, before he went to his Government, entered into an Agreement with the Plaintiff Omichund of the Town of Calcutta in the Kingdom of Bengal, that Omichund should buy and pay for Merchandizes to be sent to Barker, who was to allow him Interest for the Money

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disbursed for them, and to sell them for their joint Advantage; and in this Trade they were to be Partners. When Barker was got to Pataras, he sent a Letter to the Plaintiff, pretending that the Goods were sold at a very small Sum, for little or no Profit. This obliged the Plaintiff to file a Bill in the Court erected at Calcutta (by Letters Patent from this Kingdom) to have an Account of these Goods. Upon this Barker took the Opportunity of a French Ship and ran away just when Judgment was going to be given against him, and died in the Voyage home. The Plaintiff obtained in the Mayor's Court at Calcutta a Decree against Barker by Default, but could have no Advantage from it, himself and his Effects being removed, and was therefore forced to pursue his Representatives in England by a Bill brought here May 25, 1748. An Answer was put in, and a Cross-bill filed against Omichund to have a Discovery and an Account from him, to which they required his Answer upon Oath; but *he being an Infidel, and therefore incapable of swearing upon the Gospels*, a Commission went to take his Answer in that Manner in which he was able to give it. Many of the Witnesses being also Infidels, another Commission issued to take their Evidence subject to the Opinion of the Court whether it should be received, and whether this Evidence could be received in this Kingdom was the present Question; in which, after having heard the Cause solemnly argued at the Bar last Michaelmas Term, the Judges gave their Opinion *seriatim* in the following Manner.——

Parker, C. B. This Bill is brought for an Account of a Transaction in the East-Indies, and a Satisfaction of a Demand arising upon it, upon 4 Dec. 1739; upon the Motion of the Plaintiff's Counsel, one of the Witnesses, not being a Christian, but of the Gentou Religion, your Lordship was pleased to order that a Commission should issue, and the Words 'Corporal, and the Holy Evangelists,' be left out, and the Words 'in the most solemn Manner' inserted in their Room, and that the Commissioners should certify in what Manner the Oath was administered, and of what Religion the Witnesses were. 12 Feb. 1742, the Commissioners made a Return that they had examined five Christian Witnesses sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, and that the others being Persons of the Gentou Religion were sworn in the Manner most usual

* Viz. There was a Bramin or Priest present; the Oath being interpreted to each Witness, the Laymen did touch the Feet of the Bramin, and two being Bramins or Priests, did touch his Hand.

and solemn among them*, and received in the Courts of Justice at Calcutta erected there by Letters Patent from this Kingdom, which direct the Judges there to proceed upon Evidence taken in the most solemn Manner. The Plaintiff's Counsel offering to read these Depositions as Evidence, the Defendant's Counsel objected to it, because these are Infidels, or at least their Religion is very imperfectly certified, and they cited in Support of this Objection 1 Inst. 66. and 4 Inst. 279. where it is laid down that Infidels are no Witnesses. If Lord Coke had meant (as I shall shew he did not) a professed Atheist, and any such Person does exist, I should think he ought not to be admitted as a Witness, because he cannot take an Oath upon a Religious Sanction. I shall first shew from the common Consent of Mankind, and from Authors who have treated of this People, that those of the Gentou Religion do believe in a God. For the common Consent of Mankind, see Tully de Nat. Deorum, lib. 2. cap. 7. Tuscul. Quæst. lib. 1. c. 13. De Legib. lib. 1. c. 8. For Authors who have travelled and given an Account of their Religious Ceremonies, Vol. 3. 357, 277, 381, 398. Lord's Discovery of the Banian (which is the same as the Gentou) Religion, &c. It appearing therefore that the Persons professing this Religion do believe in God, the Creator and Governor of the World, I shall now consider whether their Depositions ought to be

be read; and as *Hale* has professedly examined what Lord *Coke* says upon this Head, and his Reasoning will be the *Basis* of what I shall offer, I shall particularly consider the Passage in him so often referred to; he says (2 *Hal. Hist. Pl. Cr.* 279.) it is said by Lord *Coke*, (*ubi supra*) That an *Infidel* is not to be admitted as a *Witness*; the Consequence whereof would also be, that a *Jew*, who owns the Old Testament, could not be a *Witness*. This Consequence was rejected by the Defendants Counsel as not just, because the Old Testament is a Sacred Book, and the Gospel or Good News to the *Jews*, for which they cited 2 *Keb.* 314. To this I answer, That the Ritual or Ceremonial Part of the Law of *Moses* is not binding upon Christians, but the Moral Part is indeed; in the Old Testament there are several Predictions of *Christ*, but the Gospel is the Good News that he is come; Christians believe *Jesus* to be the *Christ*, and the *Jews* have no such Belief, but still expect his Coming; and therefore the Old Testament can with no Propriety be called the Gospel, notwithstanding the sudden Opinion in *Keble*. They say, *Hale* misunderstood Lord *Coke*, but I think his Assertion is applicable, not believing in Christianity, see 2 *Inst.* 507. 3 *Inst.* 165. and therefore, I think, Lord *Hale*'s Consequence is well founded. The next Passage in *Hale* is, 'But I take it that altho' the regular Oath, as it is allowed by the Laws of *England*, is *tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliiis*,' which supposes a Man to be a Christian, yet in Cases of Necessity, as in Foreign Contracts between Merchant and Merchant, which are many Times transacted by *Jewish* Brokers, the Testimony of a *Jew tacto libro legis Mosaicæ* is not to be rejected, and is used, as I have been informed, among all Nations. The Books cited to shew that by the Law of *England* no Oath can be admitted but upon the New Testament (*Braet.* 116. *Brit. Ch.* 53. *f.* 135, &c.) prove no more than that these Oaths are in general adapted to the established Religion of the Kingdom. Several Books were cited to prove that *Jews* were anciently sworn in our Courts of Justice, *Madd. Hist. Exch.* 174. *Wilk. Saxon Law* 348. *Seld. f.* 1. *tom.* 2. 1469. *f.* 3. *c.* 2. 1460. There was something very particular in Trials between Christians and *Jews*; the *Venire facias* was *Sex legales Judæos*, therefore they were sworn as Jurors; at that Time a Doubt arose after the Restoration in what Manner a *Jew* should put in his Answer in this Court, (1 *Vern.* 263.) and it was ordered, That he should be sworn upon the *Pentateuch*; in *Francia's* Trial (6 *St. Trials* 87.) a *Jew* was admitted to be sworn, and it is the established Practice to swear them; this Practice has received the Parliamentary Sanction, for *Jews* are directed by Parliament to take the Abjuration Oath in like Manner as they are admitted to be sworn to give Evidence in Courts of Justice. 10 *Geo.* 1. *c.* 4. §. 18. This overturns Lord *Coke's* Opinion so far as *Jews* are concerned. The next Passage in *Hale* is, 'Yea the Oaths of idolatrous Infidels have been admitted in the Municipal Laws of many Kingdoms, especially *si juraverunt per verum Deum Creatorem*,' and special Laws are instituted in *Spain* touching the Form of the Oath of *Infidels*.—It may be proper shortly to state the Circumstances of the present Case, to see whether this falls within the Reason of Lord *Hale*. The Matters in Question are Commercial Matters arising in a Foreign Country, where the *Gentou* Religion prevails; it was objected the Plaintiff should have proved there were no Christians there to be *Witnesses*, whereas the contrary appears. To this I answer, That the Necessity need not be absolute or natural, but only moral or presumed, as appears from the admitting the Plaintiff

Plaintiff upon the Statute of Hue and Cry, when yet he might have told somebody of the Money, &c., he had about him. The next Question is, Whether such Necessity is not here apparent; the Plaintiff was negotiating with a Person resident in that Country and amenable to the Laws there; it appears he did commence a Suit in the Court of *Calcutta*, and obtained a Decree there for his present Demand; and it appears that the Defendant's Testator did insist that he should be examined whether he was of the *Gentou* Religion, and should take such Oath as they use, and has therefore given Judgment against himself. I therefore think, upon the Principle of Necessity, these Witnesses ought to be read; and I think there are Cases that warrant this. 2 *Cro.* 541, 542. 2 *Roll. Rep.* 346. 1 *Salk.* 283. I cannot see what should hinder the admitting the Plaintiff's Witnesses; they are admitted as Witnesses by the Civil Law, by the Law of Nations, and by the Laws of all Countries, as far as I find. There were mentioned *Duarenus*, *Covarrufias*, *Grotius*, *Puffendorf*, *Stair's Institutes*. I don't mention the Instance of General *Sabine**, because I understand that was not debated, but given up. It is objected, These Witnesses do not swear by the true God, and that this is required by Scripture; and they have cited *Deut.* vi. 13. and two or three other Passages; on the other Side were cited others, but the right Answer is, That this is not well founded in point of Fact, because these Persons do believe in God the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and therefore, I think, do swear by the true God. That will answer the Objection founded upon that Passage in *Hale*, especially *si juraverunt per verum Deum Creatorem*. It is said that there is a particular Provision for the Oath of an Infidel in *Spain*. It is in *Spanish*, I have got it translated, and it appears to be an Oath adapted to the Faith of the *Mahomedan*. This brings me to the last Passage I shall mention from *Hale*, 'And it were a very hard Case if a Murder committed here ' in *England*, in Presence only of a *Turk* or a *Jew*, that owns not ' the Christian Religion, should be punishable because such an ' Oath should not be taken, which the Witness holds binding, and ' cannot swear otherwise, and possibly might think himself under no ' Obligation if sworn according to the usual Stile of the Courts of ' *England*.' But then it must be agreed, That the Credit of such a Testimony must be left to the Jury, whether a *Turk*, or a Person professing the *Gentou* Religion, would be a competent Witness to prove a Murder committed here. I desire to be excused from giving any precise Opinion, because I would not anticipate the Opinion of the absent Judges in a Matter that may come before us all, yet I despair of having any more Light thrown upon that Question; but I declare I have no Doubt with respect to the other Instance, but that the Testimony of a *Jew* is very competent and good Evidence to prove a Murder. I shall now consider the Ceremony used in administering the Oath to these Persons. I am far from saying it is so solemn and significant a Form as is used in *England*, but I say it is sufficient to denote the Act of consenting to the Oath. Upon this Occasion Scripture was appealed to, and as it was, I will mention the Sense of a very great Man, Archbishop *Tillotson*, in a Sermon preached by him at *Kingston Affizes*, Vol. 1. P. 245, 246. To prove that the Ceremonies in taking an Oath are Matter of Liberty, he observes, That in Scripture there are mentioned but two Manners of Swearing, and there is not the least Intimation that either of them was prescribed and appointed by God, but voluntarily instituted and taken up by Men.

* Before the Privy Council Dec. 9, 1738. Among other Witnesses against him there was one who was a *Turk*, who was sworn upon *Al-Koran*.

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Tho' the Instance of swearing Mr. *Jaquel*, in *Love's Trial* (a), was not Authority as being before the High Court of Justice, yet the same has occurred at a Trial at Bar, 2 *Sid.* 6. That the Form is various according to the different Persuasions of Persons and Countries, does appear from *Voet. Comm. Pandect. Book 12. Tit. 2. 639.* and *Seld. v. 1. t. 2. 1467.* From what has been mentioned it is plain that by the Policy of all Countries Oaths are to be administered in such Terms and in such Manner as the Swearer thinks most binding upon his Conscience; and it appears both from *Voet* and *Selden*, that the Manner of laying the Hand upon the Book was borrowed from the Pagan Custom of touching their Mysteries. It has been objected, That the Commissioners were not authorized to administer this Oath; and for this were cited 2 *Inst.* 719. and 3 *Inst.* 165. that a new Oath cannot be imposed without Act of Parliament. I answer, This is no new Oath, and what Lord *Coke* says does not seem to respect the Manner of administering the Oath; and supposing, as I have shewn before, these are competent Witnesses, they must be sworn in their own Manner. But it was objected, That they ought not to be admitted on account of the Enmity there is between *Christians* and *Infidels*, and *Calvin's Case* was cited, 2 *Co.* 17. All Infidels are in Law perpetual Infidels, for the Law presumes not that they will be converted, that being a remote Possibility; for between them, as with the Devils, whose Subjects they be, and the Christian, there is perpetual Hostility, and can be no Peace; for, as the Apostle saith, 2 *Cor.* vi. 15. *Quæ concordia Christi cum Belial? aut quæ portio fidei cum infidei?* These Words of St. *Paul* are to be understood of a Spiritual Discord only, and not of a Temporal one, for there is really no Foundation for any such Thing. *Littleton*, afterwards Lord Keeper, had Occasion to consider this Matter in his reading upon Stat. 27 *Ed.* 3. 1 *Salk.* 46. and in that there are Sentiments (b) worthy a Christian Man; the same is said 1 *Lord Raymn.* 282, 283. It is objected, That the admitting these Witnesses is a Novelty, and what has not been done cannot be done. Whether this ever existed before, or came into Question, I know not, but I never heard or read of Persons in these Circumstances being refused, except in one Case. The Law of *England* is not confined to particular Precedents and Cases, but consists in the Reason of them, *ratio legis est anima legis, & ubi eadem est ratio idem est jus* are known Maxims; Judges indeed cannot alter the Law; the true Notion of this is laid down in *Vaughan* 37, 38, 285. but in giving my present Advice I have no Occasion to contradict any Judgment, but the bare Opinion of my Lord *Coke*, which has already been denied over and over again, so far as it concerns *Jews*. As to what was mentioned of the *Quakers* (c), your Lordship's Answer, that receiving them would have been admitting Persons without Oath, not introducing a new one, is satisfactory to me, and therefore I shall say no more about it.--I now come to the Precedents (d) which have been left me; that of *Lee* and *Lee* in the Arches Court and Court of Delegates in 1699 and 1700 may be laid out of the Case. As for the Note of a Case in the Exchequer from Mr. *Bunbury*, (an Information against Admiral *Matthews*) he is a very worthy Man, but Memory is a very treacherous Thing, and the Reason given there would exclude *Jews*, and is a very bad one.

(a) Mr. *Jaquel*, when the Oath was read to him, did not swear in that Manner as the other Witnesses did, but only put his Hand upon his Buttons. 2 *St. Tr.* 114.

(b) *Turks* and Infidels are not perpetual enemies, nor is there a perpetual Enmity between them and us; but this is a common Error, founded upon a groundless Opinion of Justice *Brooke*; for, tho' there be a Difference between our Religion and theirs, that does not oblige us to be Enemies to their Persons; they are the Creatures of God, and of the same Kind as we are, and it would be a Sin in us to hurt their Persons.

(c) It was urged at the Bar, that the Affirmation of *Quakers* could not be received by the Judges without the Interposition of the Legislature, to which therefore it was thought necessary to have Recourse. (d) It was directed by the Court, at the Argument of this Cause, that the Crown Office should be searched for Indictments of *Jews*, and Inquiry be made in the Courts of Admiralty, and the Ecclesiastical Courts, whether *Jews* or Heathens had been examined, and the Precedents laid before the Judges.

—The last Objection mentioned is, that these Infidels are not liable to Prosecution for Perjury. This is not warranted in Fact, for Numbers of Witnesses are examined and read here who are under the same Circumstances, and cannot be prosecuted, as *all Christians examined abroad*, because *Perjury is local*. All Witnesses examined *de bene esse*, because *their Depositions are never published 'till after the Death of the Witnesses*. But really, as to myself, I do think that if any of these Witnesses had been examined in this Manner in *England*, he might have been prosecuted, and a special Indictment formed against him for Perjury; for I take it, that the Words *super sacrosancta Dei Evangelia*, are not essential in Indictments for Perjury, and Numbers of Old Books shew they are not, *West's Symboleog. fo. 119. b. 120. §. 160, 161.* and other Books the Indictments are; that the Party was either sworn generally or *debito modo jurat*, nor is that similar to *Cro. Eliz. 165.* where the Words were in the common Form, but it did not appear that the Party was sworn at all. The Precedents of Indictments against *Jews* are so various, that I can infer very little from them.—Upon the whole, therefore, the rejecting these Witnesses would be destructive of Trade, and, I think, subversive of Justice, and attended with infinite other Inconveniences; and therefore I submit it as my humble Opinion and Advice, that as this Case is circumstanced, the Depositions of these Persons ought to be read.—*Willes, C. J.* As the Subject has been already quite exhausted by the Argument of the *Lord Chief Baron*, I should very willingly content myself with only saying, that I am of the same Opinion; but as this Case is of very great Importance, in great Measure new, and so many Things of great Weight have been said upon it, it will, I doubt, be expected I should give my Reasons why I am of the same Opinion, tho' in so doing I must necessarily touch upon many Things much better said by my *Lord Chief Baron*, otherwise I am sure I must say nothing.—In order the better to come at this Question, I shall say something in respect to the general Question, Whether any Infidel in any Case, or under any Circumstances, may be a Witness. If I were of the same Opinion as my *Lord Coke*, and thought an Infidel (I mean, and he meant one who did *not believe Christianity*) could never be admitted a Witness, I must be of Opinion, that these Depositions could not be read. On the other hand, if I thought every Infidel admissible, I must be for their being read without inquiring any farther. But if I should be of Opinion, (and I shall go no farther) that some Infidels in some Cases, and under some Circumstances, may be admitted, it will remain to be considered whether these Infidels in the present Case are so circumstanced, and can be received as legal Witnesses. The general Question *Lord Coke* has resolved in the Negative, and it is plain that by this Word 'Infidels' he meant *Jews* as well as Heathens, all who did not believe the Christian Religion; the Passages referred to in his other Works plainly shew this; therefore *Hawkins*, tho' a very Pains-taking Man, is, I think, plainly mistaken in his *2 Pl. Cr. 434.* where he understands him otherwise. I shall therefore take this for granted, and this, I think, will greatly lessen the Authority of *Lord Coke*. The Counsel for the Defendant seemed to mistake his Reason, for he did not go upon that Reason, because an Infidel could not take a Christian Oath, and the Oath could not be altered but upon this Reason, tho' a much worse that an Infidel is not *Fide dignus*, as appears from what he says in *Calvin's Case*, 'between them as with the Devils, whose Subjects they be, and the Christian, there is a perpetual Hostility, and can be no Peace.' This Notion, I think, is contrary not only to Scripture but

but to common Sense and common Humanity; and even the Devil himself, whose Subjects, he says, the Heathens are, cannot entertain worse Sentiments than these; we are commanded not only to do Good to those of the Household of Faith, but unto all Men, and St. Peter says *Acts* x. 34 and 35. *Of a Truth I perceive that God is no Respector of Persons, but in every Nation he that feareth him and worketh Righteousness is accepted of him.* Coke was certainly a very great Lawyer, but I think our Saviour and St. Peter in these Matters much better Authorities. It is a very narrow Notion, that no one but a Christian can be an honest Man; God has imprinted in the Minds of all Men true Notions of *Justice* and *Injustice*, *Virtue* and *Vice*; and St. Peter says, that in every Nation there are Men that fear God and work Righteousness, are certainly *Fide digni*. I will not repeat what is said of this Assertion of Lord Coke by Sir George Treby in the *State Trials*, Vol. 7. 502 (a), tho' I think it deserves every Epithet he has bestowed upon it; and I will add, I think when he talks in this Manner, he appears more like a Jesuit than a Lawyer. I will say very little of the Old Books *Bracton*, *Britton*, &c. small Weight is to be laid upon them, because they are general *Dictums* in Popish Times of Bigottry, when we carried on little Trade, except the Trade of Religion. *Fortescue*, cap. 26. had not the present Question in Contemplation, and only meant Oaths between Christians.—To the Assertion of Coke I will oppose the Practice of England before the Expulsion of the Jews, when it appears they were sworn upon their own Books (b), and the constant Practice in this Kingdom ever since their Return; for I do not believe there is one Instance where they have been refused to be sworn upon the *Pentateuch*. I will likewise oppose to it the great Authority of Lord Hale, in his 2 *Hist. Pl. Cr.* 279. tho' it has been mentioned already, because I think it has so much of the true Spirit of Christianity, that I may say of it *Decies repetita placebit*. I take it, that altho' the regular Oath, as it is allowed by the Laws of England, is *tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangelii*, which supposes a Man to be a Christian, yet, in Cases of Necessity, the Testimony of a Jew, *tactō libro Legis Mosaicæ*, is not to be rejected, and is used, as I have been informed, among all Nations; yea the Oaths of idolatrous Infidels have been admitted in the Municipal Laws of many Kingdoms, especially *si juraverint per verum Deum Creatorem*; and special Laws are instituted in Spain touching the Form of the Oath of Infidels. *Vide Covarruviam*, t. 1. p. 1. *de Juramenti forma*. And it were a very hard Case, if a Murder committed here in England, in the Presence only of a Turk or a Jew, that owns not the Christian Religion, should be dispensable because such an Oath should not be taken, which the Witness holds binding, and cannot swear otherwise, and possibly might think himself under no Obligation if sworn according to the usual Stile of the Courts of England. As to the Quotation from *Covarruvias*, I will say once for all, that I do not lay any great Stress upon the Citations out of the Civil Law Books, not only because I think the Cause does not want them, but because they are the particular Edicts in other Countries, and only shew the Opinion of the Legislators there, and what the Laws of other Nations are; and it is admitted in our Kingdom there is no Act of Parliament for this.—The last Answer I shall give to this Assertion of Lord Coke, in *Calvin's Case*, is in his own Words, 4 *Inst.* 155. concerning the *Fædus Pacis* or *Fædus Commercii*, which he allows may be stricken between a Christian Prince and an Infidel, Pagan, and an Idolater; and I shall leave him here, and shall now proceed to explain the Na-

(a) I must take Leave to say, that this Notion of Christians, not to have Commerce with Infidels, is a Conceit absurd, Monkish, fantastical and fanatical; 'tis a-kin to *Dominium fundatur in Gratia*. (b) In Proof of this, see (besides the Passages cited by the Chief Baron) *Maynard's Ed.* 2. *Int. Memo-randa in Scaccario*, Mic. 2 & 3 *Ed.* 1. P. 3. 'Corke Hagin venit ad Scaccarium & Præstitit Sacramentum in forma Judæismi se nunquam dixisse, &c.

ture of an Oath. If it were merely a Christian Institution, as Baptism, the Sacrament, and the like, I should admit none but Christians could make Use of it; but Oaths were instituted long before Christianity, and are almost as old as the Creation. *Juramentum*, according to Lord Coke, (3 *Inst.* 165.) is nothing more than *Deum in testem vocare*, and therefore nothing but the Belief of a God, and that he will reward and punish Men for their Actions, is necessary for this. It would be endless to cite the Places in the Old Testament, where Mention is made of taking Oaths upon solemn Occasions. I shall therefore only refer to *Gen.* xxvi. 31. xxxi. 53. *Numb.* xxx. 2. *Pf.* xv. 4. From the Passages in the New Testament it is plain Oaths continued to be used in the same Manner; the Nature of an Oath was not at all altered, only the Obligation to keep it grew much stronger. St. Paul says, (*Heb.* vi. 16.) *An Oath for Confirmation is an End of all Strife*, and we have a remarkable Instance in *Mat.* xiv. 9. and the same is repeated *Mark* vi. 26. which shews what Regard even wicked Men paid to an Oath, that *Herod, tho' he was exceeding sorry to destroy the Baptist, nevertheless, for his Oath's Sake, commanded his Head to be given*; and I cannot help taking Notice of what is said by *Lactantius*, that some in his Time who were not afraid even of committing Murder, when they were to be purged upon their Oath, durst not deny the Fact. In profane Authors we shall find pretty much the same Account of an Oath; it appears in *Homer* that not only his Heroes, but even his Gods, whom he reckons as Deities under the Supreme, frequently confirmed their Promises or Threatnings with an Oath, and they were then reckoned inviolable. *Hesiod*, in his Poem called *Dies*, says twice, horrible and dreadful Punishments attend Persons who break their Oaths. *Hierocles*, in his Commentary on these, says, an Oath was looked on as one of the most solemn Acts of Religion. And *Tully* always speaks of an Oath with the highest Reverence, and as the strongest Obligation. Refers also to *Grotius de jure Belli & Pacis*, lib. 2. ch. 13. §. 1. And *Tillotson*, Vol. 1. P. 241. The Apostle speaks of it as the general Practice of Mankind to confirm Things by an Oath, in order to the ending of Differences; and indeed there is nothing that has more universally obtained in all Ages and Nations in the World. It is very plain, therefore, that the Substance of an Oath has nothing to do with Christianity; the Form of an Oath hath been since varied, but still the Substance is the same, which is no more than this, that God in all of them is called upon to be a Witness to the Truth of what is said. *Grot. ubi sup.* §. 10. The kissing the Book, or the Feet of the Priest, is not Part of the Oath, but only ceremonious; the swearing what is material in all of them, is the taking God for Witness. *Mat.* xxiii. 21, 22. *Whoso shall swear by the Temple, sweareth by it and by him that dwelleth therein; and he that shall swear by Heaven, sweareth by the Throne of God and by him that sitteth thereon.* Christianity is indeed Part of the Law of *England*, but it does not therefore follow, that the admitting the Oath of an Heathen is contrary to the Law of *England*. There is as little Weight in the other Argument, that an Oath cannot be altered but by Act of Parliament, 2 *Inst.* 479. 3 *Inst.* 165. which plainly relate to *promissory Oaths* and *Oaths of Office*, not at all to *Oaths taken by Witnesses*. As to the Cases where a Judge asked whether the Witness was a Christian, and where two Witnesses were refused for not being such, nothing can be inferred from them, as it does not appear that those Facts arose in a Foreign Country, and that it was insisted that there was any Necessity.—Having therefore shewn, that I think such Infidels, who believe in

in God, and that he will punish them if they swear falsely, in some Cases, and under some Circumstances, ought to be admitted as Witnesses in this tho' a Christian Country, but that one, who has not such Belief, cannot be admitted under any Circumstances. I proceed to consider this particular Case:—I indeed disagree from the *Nota 2 Roll. Rep.* 346. that upon Trial of a Thing beyond Sea the Testimony of a Public Notary there is good Proof; and *Lee* Chief Justice said that such Proof as they beyond Sea will allow we will allow, for God knows then sometimes we should have strange Evidence. Nor can I entirely agree with the Resolution in *Cro. Ja.* 542. as I do not think in that Case the Certificate of the cohabiting together ought to have been received as Evidence, our Law never admitting a Certificate of a Matter of Fact, not even of the King himself, nor is it the best Evidence the Nature of the Thing will admit.—I do not think the same Credit is to be given to an Infidel Witness as to a Christian one, who is under stronger Obligations to speak Truth, and therefore this Objection goes to the Credit; but the Distinction between the Competency and Credit of a Witness is a known Distinction, and many are admitted as competent to whose Credit there are Objections. An examined Copy of a Record is good Evidence, but if the Record itself is produced and varies from it, that will be stronger Evidence.—What I have said as to the general Question, plainly shews my Opinion of the present Question, which therefore I shall be very short upon. It is admitted this is a Mercantile Affair, transacted in a Foreign Heathen Country; it must be agreed it is greatly to our Advantage to carry on Trade into Foreign Countries inhabited by Heathens, and particularly into these Countries. In this Case by the Defendant's own Act, his flying out of the *East-Indies*, the Plaintiff lost the Advantage of his Suit there; he had but one Remedy, and that he took. No one will say he had not a Right to bring his Suit here, for tho' there was an old Notion that even an Alien Friend, especially an Infidel, could not sue in our Courts, this absurd, wicked and unchristian Notion, God be thanked, has been long ago exploded. If he be at Liberty to bring his Suit here, it follows he must be at Liberty to produce his Evidence, and if he produces his Evidences, they must be upon Oath some way or other.—It does appear that the Witnesses do believe a God, and that he will punish them if they swear falsely. I do not greatly rely upon the Books that give an Account of the *Gentou* Religion, (Authors that write of Things so far distant have seldom Veracity enough to be depended upon in Courts of Justice); but it is plain, from the Certificate itself, that they believe and worship a God, and have Priests for that Purpose.—The remaining Objection is, That these Witnesses will not be liable to be indicted of Perjury, not being sworn *super Sacrosancta Dei Evangelia*, and therefore are not under the same Obligations to swear true as Christian Witnesses; but I think this has been fully answered by my Lord Chief Baron upon two very plain Reasons: First, That it appears these Words are not essential Parts of the Indictment. Secondly, That this Argument, if it proves any Thing, proves too much; as Multitudes of Persons who must be examined, and have been so, are liable to the same Objection. From what I have said, it is very plain that I think these Depositions ought to be read in Evidence.—*Lee, C. J.* There remains but very little for me to offer, as I do agree intirely with the Opinion already declared. Without entering particularly into the Nature of this Religion, I do apprehend that this Return proves that these are of a Religion. All Religion must have for its Foundation the Belief of a

God, and the Belief of future Rewards and Punishments; and tho' a Man may have a very confused Notion of such a Being, (and it is very difficult to form an adequate Idea of God) yet it is sufficient, for this Purpose, to have an Idea of his relative Nature. I mean with respect to the Relation Mankind feel in themselves to him, as dependent Creatures upon some superior Being, who is the Foundation of Religion; and considering such a Being as having Dominion over them, to whom they are Servants, whom they worship and adore, as it is represented by as great an Author as ever lived in this Country, Sir *Izaak Newton*. —I apprehend that the Rules of Evidence are to be considered as positive artificial Rules, framed by Men for their Convenience in respect to the Transaction of Business in Courts of Justice; artificial Rules they are founded in general upon very good Reasoning, and for the most part good; but there is one Rule firm, eternal, immutable, which never can vary, the Rule of natural Justice; and I apprehend these Rules of Evidence are under proper Circumstances, and upon proper Occasions, to give way to that. This appears to me to be a Case that is to be considered in that Light, a Case where the general Rules ought to be receded from. And the Consideration of the Rules of Evidence in this Way, is in all Cases suited to the Laws of *England*, which admit the breaking in upon the most general Rules, even those, that a Party interested cannot be received as a Witness. Hearsay Evidence admitted, or a Wife received against her Husband, (in *Queries* touching Foreign Inquiries and Commercial Matters, the Rules relating to Evidence are not quite agreeable to the general Rules); indeed, in Cases of Treason, I do not apprehend that a Feme Covert is a lawful Witness against her Husband. Sir *T. Raymond* 1. 1 *Hal. Hist. Pl. Cr.* 301 (a). But however, in Civil Cases, it has been allowed notwithstanding, *Eq. Ca. Abr.* 226. See *Skin.* 647. All these Rules give way to Necessity, and that not absolute, but moral and presumed. So 2 *Roll. Abr.* 186. shews a Difference of Evidence touching the same Fact, when it concerns different Persons.—I would refer to the Case cited before, 2 *Roll. Rep.* 346. which, with some Emendations and Observations, may, I think, be reckoned as Law. I would suppose this Case; it is well known that by the Laws of *France* Contracts are often made before a Notary Publick, and no other Persons present; in which Case no other Evidence is required. Suppose a Question should arise here concerning such Contracts, I should think there can be no Doubt but that a Signature of the Notary Public would be Evidence, and would authenticate the Act, tho' by the Laws of our Country, no such Certificate or Testimonial is to be received. Indeed the Expression afterwards, 'such Proof as they beyond the Sea will allow' 'we will allow,' is too general, and must be considered under Restrictions. I have a little Doubt with me still concerning the Case in *Cro. Ja.* 542. tho' that was the Opinion of the Judges at the Trial at Bar, where they did receive a Certificate from *Utrecht* of the Marriage and Cohabitation. There is a Case in *Cro. Ch.* 365. which does seem more reasonable, and I should think rather the Law, where it was held that a Certificate under the Seal of the Town where the Outlaw was resident was not allowable, without Oath of the Truth thereof; the allowing it then is going further than we should do in a Transaction arising here; and this seems a right Opinion, I think now, as to the Courts conforming themselves to the local Rules of the Place wherein the Fact arises.—I think there are Cases in Equity that shew plainly, that that is the Rule, *Prec. in Chan.* 207, 208. 1 *Will. Rep.* 431. When the Inquiry is in relation to a Foreign Transaction, the Courts

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do conform as much as they can to the Laws of that Country; so likewise in Commercial Matters in an Action of Trover, *Skin.* 640. *Comb.* 366, 367. and in the common Instance where Porters, Brokers, &c. are admitted as Witnesses, when, perhaps, there might have been other Witnesses had; which are all Departures from the general Rules of Evidence.—It would be much more equitable to determine that a Pagan should not be able to sue in these Courts, than that when he has done so, he shall not be allowed to produce his Witnesses. I think these several Witnesses do appear to us under the Religious Tie of an Oath administered to them in the most solemn Manner, in the Way most usual among them. This is a Transaction arising in that Country only, and the Defendant or his Representatives have forced this Person to an Application to this Court for Justice; he would have had an undoubted Right to this Evidence in the Court from whence the Defendant withdrew himself, and he ought not to suffer by that; therefore it appears to me to be dissonant to natural Justice to deny this Evidence. And as to what has been mentioned in respect to a temporal Remedy in Case of Perjury, that is not a sufficient Reason; there can be no Punishment upon the Witnesses on either Side, they being all out of this Kingdom; and in Stat. 10 & 14 *Car.* 2. *ch.* 11. §. 29. in the Case of Customs, there is an Introduction of Foreign Evidence, and the Examination of Witnesses beyond Sea admitted as if it had been given *viva voce* in Court. Upon the whole, therefore, I am very fully clear of Opinion, that in this Case these Depositions of these Persons, who do appear to be under this Religious Sanction, and where all the Witnesses are upon the same Foundation, that these Persons ought to be received.—*Hardwicke, C.* I am extremely obliged to my Lords Chief Justices, and my Lord Chief Baron, for their learned Advice and Assistance; and as I concur intirely in Opinion with them, and they have supported that Opinion with such strong Arguments and Reasonings, I might be excused from entering into the Argument of this Cause; but as it is of great Expectation and Consequence, and may be a Precedent in other Cases that may happen, it may be expected I should give my Reasons for my Opinion; and I must beg the Indulgence and Excuse of my Lords here, if I take up their Time in repeating what they have said so much better. I shall begin with taking Notice of what has not been so particularly entered into by them, and was not so necessary for my Lords to enter into as it is for me, the particular Objections as to the Insufficiency of the Commission, and the Certificate of the Commissioners; and these are two. First, That it does not pursue the Directions of the Order made by this Court. Secondly, That this Certificate is not sufficient in Substance. With regard to the first, there are two Particulars required by the Order; first, that the Commissioners should certify in what Manner the Oath has been admitted that is admitted to be complied with; the next is, that they should certify of what Religion the Witnesses are. And they have only certified that they were Persons who have professed the *Gentou* Religion, without certifying what that Religion is. The Counsel for the Defendant go upon a wrong Construction of the Order; a particular Certificate of the Religion of the Witnesses was not required by the Court, and would by no Means be necessary or proper. The different Religions in the World are described and known by particular Denominations; the *Christian*, the *Jewish*, the *Mahomedan*, the *Persian*, the *Gentou* or *Banian*, which is the same; five of these Religions the best Histories of the several Countries are Evidence in Law. See 1 *Salk.* 281. This holds *a fortiori*

fortiori in Matters relating to a Foreign Country. In general the Ground of my Direction was, that the Court might be informed whether the Witnesses believed a God and a Providence; this fully appears by the best Histories of this People and of their Religion. I would only mention Mr. Lord's Account, who is an *English* Clergyman, and resided in the *East-Indies*, in his Discovery of the Sect of the *Banians*, in the 6 Vol. of *Churchill's Collection*, P. 301. among the Eight Precepts of this Religion, which is the same as the *Gentou*, he mentions these, P. 313. The Third, *Thou shalt duly observe the Times of Devotion, thy Washings, Worshipping and Prayers to the Lord thy God, with a pure and upright Heart.* The Fourth, *Thou shalt tell no false Tales, or utter Things that be untrue, by which thou mightest defraud thy Brother in Dealings, Bargains or Contracts, by this Cosenage to work thy own peculiar Advantage.* The first imports a Belief of the Being of God and of his Providence; the latter carries almost the Sense of the Ninth Commandment in the Decalogue. Besides this, the Certificate specifies that the Oath was interpreted to each Witness respectively, and that Oath concludes *So help me God*, which amounts to a Declaration of each Witness of his own Belief of a Deity.— These Objections being out of the Way, the Way is to open to the general Question, which, I think, depends upon two Considerations: First, Whether the Oath these Witnesses have taken is a proper obligatory Oath according to the general Notion of it. Secondly, Whether, upon the special Circumstances of this particular Case, their Depositions may be admitted to be read consistently with the Rules of the Law of *England*. As to the first, whether the Oath these Persons have taken, Respect being had to their Religion, be a proper obligatory Oath according to the general Notion of an Oath. I think it is plain that it is so. This Subject has been in a Manner exhausted, and therefore I will not enter into it at large. I will only take Notice of what some learned Divines have said upon it. Bishop *Sanderfon*, in his Book *De Juramenti Obligatione*, which is a very judicious Book, 1 *Præl.* P. 3. when he is explaining *Quid sit Juramentum*, after laying down *Tully's* Definition of it, *brevissima est illa Ciceronis; est inquit jusjurandum affirmatio Religiosa*, gives us his own *Pleniorum Juramenti definitionem. Siquis desideret, hæc esto; Juramentum est actus Religiosus in quo ad Confirmandam rem dubiam Deus testis invocatur.* An Oath follows from the Principles of Natural Religion, was in Being and Use in the World antecedent to the Christian or even Mosaic Dispensation, and has received no Alteration from either, except as to the external Form of it, and the clearer Light from these Divine Revelations, as to the Consequences of keeping or breaking such Oaths. This is contradicted that I know of by no Writer, except Lord *Coke*, who has inserted the Word *Christian* in his very Definition of an Oath. 3 *Inst.* 165. *An Oath is an Affirmation or Denial by any Christian, &c.* and in this all Writers are against him, and the Law of *England* in the Admission of *Jews*, intirely overthrows his Definition and takes away the Foundation of it. All other Writers in Divinity, Morality, the Law of Nature or Nations, or any other Science relative to this Subject, are against him. Citations on this Head were very numerous. *Puffendorf*, 4 *b. ch.* 2. §. 4. 336. is very full to this Purpose, and lays it down absolutely, that an Oath is to be taken according to the Religion and Persuasion of the Witness taking such Oath. Bishop *Sanderfon*, 1 *Præl.* P. 4. *Quod autem sit actus religiosus constat primò ex Autoritate Scripturæ. Deut. vi. 13. Ubi Moses ita populum alloquitur: Dominum Deum tuum timebis, & ipsi servies, & per*

per nomen ejus jurabis. Constat secundo ex consensu omnium Populorum, apud quos, etsi unius Naturæ lumine ducerentur, sanctissima semper est habita juramenti religio, & quum plurima ipsis sacra haberentur, juri-jurando tamen soli, non alia de causa quam quod inter tot sacra facerrimum quodammodo esset, peculiari quodam jure sacramenti nomen remansit. I will only take Notice of another Passage or two from *Tillotson*, in his Sermon upon the Lawfulness and Obligation of Oaths, tho' in popular Discourses of this Kind strict Inferences are not always to be drawn, but the Archbishop took particular Pains, and was more than ordinary exact in what he said on this Subject, and has made it more Scientific than Discourses of that Kind generally are. His Text is *Heb. vi. 16. An Oath for Confirmation to them is an End of all Strife*, (which does seem to relate to the *delatio juramenti*, where the Party's own Oath was taken); the Passage I refer to is the very first Sentence in the Sermon, (*S. 1. P. 239.*) the Obligation of an Oath, which is so necessary for the Maintenance of Peace and Justice among Men, depends wholly upon the Sense and Belief of a Deity; and in *P. 241* he says, *the Apostle speaks of it as the general Practice of Mankind to confirm Things by an Oath, in order to the ending of Differences*; and indeed there is nothing that has more universally obtained in all Ages and Nations of the World. I will not spend any more Time in citing on this Head. As to the next Thing, what has been mentioned of the external Act or Ceremony attending the Oath taken by these Witnesses, (the Laymen touching the Feet of a Priest, and the Priest's touching his Hand) I will not enter into the particular Objections, which, I think, are of no Weight with respect to the Grounds, my Lords and Judges and I shall go upon; all Writers laying it down that these outward Rites and Ceremonies are not of the Essence or Substance of the Oath, but variable *ad libitum*; so says *Sanderson* in his *5th Prælection*, and *Tillotson* in the Sermon I have cited, (*P. 245.*) All that is necessary appears in the present Case, an external Act, which is necessary to make it a corporal Oath.—I now come to the second Consideration, Whether upon the Circumstances in this particular Case these Depositions may be permitted to be read consistently with the Rules of the Law of *England*. The Judges and Sages of the Law have always laid it down that there is but one general Principle and Rule of Evidence, which is this, *that the best Evidence shall be given that the Nature of the Thing will admit of.* *Maxim.* I know of no other principal Rule of Evidence in Consequence of this; generally speaking, all Matters of Fact are to be proved by Witnesses not interested in the Facts, constant and present at them, and upon a lawful Oath. These are Rules following upon the general Principle, but by constant Practice and Allowance of the Judges all these Rules are broke in upon. The Grounds and Foundations on which these Rules are dispensed with may be reduced under two Heads. First, *Strict absolute Necessity*; I do not mean a *natural* Necessity to which Things of this Kind can never be reduced, but what is called so in *Moralibus vel Civilibus*. Secondly, A *Necessity inferred or presumed from the Nature of Commerce, and the usual and ordinary Transactions among Men*. For the first, strict Necessity.—If Writings have subscribing Witnesses, they must be produced, but if they be dead, Proofs of the signing shall be admitted. In a Suit concerning ancient Customs, Hear-say Evidence of a general Custom is *legal* Proof, tho' in general Hear-say is not Evidence. If an Instrument be not found, and there is Evidence that it did once exist, and is lost, you may prove the Contents another Way; and in what other Way? If there be a

Copy, it must be produced, (of this there is a strong Case in 1 *Mod.* 4.) if there is no Copy, then it may be proved by Witnesses *viva voce*, that is, the *Law for Necessity admits that which of all Things it does most abhor*, I mean *parol Evidence of Deeds*. The other Ground of dispensing with the Rules of Evidence, is presumed Necessity inferred from *Commercial Affairs and Transactions of Merchants*, which comes nearest to the present Case. Under this Head are the Cases of ancient Deeds, or those *thirty Years* old, (or, as it formerly stood, *forty*); such Deeds are read without Proof of the Execution or Hand-writing of the Witnesses, because it is presumed in such a Length of Time not only the Witnesses, but the Persons acquainted with their Hand-writing, may be dead, or not to be found. A Tradesman's Books, kept by his Servants, are admitted as Evidence of the Delivery of the Goods, only upon a presumed Necessity. So the Plaintiff, in an Action upon the Statute of *Hue and Cry*, is allowed, as a lawful Witness, to prove himself robbed. In these Cases there is not an *absolute* Necessity, but only a *Presumption* of Necessity, and in the last the Judges upon Presumption of Necessity only admit a Party and a Person interested in the Event of the Cause. Thus Hear-say Evidence has been admitted even upon particular Facts: Of this there is a very strong Case, that of *Campoverde and Gideon*, *Nov. 16 Mich. 2 Anne* at Guildhall, before Lord *Holt*, in an Action upon a Policy of Insurance. The Defendant had insured one of the *Spanish Galleons* and her Cargo, from *Panama* to *Cadiz*; the Ship came to *Europe* with the *Flota*, and for Fear of the Enemy changed the Voyage insured and came to *Vigo*, and was burnt there among others; and all this was proved by Hear-say Evidence, which was admitted by *Holt*, for the Necessity, to be good Evidence upon the Point of Deviation. In this Case Hear-say Evidence was admitted; yet there was not absolute Necessity, for it might have been said, *you may produce Witnesses who were aboard the Flota, you may have a Commission to Spain to examine them*; yet these Possibilities did not prevail. I will mention one Instance more; before the Statute 1 *Anne* no Person could be sworn to give Evidence against the King in a Capital Case, (a Hardship, Lord *Coke* says, 3 *Inst.* 79. unsupported, that he knows of, by any Act of Parliament, ancient Author, Book, Case, or Record, but so it was); in this Case, that the Party might not be deprived of his Evidences, the Judges heard them upon no Oath at all.—To apply what has been said to the present Case. The Cause of Suit here is a Commercial Transaction arising in a Foreign Country, that of the *Great Mogul*; the Religion of the Country is Heathen; the Contract is admitted to be made among Heathens, and such the Plaintiff is admitted to be. From these Circumstances it is a common and natural Presumption, that many of the Persons concerned and privy to the Transaction should be of the Religion of the Country; it is the like Kind of Necessity which *Hale* mentions (before the general Practice of admitting *Jews*) ‘as in Foreign Contracts between Merchant and Merchant,’ which is this Case, which are many Times transacted by *Jewish*, I may say by Heathen Brokers, the Testimony of a *Jew*, I may say of a Heathen, is not to be rejected, and is used, as I have been informed, among all Nations. The Presumption here is stronger than that for the Admission of a Deed after *thirty Years*, without any Proof at all; stronger than that for the Admission of Hear-say Evidence in the Case of *Campoverde* and *Gideon*; and much stronger than the Plaintiff being a Witness for himself on the Statute of *Hue and Cry*. Besides, this Contract being made in a Foreign Country, the Parties must be presumed to have

entered into it upon a Supposition that they might sue upon it. Hence it follows, that if we should reject this Evidence in a Mercantile Contract, one of the Parties, by removing from the Country where it was made, might deprive the other Party of his Evidence, contrary to what he might be presumed to have relied upon when he made the Bargain.—This must be taken to be the Meaning of Lord Chief Justice *Ley* in that short Note mentioned already in 2 *Roll. Rep.* 346. That goes too far, and the Observation made upon it by the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas is very just; but I think it is easily capable of a sound Sense, and means only that such Evidence as is reasonably allowed in Foreign Countries should be allowed here, because otherwise, all Faith and Confidence between Persons of different Nations and Religions, and by Consequence the Commerce of Mankind, would be greatly obstructed, if not quite destroyed. This last deserves to be a little more particularly enforced and applied; as *England* has only a Factory in these Countries, the King's Subjects must have frequent Occasion to sue in the Courts there; and therefore, if we should not admit this Evidence, they will probably by a *Reciprocity* of Conduct reject our Suits. This is agreeable to the Genius and Policy of the Law, not only in the Courts of Admiralty but of Common Law; and the Ground of what is determined in Sir *Tho. Raymond* 473. *Carth.* 32. where great Regard is had to Judgments in Foreign Courts. So *Marriages good in their own Countries, are good all over the World*; and *what is good Evidence of them there, is allowed here*. As to the Case in *Cro. Jac.* 541, 542. as that Case is stated in the Book, if the Certificate was allowed not only in respect of Marriage but Cohabitation, I do agree it is not Law; and that the Case seems to say that was the Evidence of it, but I am not clear whether the Book means that, for it is darkly express'd. I will put another Case: Suppose a *Heathen*, not an Alien Enemy, as suppose this *Omichund*, should have brought an Action at Common Law, and the Defendant should have come here and obtained an Injunction for want of an Answer, will any one say the Answer of such a Heathen ought not to be received upon such Oath as has been taken here? If so, then either the Injunction must be perpetual, or the Party must change his Religion before he can put in his Answer. So suppose Mr. *Barker* had found *Omichund* the Heathen here, and had brought his Bill against him for general Relief, either he must change his Religion, or the Bill must be taken against him *pro Confesso*; this strikes every Body that it would be a manifest Denial of Justice, and thus far the Defendant has given Judgment against himself; in the Proceedings at *Calcutta* he brought a Cross-bill, and accepted the Answer upon this very Oath.—As to the Question, whether Indictments will lie for Perjury upon such an Oath, there is no Occasion for me to give my Opinion, but the Law is clear, I think, that in an Indictment for Perjury it is not at all necessary to lay the Oath to be taken *super sacrosancta Evangelia*; I agree the ordinary Form of Indictments runs so, but certainly it is not necessary, and the old Precedents, which are of better Authority than many modern ones, are otherwise, and *debito modo jurat*, is certainly the best way of laying them. However, admitting, for Argument Sake, that no Indictment for Perjury would lie, it is an Objection that holds equally against all Depositions taken in Parts beyond the Seas, which are every Day admitted, the Crime of Perjury being *local*. I am aware it may be said, that in these Cases the Inability of maintaining an Indictment does not arise from the Nature of the Oath itself, but from an accidental Circumstance of the Place; but that will
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make no material Difference, as the Place always appears upon the Return of the Commission, and the Court is bound to take Notice of it. Another Objection was made, in Answer to the Observation that Oaths of this Kind were admitted in Foreign Countries, and particularly in *Spain*, that there were positive Laws for it in *Spain* of the Nature of our Acts of Parliament, (as there are not here). I would not be positive upon this Question, but, as at present advised, I take that to be otherwise. *Selden*, in his Book *de Synedrion*, cites *Leys de la Partida*, which appears to be what is called *Alphonfini*, that is, the Collection of the Laws of the wise King *Alphonso* King of *Castile* and *Arragon*; now I happen to have that Book; my Edition of it is that published by the University of *Alcala* in 1542, and I think it appears by that, that this was not a positive Law established by King *Alphonso*, but only what we should call here Common Law, collected and authenticated by him; his Words are (*Partit. 3. tit. 11. c. 19. p. 180.* and again *c. 21. p. 181.*) ‘the *Moors* have their particular Oath;’ this Form of Expression shews rather this was a Collection of what was practised before, than a new positive Law. This falls in directly with what is mentioned by *Puffendorf*, *Stair*, and other Writers, that it has been the Wisdom of all Countries to accommodate the Oath to the particular Religion of the Parties, referring to the Conscience of the Person who is to take the Oath.—Another Objection was made, that this would be for the Judges to alter the Law, but on the Grounds upon which I go, it is not Altering the Law, it is only Expounding what the Law is, which is the proper Office of Judges; it’s no more an Alteration than the first Admission of *Jews* was, not by far so much as the first Admission of the Plaintiff to be a Witness for himself on the Statute of Hue and Cry, against the strongest Rules of Law and Reason, that a Man shall not be Witness in his own Cause.—As to the Precedents that have been left with us, they are so little applicable to the present Case, and afford so little Light in it, that I shall only take Notice of the Case of the *East-India* Company and Admiral *Matthews* sent by Mr. *Bunbury*; that was an Information filed by me when I was Attorney General, and I attended the Trial; and I do not remember what he states of the other Judges being sent to for their Opinion, nor do I know how it could be done.—*Parker*, C. B. He has stated it to be a Trial at Bar.—*Hardwicke*, C. I take it to be before Lord Chief Baron *Eyre* only, in which Case *there could be no going of the Judge to the other Courts, for it would be adjourning the Court.* I think it so uncommon a Thing, the sending one Judge to the others for their Opinion, that I think I could not have forgot it. The Evidence there was rejected, because the *Heathen* was offered to be sworn upon the Bible, and therefore, there being no proper way of swearing him, he was rejected; I took that Case to go no further.—Therefore, upon the whole, I intirely concur with my *Lords Chief Justices* and my *Lord Chief Baron*, that upon the special Circumstances of this particular Case (and I carry it no further) these Depositions may be permitted to be read, consistently with the Rules of the Laws of *England*. And therefore that they may be read.—Causes after *Hil. 18 Geo. 2.*

(a) If there should appear *Feb. 23, 1744, Omichund and Barker (a), MS. Rep.*

to be any *Mistakes* or *Omissions* in this long Case, (which may possibly happen by the transcribing of it), I hope the Reader will excuse and correct them.

(B) What will be admitted as Evidence; —
And here of presumptive Evidence.

1. Plaintiff's own Proof of Defendant's Contempt allowed. *Mich. Vide (A) P. Ca.*
1669. *Nurse and Guillem*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 132.

2. Depositions taken in a Cause, wherein *Tenant in Tail* is Party, cannot be read against the *Issue in Tail* (a). *Per Lord Keeper's Opinion*, *Mich.* 1702, in the Case of the *Earl of Peterborough* and *Dutchess of Norfolk*, *Prec. in Chan.* 212.

(a) But Note; This was extrajudicial, and not the Point in Question; for the Case at the Bar was of *Tenant for Life*, with Remainder to his Son in Tail; and the Depositions were taken in a Cause, wherein only the Father, *Tenant for Life*, was Party. *Ibid.* ———
MS. Rep. S. C. accord, *Vide Ca. 5. this Page.*

3. Where an Estate passes by the Inrollment of a Deed, (as in a Bargain and Sale) there the inrolled Deed is Evidence without further Proof; but, where the Inrollment is only for safe Custody, there it is not otherwise than against the Party who sealed it, and all claiming under him, and so far it shall. *Trin.* 1702. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

2 Freem. Rep. 259. *Trin.* 1702. *Lady Holcroft and Smith, S. C.* says, on a Question arising, Whether an inrolled Deed should be Evidence without further Proof, this Difference was taken. ———
1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 224. *Ca. 5. S. C.* but not *S. P.*

4. A Settlement of A. under which the Plaintiffs claimed, being lost, but being proved in Chancery by the Plaintiffs themselves thirty Years since, who were not then concerned in Point of Interest, but are since intitled by that Deed, it was ordered that a Copy of the Deed should be admitted to be read at Law, and also that the Plaintiffs Depositions should be read to prove the Deed, altho' they now claim under it. *Trin.* 1702. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

5. It was agreed that Depositions taken in a Cause, where Tenant for Life only was Party, could not be made use of as Evidence against the Reversioner or Remainder Man; and Lord Keeper declared his Opinion, that Depositions taken in a Suit, where Tenant in Tail was Party, could not be made use of against the Issue of Tenant in Tail, because he comes in by a Title Paramount, *per formam Doni*; and altho' Tenant in Tail hath a Power over the Estate, and may dispose of it, yet if he in a Bond binds himself and his Heirs, the Issue in Tail is not bound; but if Tenant in Fee is Party to a Suit, the Depositions taken in such a Cause may be read against his Heir. *East.* 1703. *MS. Rep.*

6. In some special Cases the Answer of one Defendant may be read against the other. *Vide Tit. Answers, &c. P. 67. Ca. 3.*

7. A. purchases Houses in B's Name, but no Trust is declared. A. dies, and B. gives a Declaration of Trust. This is good Evidence of the Trust. *Per Lord Chan. Cowper*, *Trin.* 1716. in *Casu Ambrose and Ambrose*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 321, 323.

8. Exemplification of a Sentence given in Holland shall be read as Evidence here, to shew that such Sentence was given there, but no farther. *Mich.* 10 *Geo. 1. in Canc'*, *Anon.* 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 66.

9. A Bond for Performance of Articles, tho' cancelled, was made an Exhibit, and allowed as Evidence, to prove the Execution of the Articles, the Limitation being inserted, and recited in the Condition of the Bond. *Hil.* 12 *Geo. 1. Anon. Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 183.

10. The Rule of Evidence is the same in Equity as at Law; the proper Evidence of Surrenders, or Title to a Copyhold, is the Court Roll or a Copy of it, or it must appear they existed once, and are lost, &c. and so make way to go into parol Evidence. Per Lord Chancellor in *Casu Andrews and Waller*, Hil. Vac. 1733. Vin. Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (W. e.) Ca. 12.

An Infant's Answer by his Guardian is not Evidence against him, because the Infant is not sworn; and it is only for making proper Parties. *Ibid.* in a Note by the Editor. Cites *Cartbrow* 79.

11. An Infant's Answer cannot be given in Evidence against him, because it is not the Infant's Answer but the Guardian's, who only is sworn to it, and not the Infant. Hil. 1733, in the Case of *Wrottesley and Bendish*, said arg' 3 Will. Rep. 237.

But Lord Talbot would not give any Opinion whether the Answer might be read against the Wife, when Discoverd, or not. *Ibid.* 238. in S. C.

12. The Answer of a Feme Covert, no Evidence against her Husband. *Ibid.* 238.

13. A Deed was executed, and altered by Consent of Parties, and then re-executed; and per Cur', this Deed cannot be given in Evidence as a new Deed, unless it be stampd afresh, because the Alteration vacates the whole Deed. 8 Geo. 2. ——— and Lee, in Canc', MS. Rep.

14. Thomas Calvert, seised of Lands in Fee, had Issue two Sons, James and William, and one Daughter, E. In 1704 he mortgaged the Premises to Defendant, and died; and James went beyond Sea, and was never heard of. ——— Afterwards E. with her Husband conveyed the Equity of Redemption to the Plaintiff, who brought his Bill to redeem, and the only Evidence of James's Death was his Absence since 1704, and his not being heard of. Talbot, C. held this good Evidence to intend his Death, especially in the Case of a Mortgagee, for he has only a conditional Interest in the Land, and cannot be redeemed without paying Principal, Interest and Costs. Upon such Terms a Redemption was decreed to the Plaintiff. Hil. 8 Geo. 2, 1734. Maften and Cookson, MS. Rep.

15. A Bond or Mortgage is *prima facie* a good Evidence of a Debt; but where-ever there are manifest Signs of Fraud, the Obligee, &c. in such Case, he ought to prove actual Payment of the Money (a). Trin. 1734, per Lord Chan. Talbot in the Case of *Piddock and Brown et al'*, 3 Will. Rep. 288, 289.

(a) And tho' he may happen thereby to lose some Part of the Money really due to him, for want of being able to make sufficient Proof, this is but a just Punishment of him for the Fraud, which he plainly appears to have been guilty of, and will be a proper Discouragement to others from committing the like. Per Lord Chancellor. *Ibid.* 289.

16. Where a Bond is given, and no Interest appears to have been paid for twenty Years thereon, it is *presumptive* Evidence that the Bond has been satisfied, unless something appears to answer the Length of Time (b). Per Lord Chan. Talbot, who said this was the Rule. Mich. 1735. *Humphreys and Humphreys*, 3 Will. Rep. 395, 396.

(b) The producing a Receipt for Interest within twenty Years, indorsed on the Bond by the Obligee, (tho' the Time when such Receipt was written and signed, did not appear, otherwise than by the Indorsement itself) has been held sufficient to take off the Presumption of Payment. *Ibid.* 397. in a Note by the Editor, who cites the Case of *The Lord Barrington v. Searle*, in Parliament, Feb. 1730, upon a Writ of Error from the Exchequer Chamber.

(C) In what Cases parol or collateral Evidence shall be admitted.

1. **C**ollateral Proof shall not be admitted against the express Words of a Will, but the Intent of a Trust may be supplied by Proof. *Per* Lord Chancellor, *East*. 1680. *Chamberlaine and Chamberlaine*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 52, 53.

2. Where the Surplus is not disposed of by the Will, parol Evidence may be admitted, to shew that the Testator intended to give the Surplus to his Executor, it being only to rebut an Equity, arising by Implication in favour of the next of Kin. *Hil.* 1709. *Lady Dowager Granville and Dutcheß Dowager of Beaufort*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 114, 115.

3. Parol Evidence, when concurring with the Conveyance, and only to rebut a pretended resulting Trust, shall be admitted to shew the Intention of the Party. *Per* Lord Chan. *Cowper*, *Mich.* 1709. *Lamplugh and Lamplugh*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 113.

4. Parol Evidence admitted to prove the Intention of the Devisor, where doubtful. 13 *Feb.* 1710. *Docksey and Docksey*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (G. a. 2.) *Ca.* 24.

5. A. devised particular Lands to his Executors, to be sold for Payment of all his proper Debts, and gave Direction to the Person who drew the Will, to give all his personal Estate to his Executors; but, by Mistake, that was omitted, tho' proved by the Person who drew the Will. *Harcourt*, C. decreed the Executors to account for the personal Estate, saying, he must construe the Intent of the Testator out of the Words of the Will, and not upon parol Evidence. *Mich.* 12 *Ann. MS. Rep.*

the Will was cited *Littlebury and Buckley (a)* in *Dom. Proc.*; and *per* Lord Chancellor, parol Evidence in that Case was admitted, because the parol Evidence there was an Affirmance of the Right at Common Law, in Opposition to a Presumption in Equity, that where the Executor had a specifick Legacy, the Surplus was not intended to be given to him; but in this Case the parol Evidence is to controul the Common Law, and give the personal Estate to the Executor, which is Assets at Common Law to pay Debts. *Ibid.*

(a) 1 *Eq. Ca. Abr. Tit. Executors and Administrators*, (D) *Ca.* 9. P. 245.

6. A Devise was to a Son by Name, and his Christian Name was mistaken, but it being added, *such a Son in the Service of the Duke of Savoy*, parol Evidence was admitted, and this Son, tho' his Name was mistaken, had the Estate. Cited *per* Lord Chancellor, *East*. 9 *Geo. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (G. a. 2.) *Ca.* 33.

Evidence may be admitted to prove which was

7. A. devised Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, to pay some Annuities, &c. and willed, *That what remained should go to his Heirs for ever, on the Part of his Mother*. N. B. This Estate descended from the Grandmother to his Mother, and from her to him. Lord Chancellor admitted parol Proof to be given, that he designed the Heir by the Grandmother, the Estate coming from her; and decreed that the Trustees should convey to Grandmother's Heir (b). *East*. 9 *Geo. Anon. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (G. a. 2.) *Ca.* 33.

a parte materna) are no more than a Declaration that the Trustees should not take, and the Lands shall descend according to the old Uses, as if these Words had not been in the Will. But this Will would have had another Construction, if there had been any Alteration of the old Use by a Settlement. *Ibid.*

Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (G. a. 2.) *Ca.* 25. *Gale and Crofts*, *Mich.* 12 *Ann. S. C. and P.* As to the parol Evidence of the Intent of the Testator *dehors*,

So if two Persons of the same Name, Father and Son, it shall be intended of Father, but meant. *Ibid.*

(b) These Words, (shall go and come to my Heirs

8. Where

2 *Mod. Cases*
in *Law and*
Eq. Trin.
1722. S. C.
P. 9.

8. Where an express Legacy is given to the Executor, without any further Words, nothing given for his Care and Pains, parol Evidence may, in such Case, be admitted of the Testator's Intention, but not where Words following declare a Trust. *Per Powis, J.* in the Absence of Lord Chan. *Macclesfield. Trin. 1723. in Casu Rashfield and Careless, 2 Will. Rep. 161.*

9. Where the Will explains itself, no Evidence *dehors* shall be admitted. *Per Cur'*, in S. C. 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 9.*

10. *A.* makes a Will, and an Executor, and gives a Legacy of 500*l.* to the Executor, but makes no Disposition of the Surplus. Parol Evidence of the Intention and Declaration of the Testator, touching the Surplus, was admitted. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Hil. 1723. Duke of Rutland et al. and Dutcheffs of Rutland, 2 Will. Rep. 210.*

2 *Mod. Cases*
in *Law and*
Eq. 10. S. C.
cited.

11. Parol Evidence was to prove which Heir was intended, *viz.* whether the Heir of the Mother's Mother's Side, or the Heir of the Mother's Father's Side. *East. 1723. Harris and The Bishop of Lincoln, 2 Will. Rep. 135.*

12. *A.* possessed of a considerable personal Estate, by Will devised several Legacies, but gave none to his Executor. Held clearly, that no parol Evidence could be admitted to prove that the Testator did not intend that the Executor should have the Residue of his personal Estate, for that this would not be to admit Evidence to oust an Implication, but to contradict the Rule of Law, and what appeared on the Face of the Will. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Lady Osborn and Villiers, 2 New. Abr. 426.*

13. A Presbyterian, who had three Infant Daughters bred up that Way, and had three Brothers Presbyterians, makes his Will, appointing his Brothers, and also a Clergyman of the Church of *England*, Guardians to his three Infant Daughters, and dies, having sent his eldest Daughter to his next Brother. The Clergyman gets the two other Daughters into his Custody, and places them at a Boarding School where they were bred according to the Church of *England*; and brought his Bill to have the eldest Daughter placed out with the other Daughters. The three Brothers, that were Presbyterians, brought their Bill to have the two Daughters delivered to them, offering parol Evidence that the Testator directed and declared he would have his Children bred up Presbyterians. *King, C.* declared, no Proof out of the Will ought to be admitted in the Case of a Devise of a Guardianship, any more than in the Case of a Devise of Land; and only directed a Master to inquire whether the School, at which the two younger Children were placed by the Clergyman, was a good and proper School for their Education, giving Liberty to all Parties to apply to the Court as there should be Occasion. *Trin. 1730. Storke and Storke, 3 Will. Rep. 51.*

14. On a Bill brought by the next of Kin to the deceased, against the Executors, for a Distribution, the Executors, in their Answer, set forth a Clause of the Will, whereby the Testator gave the Residuum of his Estate to the Poor of the Parish of *K. in Com' L.* It afterwards appeared that this Parish of *K.* was not *in Com' L.* but *in Com' N.* and that the Testator really thought that this Residuum would not amount to above 10*l.* and that he declared so at the Time of making his Will, whereas it amounted to near 1000*l.* His *Honour's* Opinion was, That parol Evidence ought to be admitted to help out the Description of the Parish, and that this was a settled Rule in Equity; and therefore that the Parish of *K. in Com' N.* were well intitled under the Will, but that such Evidence ought not to be admitted in relation to the

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the Quantity of the Thing devised; and therefore he thought the Parish intitled to the Will. Bill dismissed. *Hil. 5 Geo. 2. 1731. Brown et al' and Longley et al', 2 Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 118.*

15. Where parol Evidence, touching the Testator's Intention, is not to be admitted, and why. *Vide the Case of Fowler and Fowler, East. 1735. 3 Will. Rep. 353.*

(D) (a) **Of examining Witnesses in Chief, and De bene esse, and establishing their Testimony in Perpetuam rei Memoriam; — Of publishing, reading, amending, and suppressing their Depositions (b).**

(a) *Vide ante the several Divisions under this Head.*

(b) *Witnesses examined in a*

Commission *after the Demise of the Crown*, but *before Notice thereof*, liable to be indicted for Perjury if they swear falsely (c). *3 Will. Rep. 196.*—See *1 Ann. Stat. 1. cap. 8. s. 5.* whereby this Matter is now put out of Dispute, it being by that Act provided *inter al'*, “That no Commission or Proceedings, *issuing out of any Court of Equity*, shall be discontinued by the Death of her Majesty, or any King or Queen.”

(c) *Vide Cro. Car. 97. Crew v. Vernon, 1 Will. Rep. 568.*

1. **A** Witness alledged he had mistaken himself at a Commission; the Commission being returned, he came to *London* and made Oath that he was surprized; a special Commission issued to re-examine him, which was done accordingly; but this special Commission was suppressed by Motion. *Per his Honour*, with the Advice of the Six Clerks, as contrary to the Practice of the Court. *15 Car. 2. Anon. MS. Rep.*

2 Freem. Rep. 178. 28 Jan. 15 Cha. 2. Randall and Richford, S. C. accord'.

2. Witnesses may be examined *before Replication*, if the Plaintiff doth, not else. *24 Car. 2. Ca. 168. 2 Freem. Rep. 136.*

3. The Plaintiff had an Order to prove a Deed *viva voce*; at the Hearing not allowed to prove the Witnesses Hands, they being dead. But his *Honour* gave Liberty to examine in the Office to prove the Deed, tho' Publication was passed. *Mick. 1696. Bloxton and Drewit, Prec. in Chan. 64.*

4. A Witness dies after Examination, but before such Examination is signed by him. His *Honour*, upon advising with the Master then in Court, denied the making Use of the Depositions, as being imperfect (c). *East. 1718. Copeland and Stanton, 1 Will. Rep. 414.*

(c) *After a Witness is*

fully examined, the Examinations are read over to him, and the Witness is at Liberty to amend or alter any Thing; after which he signs them, and then, (but not before), the Examinations are compleat, and good Evidence. *Ibid. 415. inserted by the Reporter.*

5. Plaintiff examined Witnesses *De bene esse*, and afterwards examined them *in Chief*, and the Cause was heard; but the Court taking Time to consider of it, and the Defendant observing that some of the Witnesses examined by the Plaintiff to prove the Will in Question, (which was by the Plaintiff alledged to be made by Defendant's Father subsequent to that Will, under which the Defendant claimed) had confessed that they would not swear the Defendant's Father did ever sign the said Will, and that yet the same Witnesses, when examined *in Chief*, had sworn positively the Defendant's Father did sign the Will; and the Defendant having Reason to believe that the Witnesses

His Lordship observed that it was admitted on both Sides, that what was asked for, (viz. the Publication of the Depositions taken De bene esse) was never yet done, and it being without any Precedent,

there ought to be very good Reasons to prevail with the Court to do it. That the Reason why the Court allows the taking of Depositions *De bene esse*, is, either for a Contempt of the Party in not answering, and thereby preventing the joining of Issue, or else, where the Party is in Danger of losing his Witnesses in Case of Death, by reason of Sickness or Age, so that there may be Ground to apprehend their not living to be examined *in Chief*; but if these Witnesses do live and are examined *in Chief*, their Depositions *De bene esse* shall fall to the

Ground, and, when examined *De bene esse*, did not swear so fully as they had been prevailed upon to do when examined *in Chief*, petitioned Lord C. Parker that these Depositions *De bene esse* might be published, or at least that his Lordship would be pleased to have them brought before him for his Inspection; which in this Case Lord Somers and Lord Cowper had done, in order to satisfy themselves whether the Cause which had slept so long as Years, should proceed or no; but his Lordship dismissed the Petition, refusing to publish the Depositions taken *de bene esse*. *Trin. 1719. Cann and Cann, 1 Will. Rep. 567.*

any ways made use of against the Witness so examined *De bene esse*, such Witness ought to have a Copy of the Depositions before he is examined *in Chief*, to the Intent that he may have due cautionary Means allowed him to prevent his contradicting himself, which is always done in the like Cases; also many Questions might arise, if it should happen that the Depositions *De bene esse* were quite contradictory to the Depositions *in Chief*; for his Lordship said, he did not think it would be *Perjury* at Law (a), there being *no Issue joined*, as there must be before the Depositions are taken *in Chief*.—And as to seeing these Depositions himself, his Lordship said, it was true Lord Somers and Lord Cowper did order Copies to be brought to them to inspect, but that was for the better enabling them to judge whether the Plaintiff in those Causes, after so long a Time elapsed since the Commencement of them, and so many Transactions in them, should be allowed after the Plea to proceed to a Hearing; but his Lordship said, as this Cause has since proceeded to a Hearing, for him to read these Depositions *De bene esse* in his Study, if he should there form any Judgment upon them, it would be strange that That should guide him, which nobody else was to know any Thing of. *Ibid. 568, 569.* (a) *Vide Cro. Car. 352. 2 Inst. 167.* And yet it seems as if such Depositions, taken *De bene esse*, upon a Bill to perpetuate the Testimony of Witnesses where there is no Issue joined, on the Death of the Witness may be read in Evidence. *Carth. 265.*—*Vide P. Ca. of this Work.*

6. The Defendant, after an Order for Publication, examined a Witness, and then conceiving himself irregular, (it being after Publication) got an Order (upon Petition and Affidavit from himself, his Clerk in Court and Solicitor, that they had not nor would see any of the Depositions) to re-examine this Witness, but before there could be a Re-examination, the Witness died, and upon Affidavit of this, Lord Chan. Parker ordered, that the Defendant might make use of the Deposition, the Re-examination of him having been prevented by the Act of God. *Mich. 1723. Debrox and —, 11 Will. Rep. 415.*

2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 133. S. C. says, that the Bill was for to redeem a Mortgage made in Anno 1636. And upon a Motion for Publication of

the Depositions, the Question was, Whether a Deposition taken *De bene esse* on a Commission formerly issued to examine Witnesses, and taken before the Defendant had answered, or *Issue joined* in that Cause, should be now read at the Hearing of this Cause; and according to the Resolution in *Brown's Case*, *Harden's Rep. 315.* it ought not. Says, it was said *pro Quer.*, and admitted to be true, that where the Delay is made by a Defendant so that a Witness cannot be examined *in Chief*, he either *losing his Memory*, or *dying before he can be examined in Chief*, in such Case his Depositions taken *De bene esse* may be read; but if the Delay is on both Sides, they shall never be read against the Defendant, because he loses the Benefit of cross-examining the Witnesses. That in the principal Case, there was a greater Delay made by the Plaintiff than by the Defendant, for the Bill was filed against him when he was in Italy, and as soon as he returned, in December, &c. he put in his Answer, which was filed 10 Feb. following. That as soon as the Replication came in (which was 28 April following) Defendant rejoined, and on the 2d of June gave Commissioners Names; but Plaintiff did not join in Commission till the 28th of said June, so that the greatest Delay was on his Side.—Says it was moved, that Publication of the Depositions *in perpetuam rei Memoriam* might pass, and might be read at the Hearing of the Cause, the Witnesses being since dead; but the Court would give no Opinion as to this, but ordered that Publication should pass, saying, if the Plaintiff thought fit, he might make this Objection in proper Time. *Ibid. 133, 134.*

8. So where a Witness was examined *De bene esse*, and lived eight Months after, in which Time she might have been examined *in Chief*, but she died without being examined, it was held that these Depositions *De bene esse* should not be read in Evidence. *Ibid. 134.*

9. A Witness examined on a Commission swears reflecting Words, yet he ought not to pay Costs, it being the Commissioners Fault to take down such Depositions. *Per King, C: Hil. 1726. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 406.* The Reporter says, *Quare*, If the Interrogatory had led to it? For it seems

in the *principal* Case it did not, it being the last general Interrogatory. *Ibid.*

10. A Witness was ordered to be examined *De bene esse*, where the Thing examined into lay only in the Knowledge of the Witness, and was a Matter of great Importance, tho' the Witness was not proved to be *old* or *infirm*. *King, C: Mich. 1730. Shirley et al' and Com' Ferres, 3 Will. Rep. 77.*

11. On a Petition to amend the Deposition of a Witness, the Witness and the Examiner were ordered to attend, and the Examiner, being examined by *Lord Chancellor*, swore, he took the Deposition truly from the Mouth of the Witness, to whom he distinctly read it, and then the Witness subscribed his Name. The Witness being examined, did not swear positively that the Examiner had taken his Deposition false, but that he was induced to believe he did not express himself in the same Manner the Deposition was taken, and was *positive* he did not intend or mean to swear as the Examiner had taken it down, but really as the Amendment desired; and that the same was what he had before declared in Conversation, and also what another Witness in the Cause had positively swore. *Lord Chan. King* said, that where it appeared that either the *Examiner* is mistaken in the taking, or the *Witness* in making the Deposition, he thought it was for the Advancement of Truth and Justice to amend it, and the sooner this is done the better, in regard the Witness may be dead, or in remote Parts before the Hearing. It would be unjust to pin a Witness down to what is a Mistake, by denying to rectify it; and as to the amending of it after Publication, the Mistake could not be known before. Wherefore his *Lordship* ordered it to be amended; and the Witness to swear it over again. *Mich. 1731. Griells and Gansell, 2 Will. Rep. 646.*

12. A Commission was granted to examine Witnesses at *Algiers*, and Plaintiff died, by which the Suit abated, but the Witnesses were examined before Notice of the Plaintiff's Death; the Examination (a) held regular, tho' A. (b) one of the Witnesses, was living. *Per Lord Chan. King. Trin. 1733. Thompson's Case, 3 Will. Rep. 195.*

Burch and Maypowder. (b) It was insisted that the Deposition of A. who was living, and might be examined over again, might be suppressed, but this was denied. *Per Lord Chancellor. Ibid. 196.*

13. After the *Defendant* has been examined on Interrogatories, (touching a Deed suspected to be in his Custody, which he deny'd) and Publication passed, the *Plaintiff* ought not to have a Commission to examine Witnesses, in order to falsify the Defendant's Examination; tho' the Master, before whom the Defendant was examined, certified that he thought it reasonable the Plaintiff should have a Commission. *Hil. 1735. Smith and Turner, 3 Will. Rep. 413.*

examining the Party himself, yet the examining Witnesses after Publication passed, especially where it may relate to the Matter in Issue, is against the Rule of the Court, and may be greatly inconvenient, and make Causes endless. *Ibid.*

And his *Lordship* said, that at this Rate three or four Causes might spring out of one; and that tho' there could be no Michief in

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Executors and Administra- tors.

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(A) An Executor is considered as a Trustee.

But the Executrix in this Case having married, and so put herself under the Power of her Husband, his Lordship said, *I. AN* Executor is a Person intrusted by the Law with the Testator's personal Estate, and therefore, if there does not appear to be some *Insolvency* in the Executor, or some gross Design to waste the Testator's Effects, or to go into another Kingdom, Equity will not take the Securities out of his Hands. *Per Lord Chancellor in Casu Clare and Almuty, Trin. 7 Ann. MS. Rep.*

he would hear any Affidavit against him; and accordingly an Affidavit was produced to this Effect: *That the*

the Husband was the younger Son of a Man of a small Estate, in Ireland, and no visible Substance, and that they feared he might waste the Testator's Effects, and go over into Ireland. But his Lordship held, that this was not sufficient. Note; The Master of the Rolls having ordered, upon an interlocutory Decree, that the Testator's Securities should be lodged in a Master's Hands, now upon an Appeal his Lordship reversed that Part of the Decree.——Another MS. Rep. S. C.

2. An Executor from his Name is but a *Trustee*, he being to execute his Testator's Will, and therefore called an Executor; and this is the Reason why the Spiritual Court cannot compel a Distribution; *because they cannot enforce the Execution of a Trust. Per Parker, C. Trin. 1719, in the Case of Farrington and Knightly, 1 Will. Rep. 549.*

3. An Executor is a *Trustee* for the *Legatee*, with respect to the Legacy; and this is the *only* Reason why the Legatee may bring his Bill in Equity against the Executor for his Legacy, supposing it to be a Trust. *Per Parker, C. in Casu Wind and Jekyl and Albone. Mich. 1719. Ibid. 575.*

4. It is a fundamental Rule in Equity, that an Executor is but a Trustee. *Per Powis, J. sitting for Lord Chancellor. Trin. 1723. 2 Will. Rep. 161.*

(B) Concerning the Probate of Wills (a).

(a) *Vide Tit. Wills, P.*

1. A BILL was brought by B.'s Executor to be relieved against a Legacy of 100 *l.* claimed by Defendant, as given her by B.'s Will. This 100 *l.* Legacy was interlined in the Will by a different Hand, and supposed to have been done by Defendant herself when she was left in the Room alone with the Corpse, in which Room the Will was. But forasmuch as the Will was proved by the Plaintiff the Executor in a proper Court, that had a proper Jurisdiction (it relating only to a personal Estate) and more especially for that the Executor might have proved the Will in the Spiritual Court, with a proper Reservation as to *this* Legacy, Lord Chan. Cowper said, his Remedy must be there, and the Bill with Costs. *Mich. 1717. Plume and Beale, 1 Will. Rep. 388.*

2. A Person who proved a Will in the Spiritual Court, by which he swears the Testator was of sound Memory, after controverts the same at Law as to the real Estate; upon which an Issue was directed *Compos* or *non Compos*, and found *non Compos*. *Ap. 1, 1717. Montague and Maxwell, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (B. 6.) Ca. 9.*

3. Will concerning *personal* Estate proved in the Spiritual Court; Respondent having a *former* Will in his Favour, brings a Bill to discover by what Means the latter was obtained, and to have an Account of the personal Estate, and whether the Testator was *incapable* or *imposed* upon. Defendant demurred, Because it belonged to the Spiritual Court only to prove the Validity of Wills, and the *former* Will was not proved in the Spiritual Court as the Will in his Favour was. The Demurrer was over-ruled. *Note; It was mentioned in the Respondent's Case, that the Appellant, who was the Executor of the approved Will, was only in the Nature of a Trustee for the Respondent. Feb. 6, 1723. Andrews and Powis, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (B. 6.) Ca. 11.*

4. Executor of a Will which was obtained by Fraud, but proved in the Spiritual Court. Decreed, as to so much of the Will as subjected the Lands for Payment of Debts, it should stand; but as to the rest, the Executor to be a *Trustee* for the *Devisee* of the *former* Will.

By Lord Chancellor, but reversed 11 Mar. 1727. *Kerrick and Bransby, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. 2.) Ca. 14.*

5. Where a Bill is to prove a Will of Lands, the Sanity of the Testator must be proved; *secus* in the Case of a Deed of Trust, to sell for Payment of Debts. *Per Sir Jos. Jekyll, Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1730, in the Case of Harris and Ingledew, 3 Will. Rep. 93.*

6. A Deed may be proved *viva voce* at the Hearing, but no Order can be made for proving a Will. *Per his Honour in the above Case. Ibid.*

7. *A.* by Will devised an Estate to be by them disposed of by Sale, and to distribute the Money among her Children and Grandchildren, as therein directed; and, amongst the rest, the Sum of 100 *l.* to *B.* her only Son, who was a Lunatick; and made *C.* her Daughter Executrix, who, soon after *A.*'s Death, proved her Will in the Ecclesiastical Court. On the Death of *A.* the Lunatick had an Estate of 100 *l. per Annum* descended to him, and is now under a Committee appointed by the Court of Chancery, and his Children have been educated and maintained by the said Committee, and have not any other Provision but what is devised by *A.*'s Will, and therefore the Trustees named in the Will exhibited their Bill against the Lunatick, to prove the said Will *per Testes*, and to have the said Trusts thereof performed and executed; which Cause being at Issue, and several Witnesses examined, At the Hearing Lord Chancellor declared, that the Will was well proved. 9 Ap. 1730. *Luther and Kerby, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (B. 4.) Ca. 15.*

8. Tho' it be proper to prove a Will of Lands in Equity, especially in Case of a *modern* Will, yet the same is not absolutely necessary to make out the Title, any more than it would be to prove a Deed in Equity, by which the Estate is settled from the Heir at Law after the Ancestor's Death. *Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 1733, in the Case of Colton and Wilson et al', 3 Will. Rep. 192.*

(C) In what Cases and to Whom Administration (a) shall be granted;—Of Administration de bonis Non;—And of joint Administration, &c.

(a) Administration is granted, and one Bond is taken upon the granting

it; another Administration Bond in a farther Penalty cannot afterwards be taken. *East. 1740, in Case Havers and Havers, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 24.*

1. **T**HE Residue of my Goods I give to my loving Executor, (with a Blank). Administration must be granted. *East. 1681. Winne and Littleton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (C) Ca. 26.*

2. *A.* had taken Securities in his own Name, In Trust for *B.* for divers Sums of Money, and makes *C.* his Executor, and dies. *B.* assigns the Money and all Bonds taken in *A.*'s Name, In Trust for him to *D.* and then dies *intestate*. *E.* Administrator to *B.* assigns his Letters of Administration to *D.* and then *E.* dies *intestate*. *F.* Daughter of *E.* and Wife of *C.* the Defendant, takes Letters of Administration of the Goods of *B.* *unadministered by E.* her Father. *D.* prefers a Bill against *C.* as Executor to *A.* the Trustee. *C.* claims in Right of his Wife. Holden, upon a Plea and Demurrer in Chancery, by North, Lord Keeper, that the Interest of *E.* well passed by the Assignment of his Letters of Administration to *D.* And so likewise

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holden at a *Hearing* before the *Master of the Rolls*. And so decreed. *East. 1 Jac. 2. B. R. Mason and Good at the Rolls, Skin. Rep. 232.*

3. If a Wife be intitled to a distributive Share of the Estate of a Person dying intestate, and dies within a Year, 'tis an Interest vested and goes to her Husband, or other Representative. *Cartb. 51.*—So in general of any other Person intitled. *Ibid.*

4. Rent of 60 *l.* being due to *A.* he died intestate, leaving *B.* his Administrator. *B.* and the Tenant account, and the Tenant pays *B.* 29 *l.* and gives him a Note for 31 *l.* and then died intestate; and the Question was, Whether the Administrator of *B.* or the Administrator *de bonis Non* of *A.* should have this Rent? Ruled that *B.*'s Administrator should have it, for by taking a Note for it he had altered the Property, so as to make it due to him in his own Right, unless there had been any Debts of the first Intestate unpaid, and then this Court would have made it liable to satisfy those Debts. *Mich. 1687. Anon. in Canc', 2 Freem. Rep. 100.*

Vern. 473. Ca. 463. Barker and Talcot and Shaw, S. C. held accord'.

5. *A.* died intestate, leaving Issue *B.* and *C.* his personal Estate being valued at about 3500 *l.* *C.* agreed to take 1500 *l.* for her Share, and that *B.* should take Administration, and she releases her Right to the personal Estate. *B.* paid the 1500 *l.* and dies, and makes *D.* his Executor, and devises to him all his personal Estate, there being 1000 *l.* out upon Bond of *A.*'s Estate. The Question was, Whether *D.* *B.*'s Executor, or *C.* the Daughter, who was since married to *E.* should have Administration? And the Judge of the Prerogative Court gave it to *D.* which Sentence was affirmed by the Delegates, because, they said, that *D.* as Executor of *B.* was in Equity intitled to all Benefit of the personal Estate of *A.* by reason of the Agreement. *Mich. 1689. Young and Peirce, 1 Freem. Rep. 496.*

6. *A.* had four Daughters, *B. C. D.* and *E.* and, after having given some Legacies, devised his real and personal Estate among his said Daughters equally, and died. *E.* married *F.* and afterwards *B.* died intestate. *F.* assigned over all his Wife's Share of *B.*'s Estate (consisting of *Choses en Action*) to *G.* and then *E.* his Wife, died. *F.* married again, and died intestate; his second Wife took out Administration to him, and also to *E. de bonis Non* administered by *F.* The Question was, Who was intitled to *E.*'s Share of *B.*'s Estate, the Assignment being without a valuable Consideration, and only in Trust, and *F.* the Husband, not having taken out Administration? And *Cowper, C.* thought the Property bound by the Assignment, tho' voluntary, because of the Delays that might be used before he could recover in Equity, which ought not to prejudice him; and that the Exception in the Stat. 29 Car. 2. c. 3. sect. 25. does not confine it to the Life of the Husband, or to the Circumstance of his having reduced any Part of the Wife's personal Estate into Possession, but provides that no Part of her Estate shall be distributed among her Relations after her; and decreed *E.*'s Share of *B.*'s personal Estate to the Administrator of *F.* *Mich. 1717. Squib and Wyn, 1 Will. Rep. 378.*

7. A Wife died possessed of *Choses en Action*, and the Husband survived, and died without taking out Letters of Administration to his Wife; after which, the next of Kin of the Wife administered to her. And Lord Cha. Parker held, that the Wife's Administrator was but a Trustee for the Executor of the Husband, the Right to the Wife's *Choses en Action* being by the Statute of Distribution vested in the Husband as next of Kin to the Wife; and whereas there is a Proviso in 29 Car. 2. saying, that the Statute of Distribution shall not extend to the Estate of *Feme Coverts* that die intestate, but that their Husbands may have Administration of their

their *personal* Estate as before the making the Act, his *Lordship* said, this Clause was made *in Favour of the Husband*, and *not to his Prejudice*; so that it was intended by the Parliament that the Husband should be within the Statute of Distribution so as to take the Wife's *Choses en Action* as to his Benefit, but should not be within the same as to his Prejudice; and that this was not a new Point, but had been settled, and upon very good Reason; for were the Construction to be otherwise, the Husband of the Wife intestate would be in a worse Case than the next of Kin, tho' ever so remote, which was not the Intent of the Statute. *1 Mich. (a) 1718.* Cites it as the Case of *Cart*

(a) *Towis*

27 Nov.--The and *Reeves*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 381.

Reporter adds,

that Mr. *Vernon* cited the Case of *Lady Aiscough*, wherein he said, Lord *Cowper's* Opinion was the same with Lord *Parker's*, (*viz.*) that the Wife's *Choses en Action* did vest in the Husband by the Statute of Distribution; so that since this Resolution the Right of Administration follows (includes) the Right of the Estate, and ought, in Case of the Husband's Death after the Wife, to be granted to the next of Kin to the Husband, in the same Manner as it is granted to a residuary Legatee. *Ibid.* 382.—If an Husband survive his Wife, all Interests vested in her belong to him, and altho' he dies without getting them in, or taking out Administration to her, yet they belong to his Representatives, and not to her's (b). *MS. Rep. Anon.* (b) *Quære* Term and Year.

(b) *Vide* the Case of *The Duke of Rutland* and *The Dutchess of Rutland*.

8. If I make *A.* my Executor, and say no more, and *A.* dies intestate without disposing, in his Life-time, of his *personal* Estate (b), my next of Kin, and not the next of Kin of my Executor, shall have Administration *de bonis Non*, together with all my *personal* Estate. *Per Parker, C. in Casu Farrington and Knightly, Trin. 1719. 1 Will. Rep.* 553.

9. If *A.* and *B.* severally make their Wills, and make *C.* Executor, and *A.* gives him the Surplus of his *personal* Estate; but *B.* does not; and then *C.* dies intestate; in this Case the *personal* Estate of *A.* and *B.* shall go several Ways, for the Administrator of *C.* is admitted to the Administration of the *personal* Estate of *A.* but the next of Kin to *B.* are to have Administration to him, and will be intitled to his *personal* Estate, which proves *C.* as to that was but a Trustee. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, in Casu Farrington and Knightley, Trin. 1721. Prec. in Chan.* 567.

10. By the *Civil* Law the Father or Mother make one Degree, the Grandfather or Grandmother two Degrees, and the Uncle or Aunt three Degrees; but if you go one Degree further, and reckon to the Great Grandfather or Great Grandmother, they are in equal Degree with the Uncle or Aunt, as they are in the third Degree, in direct Lines with the Uncle or Aunt, who are in the third Degree in the Collateral Line; for you must reckon thro' the Grandfather or Grandmother to come at the Uncle or Aunt, and then they are just in the same Degree of Remove from the Nephew or Niece in the Collateral Line, as the Great Grandfather or Great Grandmother are in the direct ascending Line. But the Computation by the *Canon* Law is different. *Per his Honour, Trin. 1722, in the Case of Mentney and Petty (c), Prec. in Chan.* 593.

(c) *Vide* this Case, *P. Ca.*

11. If an Executor dies intestate, so much of the Testator's *personal* Estate as remains unadministred must go the Testator's next of Kin, *viz.* to the Administrator *de bonis Non*, &c. and not to the Administrator of the Executor. *Per Powis, J. who sat for Lord Chancellor, Trin. 1723, in the Case of Rackfield and Careless, 2 Will. Rep.* 161.

12. If a Man marries an Executrix and she dies intestate, the Testator's *personal* Estate must go to the Administrator *de bonis Non*, and not to the Husband. *Per Powis, J. in S. C. who said it was so determined in the Case of Lady Asty, Executrix of Sir Samuel Asty, who had married Mr. Harcourt. Ibid.* 13. If

13. If an *Executor dies intestate*, all the personal Estate, the *Property whereof is not altered*, shall go to the Administrator *de bonis Non, &c.* and not to the next of Kin of the Executor, because, from the Time the Executor dies intestate, the first Testator dies intestate also, and it was the Executor's own Fault that he did not, as he might, alter the Property. *Per King, C. in the Case of Attorney General and Hooker, and Somner and Hooker. Hil. 1725. 2 Will. Rep. 340.*

14. Notwithstanding the Statute of H. 8. Administrations have been granted to the principal Creditor from the next of Kin, by the Opinion of both *Civil and Common Lawyers*, where it is visible that the next of Kin cannot have any Advantage or Benefit of the Estate; and this has been always taken to be out of the Statute. *Per Lord Chan. King. Mich. Vac. 1725. Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (K) Ca. 24.*

15. His Honour held, that if a *Son dies intestate*, or a *Wife*, the *Husband of such Wife* and the *Father of such Son* are intitled to the whole of the personal Estate, and to Administration; and if *such Husband or Father dies before Administration granted to them*, yet the personal Estate of their Intestate was an Interest vested in them, and shall be Part of their personal Estate, and Administration shall be granted to the Representative of such Husband or Father; for the *Spiritual Court regards the Property* in granting Administration; and his Honour said, this Point had been solemnly determined, as above. *East. Vac. 1729. Bacon and Bryant, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (K) Ca. 25.*

16. A *Bastard dies intestate*, without Wife or Issue. The King is intitled, and the Ordinary of Course grants Administration to the *Patentee of the Crown*. *Hil. Vac. 1729. Jones and Goodchild, 3 Will. Rep. 33.*

17. *A. makes his Will*, and *B. and C. Executors*, and left his Wife principal Legatee. *B. and C. died intestate*. The Wife, as principal Legatee, may take Administration; but if she will not, her *After-Husband* may; and tho' the Wife and the After-Husband were divorced *a Mensa & Thoro*, yet upon a *Reconciliation*, tho' but for a few Days, he shall be restored to the Right, notwithstanding any Decree, during the Divorce, to the contrary. *Hil. 4 Geo. 2. B. R. Vantkienen and Vantkienen, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 203.*

18. If an Executor dies *intestate* before *Probate*, the Representative of the Testator is intitled to Administration; but if I am appointed an Executor, and likewise Legatee of the personal Estate, there being an express Gift to me, I take as Legatee, and consequently, upon my Death, my Representative will be intitled to Administration, an Interest being vested in me in my own Right in the one Case, but nothing at all in the other until I have converted it. *Vide Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 209.*

19. Administration granted to two, and one dies, the Administration survives to the other. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, on hearing Civilians, 30 July 1735. Ibid.* *Vide P. Ca.*

20. Administration granted in a *Foreign Court* (as at *Paris*) is not taken Notice of in our Courts. Said *arg'*, *Trin. 1735. Tourton and Flower et al', 3 Will. Rep. 371.*

21. A Woman, intitled to a *Chose en Action*, marries and dies; the Husband takes out Administration to her, and dies before the Money is received. Administration is taken out to the Husband, and the Money is paid to his Administrator. Plaintiff takes out Administration to the Wife, and brings a Bill against the Husband's Administrator to repay the Money; and held that it was a Right vested in the Husband, im-

mediately on the Death of the Wife, and that her Administrator is only a Trustee for the Husband; and her Administrator bringing such Bill against the Person for whom he is a Trustee, is a Breach of Trust; and dismissed the Bill, with Costs. May 18, 1737. *Humphry and Bullen (a)*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (K) Ca. 26.—Says, that the same Point was so determined by Lord Macclesfield, Mich. 1718, in the Case of *Cart and Rees*. *Ibid*.

(a) *Vide ante*
P. C.
S. C. at large.

22. *A.* and *B.* two Bond Creditors, taking joint Letters of Administration. *A.* gets into his Hands best Part of the Assets, and retains for his own Debt against *B.* On a Bill by *B.* *A.* was decreed to account for the Reasons in the Margin. Per his Honour 28 Feb. 1738. *Chapman and Turner*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (D. 2.) Ca. 2.

In this Case the Question was, Whether *A.* by this had got such a legal Advantage as to be intitled to keep the Assets, and so *B.* lose his Debt? And per the Master of the Rolls: The Rule of this Court in Cases of Retainer is, unless the Party can shew a legal Right to retain, we never give it him; if he can shew a legal Right, we never take it away from him. The Question then is, Whether at Law this be a good Retainer? At Law, no doubt, an Executor or Administrator has a Right, in Case of Debts in equal Degree, to prefer one to another, and to retain for his own in the first Place against any other Creditor. The Reason is, not (as some of the Old Books say) because the Law leaves it to the Conscience of the Executor which Debts to prefer, for that, his Honour said, he took to be a fictitious Reason, being contrary to the general Principle of Law, for a Man to become judge in his own Cause, and be left to determine which Debt ought first to be paid, his own or another's. But the true Reason is, because if a Retainer were not allowed, an Executor, in Case of a Deficiency of Assets, would have no possible Way of obtaining Satisfaction for his Debt; for, at Law, there is no such Thing as splitting of Debts, or making a rateable Proportion; and therefore he cannot come in upon an Average with the rest of the Creditors, nor has the Advantage of another Creditor, who, bringing his Action in due Time, may recover his Debts, tho' there be not enough Assets at last to answer all Demands upon the Testator; for he cannot sue himself, so that this Privilege of retaining is founded on the Policy of the Common Law, that Executors may not be deprived of one Advantage without having another in Lieu of it; and that they may not be in a worse Condition than all Mankind besides. But this is not a Case between an Executor or Administrator and a Creditor, but between two joint Administrators, who are both in the same Condition in all Respects. Now here has been no Authority cited to support a Retainer by one Administrator against the other, nor did his Honour see how there ever could be one, because an Administrator can bring no Sort of Action against his Companion, wherein this Point might have been settled at Law; neither does the Reason of the Law justify such a Retainer, for Administrators are considered but as one Person in Law; the Possession of the one is the Possession of the other; the Receipt of one is the Receipt of the other; and therefore, the Retainer of one must be considered as the Retainer of the other, and must enure for the mutual Benefit in the Discharge of the Debts of both in Proportion. Then the Consequence would be very bad were a Retainer allowable in this Case, for Administrators must fight for the Assets, if getting the sole Possession would intitle either to a separate Right in them; so that as no legal Right of Retainer has been shewn, the Rule must take Place, That he who cannot retain in Law, cannot in Equity. That the Plaintiff was intitled to an equal Distribution of Assets, being an equal Creditor according to Conscience and Equity, and Defendant must be decreed to account. Per his Honour. *Ibid*.

(D) Of Administration durante Minori Ætate.

1. *A.* Who was Administrator durante Minori Ætate of two Infants, and intitled to a Share of the Intestate's Estate in his own Right, brought a Bill for a Discovery and Account, and proceeded to Examination of Witnesses, and then got his own Share, and let the Suit drop. After the Infant's coming of Age, 'twas moved to have the Benefit of these Proceedings, and to carry on the Cause; and Lord Keeper thought it reasonable, if it could be done, that they might not begin *de novo*, but thought the Suit quite dead, and at an End, by the Infant's coming of Age, whereby the Administration durante Minori Ætate determined, and asked the Bar, If any such Thing had been done? And it was answered, That the like had been once done by Lord Chan. Somers in the Case of *Davis and Davis*, where an Administrator durante Minori Ætate proceeded to a Decree and Account before the Master, and then the Infant coming of Age, and praying, it was allowed to go on, tho' much opposed, but here it would not be granted; for *Davis's* Case had proceeded to a Decree, and tho' the Plaintiff there was an Administrator durante Minori Ætate, yet it was *cum Testamento annexo*, which by him made some Difference; and the Infant

fant there had brought a Bill to have the Benefit of the said Proceedings, and offered to be bound by them. *Mich. 1701. Jones and Basset, Prec. in Chan. 174.*

2. Administration of an Intestate is granted to *A.* during the *Minority* of four Infants, (*donec aliquis eorum* should attain to twenty-one), one of whom being a Daughter, marries an *Husband, who is of Age*. The Administration is *not* determined, for that the *Husband* hath *no* Right to administer, because *not next of Kin to the Intestate*. *Per Lord Chan. King and Lord Chief Justice Raymond. Mich. 1730. Jones and Com' Stafford et al', 3 Will. Rep. 81.*

So if Administration be granted during the Minority of four Infants, and one of them should die before he comes to Age, this

will *not* determine the Administration; for the living Infants would not be of Age, and the other dying, during his Infancy, and not being in *Esse*, would be as out of the Case. *Per Lord Chan. King and Lord Chief Justice Raymond, ibid. 89.* contrary to the Opinion in *5 Co. Bundenel's Case*.———If Administration be granted during the *Minority* of *two* Infants, and *one* dies, yet the Administration continues. *East. 10 Jac. Anon. Brownl. Rep. 47.*

3. Where an Infant Executrix is under seventeen, and an Administration (*durante Minori Aetate*) is granted, if such Infant Executrix marries an Husband of full Age, this does *not* determine the Administration, by the Opinion of Lord Chan. King and Raymond, C. J. contrary to the Opinion in *5 Co. Prince's Case (a)*; and their *Lordships* strongly inclined against the Case in *5 Co.* the same not being taken Notice of in other *Cotemporary Reports*, as in *2 And. 132. Cro. Eliz. 718, 719. and 3 Leo. 278.* in all which Books *Prince's Case* is *reported*, and said, it was remarkable that the *Author* of the Book, intitled, *The Office of Executors*, P. 213. mentioning this Opinion, (in *5 Co.*) a little *marvels* thereat, considering, (as he observes) “ That these Things are managed in the *Spiritual Court*, and by that Law (the Canon) which intermeddles not with the Husband in the Wife's Case, and since by *that Law*, and *by our Common Law*, comes in *this Limitation of seventeen Years*. He adds, that he has seen that Case otherwise reported in this Point.” *Mich. 1730. 3 Will. Rep. 88.*

(a) Which says, that if an Infant Executrix takes Baron before seventeen, Administration *durante Minori Aetate* shall cease, if the Baron be of full Age.

4. An Administration *durante Minori Aetate* ought not to be committed to one that is very poor, *tho' she is Guardian and next of Kin to the Infant*. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke. East. 1740, in the Case of Havers and Havers, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 23.*

The Ordinary may grant Administration *durante Minori Aetate* to whom he

pleases. *Mich. 4 Geo. 2. B. R. The King and Bettefworth, Fitz-Gilb. Rep. 163.*——But *Vide* the Case of *Havers and Havers*, P. Ca. this Sort of Administration being not within the Statute. *Vide 3 Will. Rep. 89.* Where the Court of Chancery sees Reason to think, that there will be a *Misapplication* of the Effects of the Intestate, and an Abuse and Wasting, to the Prejudice of an Infant, by a limited Administrator, who is only a Trustee for the Infant, it is incumbent on the Court to take Care that the Infant be not prejudiced; and the Court will, in such Case, appoint a Receiver of the personal Estate, notwithstanding Administration is granted of it. *Per Lord Chancellor. Vide Barnard's Rep. in Chan. 24.*

(E) What the Executor shall have and not the Heir (b), et econt', (as well touching the Realty, as Chattels personal.)

(b) Vide Tit. Heir, P.

1. THE Heir of the Mortgagee exhibited a Bill to have the Mortgage redeemed, or else to be fore-closed. The Defendant demurred, Because the *Executor, who might have Title to the Money*, was not Party; and the Demurrer was allowed. *12 May 16 Car. 2. Freake and Horseley, 2 Freem. Rep. 180.*

2. The

Chan. Cases
284. S. C.
accord'.
Vide 1 Vol.
Abr. Eq. 326.
Ca. 2.

2. The Question was, Whether the *Heir* or *Executor* should have the Mortgage Money? And after Consideration it was resolved, That the Executor should have it; *per Finch*, Lord Keeper, the Mortgage being forfeited; tho' it was mentioned, that if the Mortgagor did pay, &c. to the Mortgagee, his *Heirs*, *Executors*, or *Administrators*, &c. because the Reason of the Common Law in these Cases ought, as near as may be, to be followed in Equity. Now by the Common Law, if the Condition or Defeazance of a Mortgage of Inheritance be so penned, that no Mention is made, either of *Heirs* or *Executors*, to whom the Money shall be paid, in that Case the Money ought to go to the Executors, in regard the Money came first out of the personal Estate, and therefore naturally returns thither again; but if the Defeazance appoints the Money to be paid either to the *Heirs* or *Executors*, there, by the Common Law, if the Mortgagor pays the Money precisely at the Day, he may elect to pay either to the *Heir* or *Executor*; but where the precise Day is past, and the Mortgage forfeited, all Election is gone, for, *in Law, there is no Redemption*; then when the Case is reduced to an Equity of Redemption, that Redemption is not to be upon Payment to the Heir or Executor of the Mortgagee at the Election of the Mortgagor; for it were against Equity to revive the Election, for then the Mortgagor might defer the Payment as long as he pleased, and at last force a Composition by Payment of the Money to that Hand which will use him best; much less can the Court elect or direct a Payment where they please, for a Power so arbitrary might be attended with many Inconveniencies; there ought, therefore, to be a certain Rule in these Cases, and a better cannot be chosen than to be as near the Rule and Reason of the Common Law as may be. Now the Law always gives the Money to the Executor, where no Person is named. And where the Election to pay either *Heir* or Executor is gone and forfeited in Law, it is all one in Equity as if neither Heir nor Executor were named; and then Equity ought to follow the Law, and give it to the Executor; for, in natural Justice and Equity, the principal Right to the Mortgagee is the Money, and his Right to the Land is only a Security for the Money; wherefore, when the Security descends to the Heir of the Mortgagee, attended with an Equity of Redemption, as soon as the Mortgagor pays the Money the Land belongs to him, and only the Money to the Mortgagee, which is merely personal, and so accrues to the Executor or Administrator of the Mortgagee; and for this Reason a Mortgage of Inheritance to a Citizen of *London* hath been held to be Part of his personal Estate, and divided according to the Custom; and tho' it may seem hard, that the Heir should be decreed to make a *Reconveyance* without having the Money which comes in Lieu of the Land, it will not seem so to them who consider that Land was no more than a Security, and that after Payment of the Money, the Law keeps a Trust for the Mortgagor, which the Heir of the Mortgagee is bound to execute. And his *Lordship* declared, that the Right to a Sum of Money, which is a personal Duty, ought always to be certain, and not to be variable upon Circumstances; wherefore his *Lordship* did not think it material that the Administrator in this Case had Assets without this Money; for Assets or not Assets is not the Measure of Justice to Executors or Administrators, but serves only a Pretence to favour the Heir, who either ought to have the Money, if there had been no Assets, or not to have it, if there be Assets; and for the same Reason his *Lordship* did

not think it material that there wanted the Circumstance of a personal Covenant for the Mortgagor to pay the Money; for, tho' the Case of the Administratrix of the Mortgagee had been stronger with it, yet it is strong enough without it; and his *Lordship* declared that he had considered the various Precedents in this Case which had been urged, wherefore one did not come to the very Point, there being a very great Difference between a Mortgage and an absolute Conveyance, with a Collateral Agreement to reconvey upon Repayment of the Purchase Money. The other late Precedents which made for the Heir, being contrary to the more ancient Precedents of this Court, and so some modern Proceedings also seemed to his *Lordship* of no Weight, his *Lordship* being of Opinion, that all Mortgages ought to be looked upon as Part of the personal Estate, unless the Mortgagee, in his Life-time, or by his Will, do otherwise declare or dispose of the same; and thereupon his *Lordship* decreed accordingly. 10 July 27 Car. 2. *Thornborough and Baker, MS. Rep.*—2 *Freem. Rep.* 143. S. C. accord'.

3. In a Case between the Heir and Executor of a Mortgagee, who should have the Money due upon a Mortgage forfeited, which was made to the Mortgagee and his Heirs, Lord Chan. Finch declared, First, that when upon a Mortgage Money is made payable to the Heir or Executor, there, before the Day, or at the Day of Payment, the Mortgagor has Election to pay it to which he pleases; but after the Day of Payment is over, and the Mortgage forfeited by Law, tho' Equity doth give the Mortgagor Relief, so as upon the Payment of the Money he shall have his Land, yet Equity will not revive the Election of the Mortgagor to pay it to the Heir or Executor, but then he shall be forced to pay it to the Executor, because it came out of the personal Estate of the Testator, and thither it shall return; but if in the Mortgage neither Heir nor Executor be mentioned, then, after the Death of the Mortgagee, the Law determines it to be paid to the Executor; and accordingly, in the principal Case, the Money was decreed to the Executor. *Mich.* 1676. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 12. Ca. 11.

A. mortgages in Fee to B. The Money not being paid at the Day, B. enters, and lending the Mortgagor more Money, re-enters the Mortgagor; Proviso, That if he did not pay 500l. at the Day, that then he should re-enter. B. dies, and his Heir releases the Condition to A. The Executor of B. prefers his Bill against A. the

Mortgagor and the Heir of B. the Mortgagee, to pay the Money. On Demurrer, Finch Lord C. took these Rules: First, Where a Man mortgages Land, with a Condition to be void upon Payment of Money at a Day, and neither Heir nor Executor is named, if the Party die before the Day, the Law construes this Payment to be paid to the Executor, for *Litt. Reason*, 1 *Inst.* 209. b. because this Money went out of the Mortgagee's personal Estate, and thither it shall return. Secondly, If Money be limited to be paid to the Mortgagee, his Heirs or Executors, at such a Day, there, if the Mortgagee dies before the Day, the Party has his Election if he pays it at the Day; but if he does not pay it at the Day, then it is expressly limited to nobody; and this Court gives it constantly to the Executor upon that Reason. *Trin.* 1677. *Rightson and Overton*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 20.—And tho' it was urged by the Attorney General, that here the Mortgagor, by the Acceptance of the Re infeoffment, had extinguished his Equity, yet per Lord Chancellor, this being originally a Mortgage, and being continued still for a Security of Money, there remains still an Equity for the Mortgagor; and his *Lordship* said, that if the Mortgagor had Election, any Time after the Payment, to pay the Money either to the Heir or Executor, it would be very inconvenient; for then he would make his Markets, and he that would give most should have the Money, and it would be a Power not fit to be left in the Breast of the Chancellor to give it to one or the other, and therefore it always goes to the Executor. *MS. Rep.* in the above Case of *Rightson and Overton*.—2 *Freem. Rep.* 21. accord' in S. C.

4. A. had a Mortgage in Fee which was forfeited, and devised all his Mortgages to B. and makes him Executor, and dies. B. proves the Will, and after dies intestate. C. takes out Administration *de bonis Non* to A. and also Administration to B. and brings his Bill against the Mortgagor. D. the Heir at Law of A. and B. had bought in the Equity of Redemption. This Cause was heard on Bill and Answer, and tho' it was agreed that both A. and B. left sufficient Assets without this Mortgage, yet it was decreed that the Mortgage should go to the Executor. But Lord Commissioner Trevor said, that if the Mort-

gagee had been in Possession and died so, he would not have taken the Mortgage from the Heir, *there being no Defect of Assets*. Trin. 1690. *Fisk and Fisk*, *Prec. in Chan.* 11.

5. Where Lands are devised to the Executors to be sold for several Purposes, and the Surplus is expressly devised to them, there can be no resulting Trust for the Benefit of the Heir. *Per Cur'*, (cites the Case of *Crompton and North*) East. 1699. *Dormer and Bertine*, *Prec. in Chan.* 94.

In this Case the Defendants insisted on the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries, and that these Lands could not be subject to the Plaintiff's Demands, there being no Declaration of Trust in Writing; and the Case of *Kerk v. Webb* was cited and relied on, but his Honour said, that Case did not govern this, but stood

6. J. S. dies intestate, leaving a Wife and two Daughters Infants. After his Death 500*l.* is found in the House, and the Widow (who had taken out Administration) lays out this Money in the Purchase of Lands, and afterwards conveys the Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, to the Use of herself for Life, and after, as to one Moiety to the Use of one Daughter and the Heirs of her Body; and as to the other Moiety to the other Daughter and the Heirs of her Body, with Cross-Remainders, with Remainder of the whole to her own right Heirs. The Daughters afterwards marry and die, and the Mother dies. The Husband of the surviving Daughter took out Administration to his Wife and her Sister, and brought his Bill against the Heir of the Mother to have this Land made personal Estate, and to have two Thirds of it, as being purchased with the Money which belonged to the Daughters. His Honour decreed, that the Lands should stand charged with two Thirds of the Purchase Money for the Plaintiff, and, that if it were not paid, the Land to be sold. Mich. 1701. *Kinder and Miller*, *Prec. in Chan.* 171.

on its own Bottom, and that *here was an Interest vested in the Daughters by the Statute of Distributions*, and that it would be very mischievous to Infants, if their Money might be invested in Lands, and that Land not liable to make them Satisfaction; for which Reason his Honour decreed as above. But Lord Keeper *Wright* reversed his Honour's Decree, as contrary to the Case of *Kerk and Webb*. *Ibid.* 172. — 2 *Vern.* 440. S. C. by the Name of *Kendar and Mikward*, says, Lord Keeper reversed his Honour's Decree, Mich. 1702, as being within the Reason of *Kerk and Webb*, lately affirmed in Parliament, that *Money had no Ear-Mark*, and could not be followed when invested in a Purchase. *Ibid.*

7. Held that a *Furnace*, tho' fixed to the Freehold, and purchased with the House, and also Hangings nailed to the Walls, shall go to the Executor, and not to the Heir, and so determined, contrary to *Herlakenden's Case*, 4 Co. Trin. 1701. *Squier and Mayer*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 249.

8. Devise of Lands to an Executor in Trust, and to the Intent that the same; or so much thereof as should be needful, should be sold for Payment of Debts and Legacies. This is a beneficial Legacy to the Executor, and not a resulting Trust to the Heir; and *parol* Evidence admitted. Feb. 15, 1710. *Docksey and Docksey*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. *Executors*, (U) Ca. 71.

9. J. S. being seised in Fee, devised, that if his personal Estate should not be sufficient to pay his Debts and Legacies, then his Executors should receive the Profits of his whole real Estate for the Payment of the same, and after Payment of his Debts and Legacies he devised his real Estate to A. The Executors have only a (a) Chattel Interest for Payment of Debts. So held in *Dom. Proc'* 22 May 1717, upon the Advice of all the Judges, on the Appeal of Sir Robert Coppen and Samuel Barnardiston, 1 *Will. Rep.* 505, 508, 509.

(a) Vide
2 *Vern.* 404.

10. A Lessee of Lands to him and his Heirs for three Lives, assigns the whole Estate, reserving a Rent to him and his Executors, Administrators and Assigns; Proviso, that on Nonpayment he and his Heirs may re-enter; and the Assignee covenants to pay the Rent to A. his Executors and Administrators. *Per Cur'*, this is a plain Case; here is no Reversion to the Assignee, and the Rent is by express Words

reserved

reserved to the Executor; the Proviso for the Heir to re-enter is not material, as long as the Reservation of the Rent is to the Executor; for in such Case the Heir is a Trustee for the Executor; Bill dismissed *with Costs*. Per his Honour; *Trin.* 1719. — Afterwards this Matter came on again before Lord King, who said, that if the Reservation were void, yet the Covenant must be plainly good; but the Court inclined that *here being no Reversion*, the Rent, during the three Lives, might be well reserved to the Executors; and at length decreed it to the Executor. *Trin.* 1727. *Jenison and Lord Lexington*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 555, 557.

11. J. S. possessed of a Term for Years, devised it to A. for Life, Remainder to the Heirs of A. It seems this shall, on A.'s Death, go to his Executor, and not to his Heir. *Vide* 3 *Will. Rep.* 29. the Case of *Davis and Gibbs in Dom. Proc.*, *Hil. Vac.* 1729.

12. A. having Lands of Inheritance in B. and C. and a Mortgage in D. and Lands extended in E. on a Statute, devised all his Credits and Mortgages to his Executors; and all his Messuages, Lands, &c. and all his real Estate whatsoever in B. C. D. and E. to R. W. and J. S. for their Lives, and after their Decease, to their Heirs. Lord Chan. King decreed the mortgaged and extended Lands in D. and E. to the Executors. *Hil.* 3 *Geo.* 2. *Davis and Gibbs*, *Fitz-Gibb. Rep.* 116.

13. Whatever Interest in, or Profits out of a real Estate are undisposed of by a Testator, descend to the Heir, and he takes them; not by the Will, or the Intent of the Testator, but they are thrown upon him by the Law for want of some other Person to take. *Æquitas Maxim. Jequitur Legem.* *Mich.* 1734, in the Case of *Hopkins and Hopkins*, *Cases in Eq. Temp.* *Talbot* 44.

14. J. S. devised as follows: Imprimis; "I devise; give and bequeath all and singular my Messuages, Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever and wheresoever in the Counties of N. S. and C. unto my Sister A. and to her Heirs and Assigns for ever, Upon Trust that the same shall be sold by her or them, for the best Price that can be gotten for the same, as soon as conveniently can be after my Decease; and that out of the Monies arising therefrom all my just Debts, of what Kind soever, be paid; and after Payment of my Debts, I devise out of the Remainder of the Money the Sum of 500 l. to my Sister B." And gave several other pecuniary Legacies, and among which was a Legacy of 500 l. to his Nephew D. (his Heir at Law) and then says, "Item, After my Debts and Legacies paid as aforesaid, and subject to the same, I give and bequeath all the rest and Residue of my personal Estate unto my Sister A. who he appointed sole Executrix of his Will." It was insisted for the Plaintiff the Executrix, that here could be no resulting Trust for the Heir. First, Because the Testator had given a Legacy of 500 l. to the Heir. Secondly, Because the Testator had directed his real Estate to be sold for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and had therefore considered it as a personal Estate; and after Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and subject to the same, had given all the rest and Residue of his personal Estate to his Executrix. But if it should be construed to be a resulting Trust for the Heir, the Testator's Intention would be utterly defeated; for then the personal Estate must be applied in Ease of the real, and so the Executrix would have but a troublesome Affair, without any Benefit or Consideration, which could never be the Testator's Intention; and in order to shew clearly that was the Testator's Intent, it was insisted upon giving *parol* Evidence. But Lord Chan. *Talbot* decreed; That upon the Will itself, independ-

dently of the *parol* Evidence, here was no resulting Trust for the Heir; and that the Executrix should have the whole Residue after the Sale of the Estate, both of the Money arising by such Sale, and of the personal Estate. *East*, 1735. *Mallabar and Mallabar, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 79, 80.

15. It is now a settled Point in Courts of Equity, that if Lands be settled, or a Term of Years created, on Trust to raise Portions for Daughters to be paid at the Age of twenty-one or Marriage, and a Daughter dies before the Time of Payment, the Portion shall not go to the Executor or Administrator of the Daughter, but sink in the Estate for the Benefit of the Heir. *Per his Honour, East*. 13 *Geo.* 2. in *Casu Harvey and Aston, Comyns's Rep.* 742.

(F) Concerning Distribution, and Who are intitled thereto, and in What Proportion;—
And When the Surplus of the personal Estate belongs to the Executor (a), or he is to be a Trustee for the next of Kin.

(a) A. devised the Residue of her Estate to her

Sister and her Husband, for the Sister's Life, and gave all her next of Kin, except one, Legacies, and after the Death of her Sister gave one Moiety to B. but said nothing of the other, and named the Sister and the Husband Executors. And it was held that tho' the Devise was only during the Sister's Life, and one of the next of Kin had no Legacy, yet it was such a beneficial Legacy as would not oust the Husband of the Moiety not given away; and it was said, that a Legacy to exclude the Executor from the Surplus must raise a Presumption that he was not to have it, or it does nothing. *Willes and Brady, MS. Rep.* (b):

(b) *Quære* Term and Year.

1. BY Stat. 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. c. 10. §. 4. the Surplusage shall be distributed as follows: One Third to the Wife of the Intestate, the Residue among his Children, and such as legally represent them, if any of them be dead, other than such Children (*not Heirs at Law*) who shall have any Estate by Settlement of the Intestate in his Lifetime equal to the other Shares.—Children, other than Heirs at Law, advanced by Settlements or Portions, not equal to other Shares, shall have so much of the Surplus as shall make the Estate of all to be equal.—But the Heir at Law shall have an equal Part in Distribution with the other Children, without any Consideration of the Value of the Land which he hath by Descent, or otherwise, from the Intestate.

2. *Seç.* 5. If there be no Children, nor legal Representatives of them, one Moiety shall be allotted to the Wife, the Residue equally to the next of Kin to the Intestate, in equal Degree, and those who represent them.

3. *Seç.* 6. No Representation shall be admitted among Collaterals after Brothers and Sisters Children.—And if there be no Wife, all shall be distributed among the Children; and if no Children, to the next of Kin to the Intestate, in equal Degree, and their Representatives.

4. By the Stat. 29 *Car.* 2. c. 3. *seç.* 25. it is enacted, That the Act of 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. c. 10. of Distributions, shall not extend to the Estates of *Feme Coverts* that die intestate, but that their Husbands may have Administration of their personal Estates.—*Made perpetual* 1 *Jac.* 2. c. 17.

5. Where a Man makes an Executor, to whom he devises *all the rest and Residue*, &c. and this Executor dies before the Testator, he that takes Administration *cum Testamento annexo* shall be liable to make

make Distribution of this Surplus within the Act of Distribution of Intestate's Estates. *Hil.* 1682. *Anon. Ca.* 94. cites it as so resolved by Lord Keep. *North*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 85.

6. By Stat. 1 *Jac.* 2. c. 17. *sect.* 7. If, after the Death of a Father, any of his Children shall die intestate, without Wife or Children in the Life-time of the Mother, every Brother and Sister, and their Representatives, shall have equal Share with her.

7. By Stat. 1 *Jac.* 2. c. 17. *sect.* 8. *Such Part of any Intestate's Estate within the City of London or Province of York, as any Administrator has, by Virtue only of being Administrator, shall be subject to Distribution as in other Cases, and the Custom shall not extend to it.*

—But the 4 & 5 *W. & M.* takes away the Custom of the Province of York, and gives Power to dispose of their personal Estates by Will, but excepts the Cities of York and Chester. — The Stat. 2 *Ann.* c. 5. *sect.* 1. repeals the Proviso as to the City of York.

8. A. possessed of a personal Estate and of Leases for Years, makes his Will, and thereby gives Legacies to every one of his Grandchildren, and likewise 10*l.* unto Mount, and made him his Executor, and died. There being no Disposition of the personal Estate, the next of Kin exhibited their Bill to have a Distribution. Insisted, that the Executor cannot be a Trustee for the next of Kin for the Residue of the Estate which is not disposed of, since the Statute of Frauds, unless there had been a Declaration of the Trust; and giving a Legacy to the Executor cannot alter the Case, because there are Legacies also given to the next of Kin, which makes them equal. *Per Lord Chancellor*, the said Statute doth not affect this Case; and altho' the next of Kin have Legacies given, yet a Legacy given to the Executor excludes him from having the Residue; therefore decreed a Distribution. *Note*; This Decree, upon a Re-hearing before the Lords Commissioners, was reversed; and their Decree was set aside in the House of Lords, and this Decree affirmed. *Anon. MS. Rep.* (a).

This seems to me to be the Case of *Foster and Munt*, 1 *Vern.* 473. and 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 243. *Ca.* 1. tho' not so clearly reported.

9. A Man made his Will, and devised all the *Residuum* of his personal Estate to *J. S.* and to his Wife, nevertheless *In Trust* for his Wife, and made the said *J. S.* and his Wife his Executors. After the making of this Will, and six Months before the Death of the Testator, the Wife died, and then the Testator died, and the next of Kin preferred a Bill against the Executor to have an Account of the personal Estate, and insisted upon it that *J. S.* was only a Trustee, and had no Benefit intended him by the Testator. But *per tot' Cur'*, the Bill was dismissed, for the Law had cast it upon *J. S.* by being Executor, and there appeared no Intent of the Testator that it should be otherwise. *Trin.* 1689. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 105.

(a) *Quære* Term and Year.

10. A. devised in these Words, *I give to my Daughter H. 1000*l.* to be ordered and disposed of by her, and for the Benefit of her Children, as she pleaseth, without giving an Account to any Body.* H. died and made no Disposal. Defendant (her Husband) took Administration, and the Children brought their Bill for this 1000*l.* And the sole Question was, Whether there was any Interest vested in the Children by this Devise? For, if there was not, then it belonged to Defendant. The Cause was referred, and so the Court gave no Opinion, but seemed doubtful in the Case. *Mich.* 1689. *Hillier and Hillier*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 110.

11. It was held, that where a Man makes a Will and an Executor, and the Executor dies, an Administrator *de bonis Non* shall not make Distribution, because the Party did not die intestate, and so not within the Statute. *Hil.* 1696. *Anon. Ca.* 285. (b) 2 *Freem. Rep.* 212.

12. Where a Man dies, having made his Will and an Executor, and gives him any particular Sum, as 5 *l.* or 10 *l.* and makes *no Disposition of the Residue*, there the *Residuum* shall be distributed to the next of Kin, because, altho' he makes a Will, yet he is held to die intestate as to the *Residuum*. *Hil.* 1696. *Anon. Ca.* 285. (b) 2 *Freem. Rep.* 212.

13. *J. S.* having a Daughter and two Brothers, made his Will, and thereby gave 5 *l.* apiece to his Brothers, appointing, but made no Disposition of the Surplus. On a Bill by the Daughter against the Executors for an Account of the Surplus, and tho' there were Proofs that the Testator intended his Executors should have the Surplus, in regard that the Daughter had incurred her Father's Displeasure by marrying against his Consent, yet these being somewhat doubtful, it was decreed by Sir *J. Trevor*, and affirmed by Lord *Somers* upon an Appeal, that the Executors should be but Trustees as to the Surplus after their Legacies paid; and that such Surplus should go according to the Statute of Distribution (a). 20 May 1696. *Petit and Smith*,

(a) And his 1 *Will. Rep.* 79.

Lordship said,

that *Equity did delight in Equality*, and that the Distribution according to the Statute was most agreeable to natural Justice. *Ibid.* 9.——On the Death of the Testator, the Daughter, as next of Kin, libelled in the Spiritual Court against the Executors to have the Residue of the personal Estate, it appearing (as was suggested) by the exprefs Legacies given to the Executors, that they were to have nothing farther; and in the Spiritual Court she recovered a Sentence for the Residue of the personal Estate; from which the Executors appealed to the *Delegates*, and now moved in *B. R.* for a Prohibition to the same *Delegates*. And per *Holt, C. J.* the Daughter, not being residuary Legatee, can have no Pretence of suing for this Surplus in the Spiritual Court; on the contrary, the Testator's having appointed his Brothers Executors, is a Gift to them of the *Residue* after Debts and Legacies paid.—At Common Law, before the Statute ordered Administration to be granted, the Ordinary appointed Committees of the personal Estate, and in those Times it was a Practice to compel such Committees to distribute; but afterwards, when the Ordinary, by Virtue of the Act of 31 *Ed.* 3. cap. 11. granted Administration, this Administrator had all the Power of an Executor, and being in Nature of an Executor, it was adjudged that he was (b) not compellable to make Distribution, which being thought hard as to those of Kin to the Intestate in equal Degree, the Statute of Distribution was made. So that what is said in 2 *Inst.* 33. "that an Executor or Administrator having paid all the Debts and Legacies, and Funeral Expences, is compellable to divide amongst the next of Kin," seems not to have been thoroughly considered. But that the Point might be more solemnly settled, the Executors were ordered to declare upon a Prohibition, and afterwards, on Debate, a Prohibition was granted (c). *Ibid.* 7, 8, 9.—5 *Mod.* 247, 248. *W.* 3. *B. R.* *S. C.* says, a Prohibition was granted *Nisi*.—1 *Lord Raymond* 86. *S. C.* accord.—*Comb.* 378. *S. C.* accord.—*Comyns's Rep.* 13. *S. C.* says, the Court inclined that a Prohibition should go.

(b) Vide 1 *Lew.* 233.—*Cro. Car.* 62, 202.—*Hob.* 83.—1 *Will. Rep.* 41. *Blackborough* and *Davis*;—but more particularly, see the Case of *Edwards* and *Freeman*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 441.

(c) The Prohibition was granted rightly, inasmuch as the Spiritual Court, by compelling a Distribution, would effectually compel the Execution of a Trust, which they cannot do. See this Reason given per Lord Chan. *Macclesfield*, in the Case of *Farrington* and *Knighly*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 544.

1 *Vol. Abr.* -
Eq. 245. *Ca.*
11. *Ball* and
Smith, is not
S. P.

14. An Infant in *Ventre samere*, at the Time of the Death of the Father, was held clearly, per Lord Chancellor, to be intitled unto a Share by the Statute of Distribution, for he is, in the Eye of the Law, a Child, and ought to be provided for as well as the rest; and altho' it was admitted that a distributory Share is an Interest vested upon the Death of the Intestate, even before Distribution, and shall go to the Executor or Administrator of the Party, altho' he die before the Distribution, yet that was not such an Interest vested in the Children born so as to deprive the after-born Child. *Mich.* 1698. *Ball and Smith*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 230.

15. *A.* by Will gives the Plaintiff (who was his Cousin and Heir at Law of the whole Blood) 50 *l.* to buy him Mourning; gives several Estates to his Brothers of the half Blood in Fee, and several other Legacies, and also 5 *l.* apiece to Defendants to buy them Mourning; and then says, *all the rest, &c. of my Manors, &c. Goods, Chattels, &c. and all other my real and personal Estate whatsoever, I give to B. C. and D. (the Defendants) whom I nominate and appoint Executors of this my Will, equally to be divided between them, to hold to them, their Heirs and Assigns for ever.* The Bill was to have the Surplus a resulting

resulting Trust for Plaintiff the Heir, because Defendants had Legacies given them; but decreed for the Executors, and affirmed *in Dom. Proc'*, East. 1699. *Donner and Bertie (a)*, MS. Rep.

(a) *Prec. in Chan.* 94. S. C.

accord' says, the Court held that if one can give away the Surplus of his Estate it is done *here*, and no Trust for the Heir; and cited the Case of *Crompton and North* as a much stronger Case, and yet held no Trust; and tho' a Legacy given an Executor may be an Argument against him *quoad* the Surplus, when not expressly given him, yet it can be no Argument at all when it is expressly given him. Also, the Plaintiff has a Legacy given him, and not the Surplus, which turns the Argument strong against him. Says, the Decree was affirmed in the House of Lords, that it was no Trust for the Heir.

16. J. S. died *intestate*, having neither Wife nor Children; his next of Kin was A. a deceased Brother's Child, and to whom Administration was granted. The Persons claiming Distribution were the Children of J. S.'s Brother's Son. And the Question was, Whether the Intestate's Brother's Son's Children, being the Grand Nephew and Grand Niece of the Intestate, should come in for a distributive Share with A. the Intestate's Niece, the Statute saying, *that the personal Estate, in Case there shall be no Wife or Child, shall go to the next of Kin of the Intestate, and their legal Representatives*; after which comes a *Proviso*, enacting, *that there shall be no Representatives among Collaterals after Brothers and Sisters Children*? And a *Mandamus* to the Judge of the Spiritual Court, to make Distribution of the Stat. of 22 & 23 Car. 2. c. 10. was denied, the whole Court declaring, that among *Collaterals*, saving only in the Case of Brothers and Sisters Children, *Proximity* of Blood should give Title to the personal Estate of the Intestate (b). *Trin.* 1700. in *B. R. Pett's Case*, 1 Will. Rep. 25.

(b) Sir Walter Walker, a famous Civilian,

drew this Act for Distribution, and the only Question now is, Whether the Words *Brothers and Sisters Children*, in the *Proviso*, shall not be intended *Brothers and Sisters Children of the Intestate*? Now surely they ought to be so taken, for the *Intestate* is the Subject Matter of this Act; it is his *Estate*, his *Wife*, his *next of Kin*, his *Children*, and consequently his *Brother's Children*, that the Statute speaks of; so that the *relative* Terms made use of throughout have the Intestate for their *Correlative*. The Intent of the *Proviso* was to confine the Degrees of Representation, that they should not go beyond *Brothers and Sisters Children*. And if this Construction has not already prevailed in the *Spiritual Court*, the Parties are at Liberty to *appeal*. *Per Holt, C. J.* *Ibid.* 27, 28. — *Et per Gould, J.* it has been always said, the Statute shall not be taken in favour of Distributions. *Ibid.* 28. — *Comyns's Rep.* 87. *Pett and Pett, Trin.* 12 W. 3. S. C. *accord'* says, the *Mandamus* was denied for the Reasons given in the last Case of *Raymond's Rep.* — 1 Lord *Raymond's Rep.* 571. *Rex and Raines or Pett and Pett, Trin.* 12 W. 3. S. C. says, by the Opinion of the whole Court a *Mandamus* to the *Spiritual Court* to command them to compel the Administrator to make Distribution, was denied. — 1 *Salk.* 250. S. C. — 3 *Salk.* 138. S. C. — *Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3. 409. *Pet and Pet, S. C.* says, the Words (*Brother and Sister*) and (*Collateral*) in the Statute of Distribution, ought in all Reason to refer to the *Intestate*, for Intestates are the Subject Matter; and in this Court they would never hear Argument for Distribution before the Statute, but once in Consideration to Sir Francis Walcot (c), who, finding it would not do, procured this Statute to be passed; and the *Proviso* is, *that there shall be no Distribution in Collaterals beyond Brothers and Sisters Children*; and that must be *Brothers and Sisters Children of the Intestate*. *Per Cur'*, upon Debate upon a Motion for a *Mandamus*. *Ibid.* 410. — By the Stat. of 22 & 23 Car. 2. there shall be no Distribution amongst *Collaterals* after *Brothers and Sisters Children of the Intestate*; for that Statute is a *Restraint* on the *Common Law*, and therefore shall not be carried farther than the Letter, and after such *Collaterals* it shall go to the next of Kin to the *Intestate*. *Per Cur'* in S. C. 3 *Salk.* 138.

(c) *Quere* If it should not be Sir Walter Walker? Sir Walter had Liberty to argue in C. B. for the Power of the *Spiritual Court* in granting Distributions; and after he had argued for three Hours, *Bridgman C. J.* inclined in Opinion to Sir Walter, but the other Judges opposed it, and it never obtained in *Westminster-Hall*, but Prohibitions were granted upon the first Motion, and then he procured the Act. *Per Holt, C. J.* in S. C. 1 Lord *Raym. Rep.* 574. — And *per Gould, J.* the Words in this Clause upon which the Plaintiffs rely, are, *their Representatives as aforesaid*, which must mean what they are allowed to mean in the *Proviso*, and then it will stand upon the Words of the *Proviso*. And *per Holt, C. J.* in *Tracy's Case*, a Prohibition was granted, and after a Consultation was awarded upon great Debate. *Ibid.* 574. — *Vide* 2 *Vern.* 168. *Becton and Darking et econt'*, and 1 *Vol. Ab. Eq.* 245. Ca. 4. but more particularly the Case of *Bowers and Littlewood, P. Ca.* of this Work.

17. J. S. devised to A. and B. his Wife's Children (as he called them, not owning them to be his) 10 s. apiece and no more, and gave the Children which he owned considerable Legacies; then he devised Legacies to his Executors, but did not mention them to be for their Care and Pains, or any thing to that Purpose. Decreed that the Executors should not have the Surplus, but that it must be distributed, and that the Children which the Testator did not own should come

come in for a Share, for the Words of Exclusion are not plainly expressed, and shall be taken strictly in this Case. *Trin.* 1701. *Vacbell and Jefferies, Prec. in Chan.* 169.

¹ Salk. 251.
S. C.—Cases
in B. R. Temp.
W. 3. S. C.
—1 Lord
Raym. Rep.
684, 686. S. C.
says, the Court
held that the
Grandmother
was as near as
the Aunt, for
in this Case in
Descent of
Lands it would
be a mediate
Descent, and
the same Me-
dium to both,

viz. the Father. And the Grandmother seems to have the Advantage, because she is of the right Line, the Aunt of the Collateral Line; and Sir B. Shower cited a Case between *Burton and Sharpe* the last Trinity Term, where an Administration was sued to be granted to the Great Grandmother. And the Aunt moved for a Prohibition in the Common Pleas to stay the Suit in the Spiritual Court, and it was denied. *Ibid.* 686.

18. A. dies intestate, leaving a Grandmother and an Aunt his next of Kin. Administration was granted to the Grandmother. The Grandmother is nearer of Kin to the Intestate than the Aunt, for the Aunt is not of Kin to the Intestate but as she derives her Kindred from the Grandmother her Mother, and therefore not in equal Degree; besides, where one is Lineal, and the Cause of the Kin, and the other Collateral, the Person who is Lineal shall be preferred; here the Grandmother is the Root of the Kindred; and so must be nearer than they that derive their Relation from her. *Per Holt, C. J.* And per tot' Cur', a Motion for a Mandamus to the Spiritual Court, commanding them to grant Administration to the Aunt as more near of Kin than the Grandmother, was denied. *East. and Hil.* 1701. *Blackborough and Davis, 1 Will. Rep.* 41.

19. If a Child had died intestate, without Wife, Child or Father, living only the Mother, the Mother had the whole till 1 Jac. 2. exclusive of the Brothers and Sisters, and there must be the same Law now, as to the Grandmother with relation to the Aunts; the Father surviving has the Child's whole Estate at this Day. *Per Holt, C. J. Ibid.* 48.

20. The Stat. of 1 Jac. 2. allowed the Proceedings of the Spiritual Court to be right as the Law then stood, but thought it unreasonable that the Mother (who might marry again) should carry away all, and therefore the Parliament let in the Intestate's Brothers and Sisters equally with the Mother, but still the Father has all. If the Spiritual Court since the Stat. of Car. 2. shall attempt a Distribution contrary to the Rules of the Common Law, we will prohibit them, for by that Statute they are restrained to the Rules allowed among us. *Per Holt, C. J. Ibid.* 49.

21. It appears from *Ridley's View of the Civil Law*, (P. 63.) that the Grandmother, &c. of the ascending Line to the utmost Degree was anciently preferred before the nearest Collaterals, but that may be now altered by the Stat. of Car. 2. which prefers the next of Kin tho' Collateral, before one tho' Lineal, that is more remote. *Per Holt, C. J. Ibid.* 51.

² *Freem. Rep.*
S. C. and P.
decreed ac-
cord' by Lord
Keeper.

22. J. S. having made his Will, and his Wife Executrix, gave 1000 l. apiece to his Daughters, and some Jewels and other Things to his Wife; and one Question was, Whether the Wife should have the whole Surplus as Executrix; for, altho' it was agreed that as the Law is now settled since the Case of *Foster and Munt*, that where a particular Legacy is given, and no Disposition of the Surplus, there shall be a Distribution; yet, in the principal Case, it was insisted upon that so near a Relation as the Wife being Executrix, it could not but be supposed the Testator intended her some Benefit by making her Executrix. But decreed, that she having a particular Legacy given her, she should distribute the Surplus; and so, it was said, it had been already settled, even in the Case of a Wife Executrix, in the Case of *Randall and Bookey (a)*, *Mich.* 1702. *Pawlett et Ux' and Lady Morley et al', MS. Rep.*

(a) *Vide*
² *Vern.* 425.
East. 1701.

—*Prec. in Chan.* 162.—And 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 272. *Ca.* 4.

23. J. S.

23. J. S. devised the Use of his Household Goods to his Wife during her Widowhood, and made her Executrix during her Widowhood, and if she should die or marry, he appointed his Son and Heir to be Executor, and devised some Curiosities and Rarities to remain as Heir-Looms in his Family. And Lord Keep. Wright was of Opinion, that the Wife should have the Surplus, she having but a limited Executorship; and tho' this Court has distributed the Surplus where the Executor has a Legacy, on a supposed Intention of the Testator that he intended him no more, yet here it cannot be intended so, as to exclude the Heir when his Executorship shall take Place; for, as to the Heir-Looms, that appears to be given to another Intent, and not to exclude him from the Surplus; neither shall the Wife, in this Case, be excluded. Mich. 1706. Hoskins and Hoskins, Prec. in Chan. 263.

24. I give to my Daughter A. all my Goods and Plate, 1500 l. to my Son B. and 10 l. and no more, to my Son W. and 10 l. and no more, to my Wife's Daughter P. and made C. and D. Executors, and gave them 100 l. each, but makes no Disposition of the Residue. Decreed that it shall go in a Course of Administration; but Decree reversed, for it is plain that W. and P. were to have 10 l. and no more. Mar. 8, 1706. Vachel and Breton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 11.) Ca. 16.

25. A. devises 500 l. apiece to B. and C. payable at twenty-one. B. dies an Infant and intestate, and then D. B.'s Father, dies without taking Administration to B. his Son. Decreed per Cur', that 500 l. Legacy devised to B. be distributed amongst his Mother, Brothers and Sisters, equally (a). Trin. 1706. Grice and Goodwin, Prec. in Chan. 260.

verse this Decree, it was assigned for Error, that on the Death of B. in the Life-time of D. his Father, this Legacy vested in D. by the Statute of Distribution; tho' he took not out Administration to him, and therefore ought not to have been distributed as B.'s personal Estate, but as the personal Estate of D. the Father, and then the Mother would be intitled to a Third of it. And this was held per Cur' to be an Error appearing in the Body of the Decree; so the Decree was opened. Ibid. 260, 261.

(a) But upon a Bill of Review to re-

26. If a Man be declared Executor, this of itself gives him an Interest in the personal Estate, and he shall have the whole; but if Part of that Estate be devised to him, it will exclude him as to the rest, and he shall have no more than so devised. Per Lord Chan. Cowper, East. 6 Ann. Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (O. b.) Ca. 21.

27. Where a Person, intitled to a distributory Share of an Intestate's Estate, died within a Year after the Intestate, in such Case, tho' by the Statute no Distribution is to be made within a Year, yet the Share of the deceased Person will be an Interest vested, transmissible to his Executors or Administrators; for in this Sense the Statute makes a Will for the Intestate, and it is as if a Legacy was bequeathed payable a Year hence, which would plainly be an Interest vested presently; nay, where one died without Wife or Issue, and Intestate leaving a Father, who also died before taking out Administration, or altering the Property of the Estate, tho' in that Case there was only one who could claim as next of Kin, and so, literally and strictly speaking, there could be no Distribution, yet by the Statute the Right to the Intestate's personal Estate vested in the Father, and consequently belonged to his Executors or Administrators, and not to the next of Kin to the first Intestate, who in such Case happened to be a different Person (b). Per Lord Chan. Cowper, Hil. 1708. Grice and Grice, 3 Will. Rep. 49, 50. in a Note.

(b) Note; Mr. Vernon, upon this Occasion,

told the Reporter it had been twenty Times determined in Equity, that where there is only one Person intitled to take the personal Estate of the Intestate as next of Kin, the Statute vests the Right in that Person, making him as a Legatee of the Party deceased. Ibid. 50.

28. *A.* made *B.* and *C.* his Executors, and devised Legacies to *B.* and not to *C.* but made no Disposition of the Surplus of his personal Estate. Lord Keep. *Harcourt* decreed that the Executors should come in equally for their Share of the Surplus, notwithstanding these specifick Legacies to one Executor. *Hil.* 1711. *Colefworth* and *Brangwin et al'*, *Prec. in Chan.* 323.

29. A Legacy of 500*l.* being left to an Executor, without any express Disposition of the Surplus, but there was strong Proof that the Testator intended him the Surplus, on a Bill brought by the next of Kin against him for a Distribution, the Executor answers, and waves the Benefit of the Surplus by Mistake of the Law in that Point, and admitted himself accountable for the Surplus; but being a Creditor upon an open Account, he insisted that he ought to have his Legacy over and above his Debt. But, upon better Information, he prayed to amend his Answer as to the waving the Surplus, which was denied by Sir *J. Trevor* Master of the Rolls, but his Honour decreed the Legacy over and above the Debt. And on Appeal, *Cowper C.* said, that he would not, against his own Confession, decree the Surplus for him. *Mich.* 1715.—But in *Easter Term* 1718, the Cause coming before Lord Chan. *Parker*, his Lordship said, he could not but incline to help the Defendant, who, by *Mistake* or *Mis-advice*, was in a way of losing his Right; therefore, if Plaintiffs would bind the Defendant by his Answer, they ought to take it in the Terms in the Answer, (*viz.*) the Executor waves the Surplus, but insists upon the Debt and Legacy; and decreed him both, even tho' by the Master's Report it appeared that the Legacy was much greater than the Debt. *East.* 1718. *Rawlins* and *Powell*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 297.

30. Lord *Cowper* was of Opinion, upon the Stat. 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. c. 10. *sect.* 4. that the Word (*Portion*), with respect to younger Children, did include an Estate in Land as well as in Money, and that this Land, in the Computation of the Estate to be distributed, was to be added to, and computed with other Parts of it; but with respect to the eldest Son, whatever Land came to him from his Father by Descent, or otherwise, he is to have his Share, without any Consideration of the Value of such Land, &c. *Hil. Vac.* 1715. *Lloyd* and *Twitsham*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. Executors, (Z. 10.) Ca. 3.

Prec. in Chan.
401. *Roach*
and *Hammond*,
S. C. in totidem
verbis.

31. *A.* devised his personal Estate to *B.* for the Use of his Relations, without specifying any in particular, or using any other Words, and makes *B.* his Executor in 1706, and died. The Mother and three Sisters of the Testator brought this Bill as nearest Relations, for a Discovery and Account of the personal Estate, and to come in according to the Course of Distributions, settled by 1 *Jac.* and 2 *Car.* It was agreed to be the Rule in Construction of such Devises to Relations, that those who would by the Statute of Distributions be intitled to the personal Estate in Case the Testator had died intestate, should, upon such general Devises, be let into the same Proportion only; and Lord Chan. *Cowper* said, he thought it the best Measure for setting Bounds to such general Words, and that it had been often ruled accordingly in this Court. *East.* 1715. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

32. *A.* on Shipboard, intitled to Part of a considerable Leasehold Estate, which he knew not that he had any Right to, made his Will at Sea, and devised to his Mother (if living) his Rings; and makes *A.* his Executor, and devises to *A.* his red Box, and all Things else, not before bequeathed. *Trevor*, Master of the Rolls, decreed the Executor a Trustee for the Surplus for Testator's Brothers and Sisters, but held that the Rings, &c. given to the Mother, were lapsed Legacies, the

the dying in Testator's Life-time, and must fall to the Executor. *Hil. 1715. Cook and Oakley, Will. Rep. 302.*

33. *Children and Grandchildren* must take *per Capita* and not *per Stirpes*, they all taking in their own Right, and not by way of Representation. *Per Sir John Trevor* Master of the Rolls, *Hil. 1716*, in the Case of *Northey and Strange (a)*, 1 *Will. Rep. 340, 343.* (a) *Vide P. Ca.*

34. *A. dies intestate without Brother or Sister, his Mother living; she makes her Will, and makes B. her Executor and residuary Legatee, and dies within a Week after her Son, and before she had taken out Administration to him. The Brother of the Mother takes out Administration to the Son, as his Uncle and next Friend. The Mother's Executor brings a Bill against the Uncle and the Son's Administrator to have an Account of the personal Estate of the Son in Right of his Testatrix, who was intitled to it by the Statute of Distribution. Cowper C. said, that the Administrator of the Son is only Trustee for the next of Kin to the Intestate, who are intitled to a Distribution by the Statute; and that in this Case was the Mother, the Son dying without Father, Brother or Sister, and this is an Interest vested in the Mother, tho' she died before Administration taken out to the Son, and shall go to the Executor and residuary Legatee. And decreed accordingly for the Plaintiff. Trin. 2 Geo. Jackson and Proudehome, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 12.) Ca. 1.*

35. *A. deviseth to J. his Daughter a Legacy, and declares it to be in full of every Thing she could claim out of his Estate, and then makes a Devise of the Residuum, who, dying in his Life-time, he, by a Codicil, makes a Devise of his Residuum to his Wife F. to be disposed of by her with the Approbation of the Trustees; A. dies, the Wife gives the Residuum by her Will without the Trustees, &c. Cowper C. said, the Wife not observing the Terms prescribed to her, this is to be taken as if the Testator had made no Disposition thereof; and he dying intestate, it shall go in a Course of Distribution. Secondly, That J. here shall have her Share notwithstanding the exclusive Words, for this is a new Right accruing by the Codicil thro' an Antecedent after the Will, of which the Testator had not then any View or Prospect; but he argued a Case up and determined in the House of Lords, where a Man devised 1 s. and no more, to one of his Children, and died intestate as to the Residuum, that these Words (and no more) excluded that Child from having any Share, contrary to an Opinion declared by the Master of the Rolls. Mich. 3 Geo. 1. Sympson and Hutton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 7.) Ca. 16.*

36. Lord Chan. Parker said, he was not satisfied with that Notion, that a Legacy to an Executor excludes him from the Surplus, and therefore, had not the Executor submitted to account for the Surplus, his Lordship said, he knew not whether he should have decreed him to account for it. *East. 4 Geo. 1. ——— and Mortimer Powell (b)*, (b) *Vide P. Ca. Lucas's Rep. 400.*

37. *J. S. died intestate, leaving no Wife or Child, Brother or Sister, but his next of Kin were an Uncle by his Mother's Side, and a deceased Aunt's Child. The latter brought a Bill against the Uncle for a Share of Intestate's Estate, to which Defendant demurred, and Demurrer allowed (c).* *Per Lord Chan. Parker, Mich. 1719. Bowers and Littlewood, 1 Will. Rep. 594.* (c) *His Lordship said, Pett's Case, (P.*

Ca.) was in Point, and he apprehended this Matter to have been settled, and that the Practice in the Spiritual Court had been conformable thereto. That what had been urged in regard to the Hardship of the Case, was nothing; for so it may seem hard, that if an Intestate leaves a deceased Brother's only Son, and ten Children of a deceased Half Sister, the ten Children shall take ten Parts in eleven with the Son of the deceased Brother, and yet the Law (d) is so, because they all take *per Capita*, and not by way of Representation. *Ibid. 594. (d) Vide the Case of Walsh and Walsh, P. Ca. determined by Lord Somers on great Deliberation.*

38. J. S. (*inter al'*) bequeathed the *Surplus* of his personal Estate to four Persons, A. B. C. and D. equally to be divided Share and Share alike, and made E. his Executor in Trust. D. died in the Life-time of J. S. and then the Testator J. S. died. Lord *Macclesfield*, after Time taken to consider of it, held that this Legacy of a fourth Part to D. became void, and was as so much of the Testator's Estate (a) *undisposed* of by the Will, and could not go to the Survivors, because each of them had a fourth Part devised to them in *Common*, and D.'s Death could not avail them as it would have done had they been all *joint Legatees*; and this Share could not go to E. (b) he being but a bare Executor in Trust, and consequently that it must go to J. S. his next of Kin, according to the Statute of Distribution, as so much of the personal Estate remaining undisposed of by the Will, and that as to this E. was a Trustee for such next of Kin. *Trin. 1721. Bagwell and Dry (c), 1 Will. Rep. 700.*

(a) *Vide* the Case of Lord Bindon and Earl of Suffolk, 1 Will. Rep. 96.
 (b) *Vide* the Case of Page and Page, P. Ca. same Determination.
 (c) See this Case cited in *Farrington and Knightly, Prec. in Chan. 567.* but the Report there is not warranted by the Register's Book. *Vide 1 Will. Rep. 701.*

Prec. in Chan. Trin. 1721. 39. J. S. by Will gave 50*l.* to his Brother B. and 50*l.* to his Nephew C. and made them Executors, and gave 20*s.* apiece to others of his Relations, several of whom were his *Brothers, Nephews and Nieces, and as such his next of Kin in equal Degree within the Statute of Distribution*; after which the Testator abruptly broke off without saying *in Witness whereof, &c.* or making any Disposition of the Surplus, which amounted to about 1200*l.* All the Will was wrote with the Testator's own Hand, tho' not signed by him, and was proved in the *Spiritual Court* as his Will. And Parker C. each Party having attended his *Lordship* with Precedents, and having taken Time to consider of them, held that here being an express Legacy of 50*l.* to each of the Executors, and no Disposition of the Surplus of the personal Estate, the Executors were but Trustees with respect to the Surplus, which must go to the next of Kin according to the Statute of Distribution. *June 10, 1721. Farrington and Knightly, 1 Will. Rep. 544, 555.*

per Lord Chancellor, on View and Consideration of all the Precedents; and adds, that his Lordship was clear of Opinion that the Executors in these Cases were but Trustees; that if the Testator intended them the Surplus, could he not have easily have said so; that to give them the same Thing twice over would be absurd, for the Legacies must come out of the Surplus; that since the Statute of Distribution, the Succession to the personal Estate was as much established as the Succession to the real Estate was before; that because they are made Executors, they therefore must have the Surplus to their own Use, would be to construe the Will but a Rule, which probably the Testator did not understand, for he might be ignorant of the Import of the Word Executor, or never intend, by making them such, to give them his personal Estate; that here it would be the more unreasonable, because they had Legacies given them.——Lucas's Rep. 442. Trin. 5 Geo. 1. S. C. says, his Lordship took further Time to consider of his Decree. Ibid. 443. Sed Quere, For the other two Reporters take no Notice of this.

40. J. S. made two Executors, and gave them specifick Legacies, and by his Will desired them to be kind to A. his old Servant, and to give her some small Pieces of Furniture then in his House, if she desired it. Decreed that the Executors should have the Residue (after Debts paid) free from *Distribution*, it being the apparent Intent of the Testator it should be so; for otherwise they could not be kind to his old Servant, or give her any Part of his Furniture if it were not theirs to give, and if he left them no Assets for that Purpose, so that those Words are explanatory of what the Testator intended. Bill dismissed. *Trin. 1722. Heron and Newton at the Rolls, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 11.*

41. A. having 10,000*l.* in Money, by Will gave pecuniary Legacies to every Brother and Sister and Half Brothers and Sisters, and to B. her eldest Brother 500*l.* and made him Executor, but made no Disposition

Disposition of the Surplus. Lord Chan. Macclesfield admitted *parol* Evidence of the Intent and Declaration of the Testator touching the Surplus. *Hil. 1723. Duke of Rutland and Dutcheys of Rutland, 2 Will. Rep. 210.*

42. Where an Executor *hath no specifick Legacy devised to him, he shall have the Residuum of the personal Estate, after Debts and Legacies paid.* *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Hutchinson et al' and Vincent, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 27.*

An Executor hath certainly the whole and entire Right to the Testator's personal

Estate, both in Law and Equity, unless, upon the Face of the Will, it appears by some Indications that the Testator intended to the contrary, as by giving him a specifick Legacy; for, by such a Devise, it appears that he intended him no more; and this was laid down as a Rule when Lord Jefferies was Chancellor, and with good Reason, and hath been a standing Rule in the Court ever since (with some little Variations and Exceptions from the Circumstances of Cases) to exclude the Executors. *Per Cur'. Ibid. 28.*

43. A. by Will gives his Executor 5 l. for his Care in performing the Will, and makes no Disposition of the Surplus; but *parol* Proof made of the Intention and Direction of the Testator to the Scrivener, that the Executor should have the Surplus; yet the Surplus decreed to the next of Kin. *Trin. 1723. Vide the Case of Rackfield and Careless, 2 Will. Rep. 158.*

2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 9. S. C. under the Name of Rackfield and Careless, says, the 5 l. was given to the Executor for the Care and

44. One died *intestate*, leaving a Grandfather by the Father's Side and a Grandmother by the Mother's Side, his next of Kin; these Grandfather and Grandmother shall take in equal Moieties by the Stat. *Car. 2.* as being in equal Degree, for tho' the Grandfather by the Father's Side may, in some Respects, be more worthy of Blood, yet here Dignity of Blood is not material, in regard the Brother of the (a) Half Blood shall take equally with the Brother of the whole Blood; and Sir Jos. Jekyll was so clear as to this Point, that he would not suffer it to be debated. *1 Will. Rep. 53.* cites it as the Case of Moor and Barkam, 13 May 1723, at the Rolls.

(a) Cases in Parliament 108. Carth. 51. Pains he might take in fulfilling the Trust in the Will.

45. J. S. having a Sister his next of Kin, devised 100 l. per Annum to her for Life out of his Bank Stock, and the Residue of his Bank Stock to his Executor (who did not appear to be any Relation to him) and also devised the Furniture of his House to him, giving an express Legacy of a Sum of Money to his said Sister. King C. held, that if the express Legacy to the Executor be allowed to exclude him from taking the Surplus, by the same Reason the express Legacy to the next of Kin will bar her likewise; and then, here being Exclusion against Exclusion, the Law must take Place, and the Executor have the Surplus as Executor; and decreed accordingly, tho' Mr. Lutwyche said, this would shake many Precedents. *Hil. 1725. Attorney General and Hooker, and Somner and Hooker, 2 Will. Rep. 338.*

His Lordship said, he could wish that an Act of Parliament was made to reduce this Point to a Certainty, for if it were once settled either Way, it would be well enough. *Ibid. 340.*

46. A Will was begun, and several Legacies were given to the next of Kin, and also to the Executors, and then at the Beginning of the next Sentence the Will stopt, and was left unfinished. And per Lord Chancellor, the Testator having given the Executors a Legacy, it is most likely he would have given away the Residue from them, and therefore decreed the undisposed Residue to be distributed according to the Statute of Distributions. *Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Knewell and Gardiner, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 184.*

47. The Intent of the Statute of 1 Jac. 2. cap. 17. sect. 7. was plainly to put the Mother in the same State and Condition with the Collaterals, who before stood on the same Footing with the Father, so that whenever she is intitled they shall have an equal Share with her. *Per Cur', East. 12 Geo. 1. Keilway and Keilway, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 190.*

48. If one dies without a Wife, leaving Children, they have the whole; if without Children or Wife, leaving a Father, then such Father has the whole; if no Father but a Mother, then to the Mother and next of Kin; if without Child, but a Wife and a Father, it goes in Moieties between the Wife and the Father; if no Father but a Mother, then that Moiety, *viz.* the Moiety remaining after the Wife's Moiety, between the Mother of the Intestate and his next of Kin, as Brothers and Sisters, Nephews and Nieces, the Representatives of the deceased Brother. *Per Cur'*, *East.* 12 *Geo.* 1. in the Case of *Keilway*

(a) *MS. Rep.* and *Keilway* (a), *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 190.

S. C. states it

thus: *J. S.* died intestate, leaving a Wife and no Child, and leaving a Mother, three Brothers and a Sister, and two Nieces, the Children of a deceased Brother, and possessed of a personal Estate. And the Question being touching the Distribution thereof, it was admitted *per omnes*, that the Intestate's Wife was to have one Moiety of his personal Estate by the Stat. 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. cap. 10. so that the only Difficulty was as to the remaining Moiety, whether the Intestate's Mother, as the next of Kin, should have it, or whether the Testator's Brothers and Sister, &c. should come in for their Shares equally with the Mother? Objected for the Mother, That by the Statute of Distribution the Mother, as next of Kin, was intitled to this remaining Moiety just as the Father would have been, and that the Brothers and Sister, &c. could not be thought to be of equal Degree of Kindred to the Intestate with the Mother; to which the Court agreed. Then it was insisted that this Case was *not* within the Stat. of 1 *Jac.* 2. cap. 17. sect. 7. but rested upon that of Distribution, *Car.* 2. by which the Mother, as next of Kin, took one Moiety, and the Wife would be intitled to the other; but Lord Chan. King decreed contrary; holding the Intention of the Stat. of *Jac.* 2. to be that in every Case where after the Death of the Father the Child dies without Issue, if there be no Wife the Child's Brothers and Sisters shall come in equally with the Mother as to the whole, and that where the Mother before that Statute came in for Half, there the deceased Child's Brothers and Sisters shall now come in for a Share of that Moiety, and that as the Intention of the Stat. of *Jac.* 2. was in Prejudice of the Mother, so, in the principal Case, the Words were plainly against her, they being, "That if after the Death of the Father any of the Children shall die without Wife or Children, then the Brothers and Sisters, &c. shall have their Share with the Mother." Now here one of these Contingencies has happened, and therefore the Brothers and Sisters should come in with the Mother.—2 *Will. Rep.* 343. *East.* 1726. *Keylway* and *Keylway*, S. C. in totidem verbis, with *MS. Rep.* and adds, that Lord Chancellor admitted that if the Intestate should have a Child and no Wife, and a Brother and Mother, in such Case neither the Brother nor Mother would have any Part, but the Child should take all, because originally the Lineal Descendants the Children, should be preferred before the Lineal Ascendants the Father or Mother, and the Lineal Ascendants the Father and Mother should be preferred to Collateral Descendants the Brother and Sister; but this being altered by the 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. (b) his Lordship decreed that the Mother of the Intestate *J. S.* should come in for no more than her Share of the Moiety of the personal Estate with the Intestate's Brothers and Sister, and the two Nieces the Representatives of the deceased Brother. *Ibid.* 346. The Reporter says, by way of Note, that this Case was affirmed to be Law by Lord Chan. Hardwicke in the Case of *Stanley v. Stanley*, 15 May 1739. *Ibid.* 347.—S. C. cited *arg'* 1 *Abr. Eq.* 253.

(b) Before this Statute they distributed first among the Lineal Descending Line as Children, then they took the Lineal Ascending Line as Father and Mother, and then the Collateral Line as Brothers and Sisters.—*Per Cur'*, in S. C. *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 189.

(c) *Vide* 2 *Salk.* 464. and 376. *Carth.* 376. *Oldham* and *Pickering* in *B. R.* says, such an Estate 49. An Estate *pur auter vie*, when limited to Executors, is a personal Estate, and as such distributable (c) within the Statute of Distribution. Cited *per Talbot* Solicitor General, *Mich.* 1726, in the Case of the Duke of Devon and *Atkins* (d), to have been so decreed by Lord Cowper, 2 *Will. Rep.* 382.

is not distributable by the Stat. 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. cap. 10.—However, tho' in the Spiritual Court an Estate *pur auter vie* be not distributable on account of its being a Freehold, yet it seems as if in a Court of Equity it should be distributable, and that the Administrator should be taken to be a Trustee for general Legacies, if any; and if no Will, then for the next of Kin: And as the Administration may be granted to one only as principal Creditor, he ought not to go away with the Residue of the Estate *pur auter vie* as Administrator.—2 *Will. Rep.* 382. by way of Note.—An Estate *pur auter vie* is distributable in Equity, tho' not in the Spiritual Court, it being a Freehold; decreed by Lord Chan. King, *Hil. Vac.* 1730, in *Casu Witter* and *Witter*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 99, 102.—*Vide* the Stat. 14 *Geo.* 2. whereby an Estate *pur auter vie* being undivided, or in Part applied to the Payment of Debts according to the Statute of Frauds, shall be distributed in the same Manner as personal Estate.—3 *Salk.* 137. S. C.—1 *Lord Raym.* 96. S. C.—*Comb. Rep.* 388. S. C.—And Cases in *B. R. Temp. W.* 3. 103. S. C. (d) In this Case King C. said, that an Estate *pur auter vie* was personal Estate. *Ibid.* 381, 382.

And *per* his Honour (*Ibid.* 441.) the Occasion of making this Statute was to 50. The Occasion of making the Stat. 22 & 23 *Car.* 2. cap. 10. was to put an End to the Controversy between the Temporal and the Spiritual Courts. The Ordinary before took Bonds from the Administrator

put an End to the long Contest which had been betwixt the Temporal and Spiritual Courts, for when the Spiritual Courts ordered any Distribution, or Bond to be given by the Administrator for that Purpose, the Temporal Courts sent a Prohibition, being of Opinion that the Administrator had a Right to all, and that the Spiritual

strator to make Distribution, and those Bonds were at Law adjudged void, and the Administrator intitled to all the personal Estate. But this Statute takes away the Administrator's Pretensions (which he before had made with Success) of retaining the whole. *Per Lord Chan. King, Hil. 1727. in Casu Edwards and Freeman, 2 Will. Rep. 447, 448.*

Court, which proceeded to order Distribution as often as the Common Law Courts did not prohibit them; and the Act intended to make the Childrens Provision equal; which was agreeable to the Civil Law, where Goods moveable and immoveable (i. e. Lands) are considered as the same, tho' our Law would never let the Civil Law meddle with Lands. *Ibid. 141, 142.*—The End and Intent of the Statute of Distribution was to make the Provision for all the Children of the Intestate equal as near as could be estimated, and to do what a good and just Parent ought to do for all his Children. *Per his Honour, ibid. 439, 440.*

51. The Statute of Distribution does not break into any Settlement which has been made by the Father, but only meddles with what is left undisposed of by him; it takes away nothing that has been given, however unequal or how much soever that may exceed the Remainder of the personal Estate left by the Intestate. *Per Raymond C. J. Hil. 1727, in the Case of Edwards and Freeman, 2 Will. Rep. 443.*

52. The Right to the distributive Share on the Stat. Car. 2. vests immediately on the Intestate's Death. *Per his Honour, Hil. 1727, in the Case of Edwards and Freeman, 2 Will. Rep. 442.*

Events vest in the Issue on the Testator's Death, because if there be a Posthumous Child, such Child shall be let in for its Share, tho' not in Esse at the Intestate's Death. *Per Raymond C. J. in S. C. Ibid. 446.*

53. A. by Will declares his Intention to dispose of his Household Goods by his Codicil, and devotes the Residue of his personal Estate not disposed of, nor reserved to be disposed of by his Codicil, to his Wife. Afterwards the Testator makes a Codicil without disposing of his Household Goods thereby; the Household Goods shall not go to the residuary Legatee, but according to the Statute of Distribution. *Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 1730, in the Case of Sir Jermin Davers et al' and Sir Jermin Dewes et al', 3 Will. Rep. 40.*

54. If one dies intestate without Issue, Brother or Sister, but several Brothers and Sisters Children, viz. one Nephew by a Brother, and three Nephews and two Nieces by a Sister, these shall take per Capita and not per Stirpes, because all equally of Kin. *Trin. 1730. Davers and Dewes, 3 Will. Rep. 50.*

55. A Papist may take within the Statute of Distribution. In the Case of dying intestate, it is the Act of the Law (a); is is the Legislature that gives these distributary Shares to the Widow and next of Kin; it is a Succession ab intestato to a personal Estate, similar to a Descent of Land, where an Heir, tho' a Papist, if above the Age of eighteen Years and six Months, may inherit; besides, the Intent of the Statute of Distribution was, that the Administrator should sell all the personal Estate of the Intestate, turn it into Money, and distribute it. Now it would be inconsistent that the Papist should have a Share of the Money left by the Intestate, but not of the Money raised by the Administrator out of the Intestate's Estate. *Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 1730. Davers et al' and Dewes et al', 3 Will. Rep. 48, 49.*

56. Where the Wife was made Executrix, and a considerable Legacy devised to her, yet the Proof being strong that the Testator intended the Surplus to her own Use, the same was decreed accordingly, both at the Rolls and in Chancery. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Hatton and Hatton, 2 New Abr. 426.*

57. Sir Joseph Jekyll, (Feb. 20, 1736.) speaking of the Case of Foster and Munt, 1 Vern. 473. and Abr. Eq. 1 Vol. 243. (D) Ca. 1. said,

Court could not break into that Right; and so this Statute was made in favour of this Practice of the Spiritual

The distributive Share according to the Resolutions does not in all

(a) By the same Reason it should seem that a Papist is capable of taking as Tenant by the Curtesy or in Dower. *Ibid. 49, in a Note by the Editor.*

said, It had been often urged, that that Case turned upon Fraud; but that he had looked into all the Proceedings, and there was no such Thing pretended, but the whole turned upon this: That as the Executors Legacy was given for their Care, unless such Care was to turn to the Benefit of others, and not of themselves, the Will would be absurd; and therefore it necessarily followed, that the Testator designed them only to be Trustees for the next of Kin; and tho' no such Declaration was made, yet the Legacy being given generally, the Law made the same Construction, and it was for their Care, it being impossible to imagine that the Testator would give a general Legacy, if he intended the Executors should take the whole. *MS. Notes, Feb. 20, 1736.*

58. *A.* made his Will, and, leaving a Wife, Daughter, and three Grandchildren by another Daughter, he devised to his Wife the Income and Profits of all his real and personal Estate for her Life, and after her Decease, he devised an Annuity of 20 *l.* a Year to his Daughter for her Life, and devised some other Legacies to the Children of his deceased Daughter, some payable at a certain Age, others on their Marriage generally, and one to his Daughter upon her Marriage with the Consent of her Mother, and makes his Wife Executrix, but if she died in the Life of her Daughter, then he made the Daughter Executrix. And as the Residue, after the Mother's Death, was not disposed of, the Question was, Who should have it; whether the Mother as Executrix, or it should be divided as a resulting Trust amongst the next of Kin? And by the Court, after Arguments on both Sides, it seems the Residue must be distributed as vested in the Executrix only as a Trustee for the next of Kin. 'Tis certain there is no Difference whether a Mother or Stranger is made Executrix, for, if the Executrix has a Legacy given simply and absolutely, the Law of this Court is, that 'tis given for her Trouble in managing the Administration, and if it should not go in Restraint of any further Claim, but the Executrix should take the whole, such a Bequest would be absurd; and therefore, without some contrary Evidence, it is looked upon as an Indication of the Testator's Mind to give only such particular Legacy to the Executrix for her own Use, and so she becomes a Trustee for the Residue.—Indeed there have been some Distinctions on this Point made; as where a Man devises a specifick Thing to his Executor for Life, and after his Decease to another for Life, and says nothing of the Residue, there the Devise to the Executor goes only by way of *Exception (a)* to the Interest devised over, and as it was absolutely necessary to make the first Devise to the Executor to support the subsequent Remainder; there the Devise to the Executor has *not* been looked on as a Satisfaction for his Trouble, but only to introduce the succeeding Gift, and so does not oust the Executor of the Residue of the personal Estate; and so was the Case of the Duke and Dutchess of *Beaufort*, and *Mackworth* and *Lewellin*, *Mich. 1734*, before Lord *Talbot*, where *A.* devised a Term of twenty-one Years for three Years to his Executor *Herbert Mackworth*, paying 30 *l.* to *B.* which was the full Value of the Term for three Years, Remainder to *C.* if he should live to the End of the Term; and it was held that the Residue of the Term, on the Death of *C.* belonged to the Executor.—But, in the present Case, there is no such Intention to be collected; the Testator has devised the Profits of his real and personal Estate to his Wife for her Life, and has given several specifick Legacies, which may possibly vest in her Time, some must, as those of Marriage with Consent; the Annuity of 20 *l.* is to take Place after her Decease, not as a Re-

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mainder of the Estate given to her, but as a Charge to arise out of the whole; the former Legacies go in Diminution of her Interest under the Will on the Contingencies they depend upon, but must be paid whether she lives or dies; and the latter is an absolute Annuity independent of her Interest whenever she dies; so that the Devise to the Wife is a simple Legacy to her and a beneficial Interest, and if the Limitation for Life does not confine it to that Time, 'tis of no Effect at all; and therefore decreed the Residue, after the Wife's Decease, to be distributed, *i. e.* one Third to her, another to the Daughter, and the remaining Third to the Children of the deceased Daughter. — There was another Question in this Case, which was this, The Testator and his Wife being at their Marriage willing to keep their own Estates, covenanted, that if the Husband died intestate, the Wife should not take out Administration to him, nor have any Part of his personal Estate; and it was urged, this ought to exclude her from a distributive Share. *Sed per Cur'*, The Covenant intends a general Intestacy, when an Administrator would be necessary, where the Husband makes no Disposition of his Personalty, but here it's disposed of; the Executrix has every Thing not specifically devised in Trust for the next of Kin, and so much of it results back to her as she is intitled as Wife, and there is no Pretence for calling this Trust Estate resulting to the Kindred an Intestacy, any more than a resulting Trust of Lands after Debts paid under a Devise. *Gobfall and Sounden, 20 Feb. 1736, at the Rolls, MS. Rep.*

59. *Mary Scarlet* had a Legacy left her by *Osborn* her former Husband, and after intermarried with *William Scarlet*, and died; then *William Scarlet*, her second Husband, took out Administration to her, but died before he received the said Legacy; and the Defendants *Bullen* and his Wife, took out Administration to him, and received the Legacy, which was now demanded by the Plaintiff's Bill as Administrator *de bonis Non* of *Mary Scarlet*. And the only Question was, Whether the Legacy belonged to the Plaintiff in that Right, or to the Defendant as Representative of the Husband *William Scarlet*. Attorney General for the Plaintiff. But the Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* thought it so clear, that he would not permit any one to argue it for the Defendants; and *per his Lordship*, This is a plain Case, taking it as it stood on the old Statute of Administrations, for thereby the Husband was intitled to Administration if he survived his Wife; and as it stood on these Statutes, nobody could call him to an Account for the Effects, for the Party was to administer for the Good of the Soul, but not to make a Distribution; but by the Stat. 22 & 23 *Car. 2. cap. 10.* Administrators are liable to make Distribution, one Third to the Wife of the Intestate, &c. yet upon the Penning of that Statute, tho' no Notice was taken of the Husband being Administrator of his Wife, yet it was held *not* to be within the Act, for no Person could be in equal Degree to the Wife with the Husband, and so he was not subject to the Statute of Distributions; which Matter is explained by the 29 *Car. 2. cap. 3. sect. 25.* which says, the Husband may demand Administration of his deceased Wife's personal Estate, and recover and enjoy the same, as he might have done before that Act, which was before that Act as his own Property; and if before the Statute of Distributions, the Husband had died before he had called in the Effects of his Wife, and any other Person had taken out Administration to the Wife, he would have been a Trustee for the Husband. So in the Case of *Cart* and *Reves* in Lord *Macclesfield's* Time, it was held that an Administrator *de bonis Non* of the Wife was a Trustee for the Re-

presentative of the Husband; therefore, tho' in Point of Law the Plaintiff may be Representative of the Wife, yet he is only a Trustee for the next of Kin to the Husband, and then the Plaintiff, by bringing this Bill against his *Cestui que Trust*, has been guilty of a Breach of Trust, so his Bill must be dismissed with Costs (a). *Humpreys*

(a) *Vide*
2 *Vern.* 302.
Cary and Tay-

William Scarlet (b), *MS. Rep.*

lor, which

seems to be a Case in Point where the Husband never took out Administration to his Wife at all. —

S. C. 1 *Abr. Eq.* 69. *Ca.* 10.

(b) *Quære* Term and Year.

Vide P.

60. A *Posthumous Child* shall be intitled within the Statute 1 *Jac.* 2. *cap.* 17. *sect.* 7. to a Share in a *Brother's* or *Sister's* personal Estate as if such Child had been born in the Life-time of the *Brother* or *Sister*. *Hil.* 1740. *Wallis and Hodson, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 272.

(G) What shall be esteemed an Advancement within the Statute (c) to be brought into Hotchpot.

(c) 22 *Ed.* 23
Car. 2. *ca.* 10.

1. *J. S.* had four Daughters, *A. B. C.* and *D.* and by Will devised to *A.* 1000*l.* and by the same Will devised to them 1500*l.* apiece for their Portions, which several Sums of 1500*l.* were to be raised out of a real Estate devised by his Will for that Purpose. Afterwards *A.* married in *J. S.*'s Life-time, and *J. S.* gave her 4000*l.* as a Portion. *J. S.* made his Wife Executrix, and gave her some Legacies, but made no Disposition of the Surplus of his Estate. Lord Keeper decreed that the Widow must distribute the Surplus; also decreed the Portion to be brought into Hotchpot, and *B. C.* and *D.* to have the Benefit of it, but not the Wife, and 1500*l.* of the 4000*l.* coming out of the Land, there is 2500*l.* only to be brought into Hotchpot. *Hil.* 1701. *Ward and Lant, Prec. in Chan.* 182, 184.

2. *M.* who married *H.* and survived him, had three Children, two Sons and a Daughter, and having, out of her own Estate, given 1000*l.* to her Daughter in Marriage, died intestate, leaving those three Children. And the Question was, Whether the Daughter, who had received this 1000*l.* ought to bring it into Hotchpot before she should receive any further Share of her Mother's personal Estate? And Lord Chan. King said, It weighed with him that the Act of Distribution was grounded upon the Custom of London (d), which never affected a Widow's personal Estate, and that the Act seems to include those within the Clause of Hotchpot who are capable of having a Wife as well as Children, which must be Husbands only, and so in this Case (tho' without much Debate) his Lordship ruled that the Daughter should not bring the 1000*l.* which she had received in her Mother's Life-time, into Hotchpot. *Trin.* 1726. *Holt and Frederick, 2 Will. Rep.* 356.

(d) *Vide* Edwards and Freeman.

(e) *Vide* 1 *Abr. Eq.* 249. *Ca.* 10. same Case at large. This 5000*l.* is an Advancement pro tanto with- in the Custom

3. *J. S.* on his (e) Marriage, covenants to settle (within six Months after Request, &c.) all his Lands in *B. &c.* (inter al') for raising Daughters Portions, viz. if but one Daughter 5000*l.* if more 6000*l.* payable at eighteen or Marriage, and to raise Maintenances for such Daughters

of London, upon which Custom (f) the Statute of Distribution was in a good Measure founded; and it can be no Injustice to the Child, because it is left to the Election of the Child thus advanced, whether she will collate or not; if the Child be content with what she has received, she may keep it. Per Lord Chancellor. *Ibid.* 449. (f) *Vide* the Case of *Holt and Frederick, P. Ca.*

Daughters 'till their Portions should become payable, 80*l.* *per Annum* if but one Daughter, and ——— *per Annum* if more than one. The Wife died leaving only one Child, a Daughter. No Settlement having been made pursuant to the Marriage Articles, *J. S.* afterwards marries a second Wife, and settled great Part of the Lands comprised in the Articles, *without giving any Notice of the Articles*, and had Issue of *this* Marriage a Son and a Daughter. *J. S.* died intestate, and his Widow (the Defendant) took out Administration to him. The Daughter by the *first* Wife being then eleven Years old, who having since intermarried with *W. E.* they brought their Bill for their distributory Part of *J. S.*'s personal Estate, but *did not pray the 5000*l.** This Cause having been often argued, it was at length decreed by Lord Chan. King, assisted by *Raymond C. J.* the Master of the Rolls, and *Price J.* That the 5000*l.* secured to the Daughter by the *first* Wife, (tho' on the Contingencies (a) of living to eighteen or being married, and which hath since happened) must be brought into *Hotchpot* to intitle her to a Distribution. *Hil. 1727. Edwards and Freeman, 2 Will. Rep. 435 to 449.*—As to the Maintenance Money 80*l.* a Year, secured by the Father to Plaintiff the Daughter, *they* were of Opinion, That this ought not to be brought into *Hotchpot*, no more than what is allowed or secured by the Parent for the Education of the Child. *Ibid. 449.*

(a) A contingent Provision, when it happens, is an Advancement *pro tanto*; as a Covenant to leave a Child 100*l.* if living a Week after

my Decease; so if it were upon the Contingency that the Child should be living one, two or three Years after the Intestate's Death. Suppose (in the *principal* Case) it were a Bond instead of a Covenant, or a Mortgage instead of a Bond, it would make no Difference, *per* Lord Chief Justice *Raymond*, who granted that it would be no Provision 'till the Contingency happens; and his Lordship agreed, that the Contingency should be limited to arise in a reasonable Time, which being at eighteen or Marriage, he held a reasonable Time. *Ibid. 444, 445.*

4. The Words of the Statute of Distribution makes *no* Difference between a *voluntary* and a *Marriage* Settlement, but are of Settlements in general. *Per* Lord Chief Justice *Raymond*, in the Case of *Edwards and Freeman, ibid. 444.*

5. A Provision for a Child *by (b) Will* is not an Advancement to be brought into *Hotchpot*; for a Case may happen, that as to Part of the personal Estate the Testator may die intestate; neither shall Land given *by Will to a younger Child*; for a Provision to be brought into *Hotchpot* must be such as is made by an Act in the Testator's Life-time, and not *by Will*. *Per* his Honour. *Ibid. 440. in S. C.*

(b) *Vide Savinb. 165.*

6. If the Father settles a Rent out of Lands upon a younger Child, this is an Advancement. *Per* his Honour. *Ibid. 441.*

7. If the Father by Deed settles an Annuity upon a Child, to commence after his Death, this is an Advancement *pro tanto* (c); and his Honour said, that by the same Reason a Reversion settled on a Child, as it may be valued, is an Advancement also. *Ibid. 442.*

(c) His Honour cited this out of *Savinb. 165.*

8. A Provision within the Statute of Distribution, for a Child need not take Place in the Father's Life-time; a future Provision is a Bar *pro tanto*; and a Portion assured or secured to a Child, tho' *in futuro*, is a Provision according to its Value. *Per* his Honour. *Ibid.*

Ibid. 445. S. P. by Raymond C. J.

9. If the Father covenants with Trustees to pay a Child 100*l.* a Week after his Death, as such Covenant would have been plainly good, so would it have been a Provision within the Act. A Case put *per Raymond C. J. Ibid. 445.*

10. A future Provision is within the Act, but an Annuity for Maintenance and Education is not to be brought into *Hotchpot*. *Vide 1 Abr. Eq. 254. Mich. 1725, in said Case of Edwards and Freeman.*

11. J. S. had several Children, and in his Life-time advanced in Part one of them. This Child died in J. S.'s Life-time, leaving Issue; afterwards J. S. died intestate, possessed of a considerable personal Estate. The Issue of the deceased Child must bring into Hotchpot what their Father received in Part of Advancement, as he, if living, must have done, in regard the Issue stands in the Place and Stead of the Father, and a Claim under him, and cannot be in a better Condition than their Father, if living, would have been, and had claimed his distributive Share. Admitted by Mr. Solicitor Talbot as Counsel for the Children of the deceased Child, Mich. 1729. Proun and Turner, 2 Will. Rep. 560.

12. Case upon a Bill brought by Consent for the Opinion of the Court, was, that the late T. Lutwich, Esq; having purchased an House, &c. at Turnham Green, (which was Copyhold and of the Custom of Borough English) afterwards died intestate, leaving two Sons and several Daughters, and the younger Son brought his Bill for a distributive Share of his Father's personal Estate, &c. Insisted for the Defendants the other Children, that he ought to bring this Copyhold into Hotchpot, upon the Authority of the Case of Pratt and Pratt. Decreed in Point by the Master of the Rolls 11 May 1732. And two Questions were made upon the Stat. 22 & 23 Car. 2. cap. 10. First, Whether by the former Part of sect. 5. in the Statute, a younger Son, having Lands by Descent, is to bring into Hotchpot? And Secondly, Whether the latter Part of the Clause, which provides that the Heir at Law shall have Distribution, notwithstanding Lands descended, &c. regards the Heir at the Common Law only? And Lord Chancellor as to the first Point held, that the younger Son, having Lands by Descent, as in this Case, was not obliged to bring them into Hotchpot; and that the Heir at Law in the latter, meant the Heir at the Common Law, tho' that Point, he said, was not necessary to determine, inasmuch as he thought, upon the first Part of the Clause, the younger Son, by having Lands by Descent, by the Custom was not barred of an equal Share of the personal Estate with the other Children.—As to the Case of Pratt and Pratt, his Lordship declared he had a great Regard and Deference to the Opinion, and the Judgment thereupon given, but that however he must be guided by his own Judgment and Conscience. 26 Mar. 1735. Lutwich and Lutwich, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 9.) Ca. 11.

(H) Concerning the Power of an Executor.

1. A Testator may make his Creditor Executor, and then the Law gives him a Preference (a); and not only so, but the Law allows this Executor to give any other Creditor, in equal Degree, a Preference (b). It is true sometimes Chancery will interpose, because these Powers may be an Inlet to Fraud, but it will never take from the Executor himself this Preference the Law gives him. Per Lord Chan. Parker, East. 8 Geo. 1. in Casu Cock and Goodfellow, Lucas's Rep. 496.

(a) But the Debt of the Executor must be in equal Degree with the Debts of others, and then he may prefer himself according to the Rule of *In Aequali Jure Melior est Condicio Possidentis*. Wentworth's Office of Executors 142.

(b) S. P. in Wentworth's Office of Executors 142. But if the Debt of the one be payable at a future Day, and of the other presently, the Executor cannot prefer such future Debt and pay it before the Day of Payment comes, and leave the other unpaid; but after the Day happens, he may prefer either, unless in Case of a Suit commenced before the Day; and Wentworth even thinks that a bare Demand of the Executor before the other Debt becomes due prevents the Preference, tho' contrary to Doctor and Student, but says he lays it not down peremptorily.

2. J. S. possessed of a Term for Years, devised it to A. and then died indebted, having made B. his Executor. B. sold the Term to C. upon which the Devisee of the Term brought a Bill against C. insisting, that the Term being devised to him, B. was but a Trustee for him, and that C. must have Notice of this Trust, the Term having been bought of B. and consequently must be taken subject to the Trust. His Honour said, That Notice of the Will and of the Devise of the Term to a third Person was nothing, for every Person buying of an Executor named, must, of Necessity, have Notice, so that if Notice were to be an Hindrance, then no Executor could sell; and to put every Purchaser of a Lease from an Executor to take an Account of the Testator's Debts, is not reasonable, nor has he any Means to discover them; on the contrary, as the Testator's personal Estate is liable to the Debts, this Lease must (*inter al'*) of Necessity be liable, and therefore may be sold by the Executor. If Equity were otherwise, it would be a great Hindrance to the Payment of Debts and Legacies, and would lay an Embargo upon all personal Estates in the Hands of Executors and Administrators, which would be attended with great Inconveniencies. If an Executor should sell a Term for an Under-Value, or to one who has Notice that there are no Debts, or that all the Debts are paid, this, his Honour admitted, might be another Consideration, but there being no such Ingredient in the present Case, he dismissed the Bill. Trin. 1723. Ewer and Corbet, 2 Will. Rep. 148.

His Honour said, He remembered it to have been once ruled, that an Executor could not make a good Title of a Term to a Purchaser, and that was in the Case of Major Bill v. Humble (a), Mich. 1703. But since that, he said, he took it to have been resolved, and with great Reason, that an Executor, where there are Debts, may sell a Term, and the Devisee of the Term has no other Remedy but

against the Executor to recover the Value thereof, if there be sufficient Assets for the Payment of Debts. Ibid. 148.

(a) 2 Vern. 444. Where it appears that a Mortgage made of a Term by an Executor was by this Court held to be good, and that a residuary or specific Legatee had only his Remedy against the Executor. But that Decree was, on Appeal, reversed by the House of Lords.

3. A Freeman of London, possessed of several Leasehold Houses among other personal Estate in 1699, devised one Third of all his personal Estate to his Wife, another Third to his Child, and his own Testamentary Third to M. his Wife for Life, Remainder to such of his Children as should be living at M.'s Death; and having made M. Executrix, appointed B. Overseer of the Will, giving him 10*l.* for his Care in seeing the Will performed, and died. M. sold all the Leasehold Houses to said B. and then she died; whereupon C. who was the only Child living at the Death of M. brought her Bill to have the Benefit of the Term, insisting that this differed from the Case of Ewer and Corbet (b); but it appearing by the Inventory, that the Debts could not be paid without the Lease of Part of the Leasehold Houses, his Honour dismissed the Bill (c). Trin. 1723. Burtin and Stouard, 2 Will. Rep. 150.

(b) Ca. 2. this Page.

(c) And his Honour said, That this Case

was not so strong as the Case of Ewer and Corbet, because here nothing specific, nor any particular Lease, was devised to the Children, as in Ewer and Corbet, but only a third Part of his personal Estate in general. Ibid. 151.

4. A Bond was put in Suit against an Executor, who pleaded Plene Administravit, that he was a Bond Creditor himself, and had paid himself. On the Trial it appeared there was an Interlineation of 50*l.* after the Bond was executed, so at Law the Bond was void. Now Application was made, that tho' the Bond be void at Law, yet it may be considered as good in Equity, for what it was really given. And Lord C. King said, That this, at most, can be but a Charge by simple Contract; for you yourselves have destroyed its being a Bond; so it is as if it never had been; and so can be no Bar to the Payment of a Debt of a superior Nature. Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Anon. Select Cases in Chan. 24.

5. An Executor, *tho' a bare Trustee*, and *tho' there be a residuary Legatee*, is intitled to sue for the personal Estate *in Equity* as well as *at Law*, unless the *Cestuy que Trust* will oppose it. *Hil. Vac.* 1729, by way of Note to the Case of *Jones and Goodchild*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 34.

6. Executors are the proper Persons that by Law have a Power to dispose of the Testator's *personal Estate*.—Personal Estate may be *cloathed* with such a particular Trust that it is possible the Court, in some Cases, may require a Purchaser of it to see the Money rightly applied. But unless there is some such particular Trust, or a Fraud in the Case, it is impossible to say but the Sale of the personal Estate, when made by an Executor, must stand; and that after the Sale is made, the Creditors cannot break in upon it. *Per his Honour, East.* 1740, in the Case of *Elliot and Merryman*, *Barnard. Rep.* 78, 81.

(a) And an Administrator. (I) In what Cases an Executor (a) may retain.

If there are two Executors Creditors to the Testator, and one gets all the Assets into his Hands, Equity will not suffer him to *retain* against his Companion. *Chapman and Turner (b)*, *MS. Rep.*

(b) *Quære* Term and Year.

1. A Decree was had against the Defendant's Intestate by the Plaintiff for 400*l.* and the Intestate, before the Decree, was indebted to the Defendant by Bond. The Intestate dying, the Defendant got Administration. And the Question was, Whether the Defendant could *retain* to satisfy his own Bond against this Decree, there being no Assets to satisfy both? And held by *Atkins, Turton and Lechmere*, Barons, that he might, and thereupon it was decreed, that the Defendant should pay the Plaintiff, *in Case he had Assets*, in the first Place. *Powell dubitavit*, for that in Case the Party was sued at Law upon a Bond, he could not plead nor give this Decree in Evidence to bar the Plaintiff; and so it would be one Way *at Law*, and another Way *here*. But for that he was answered, that the Party might be relieved by his Bill in Equity, and have an Injunction. *East.* 1693. *Stafby and Powell in Scac'*, 1 *Freem. Rep.* 333.

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totidem verbis.

2. If *J. S.* be indebted by Bond in 2000 *l.* to *A.* to which Plaintiff is intitled as his Representative, and in 1300 *l.* to *B.* the Defendant's Testator, for which *J. S.* and *C.* were bound. *J. S.* makes his Will, and thereof *B.* and *D.* Executors, and devises *his Lands to them and their Heirs, Share and Share alike, to be sold for Payment of his Debts.* The Executors employed the greatest Part of his (*J. S.*'s) *personal Estate* in Payment of a Mortgage of 2000 *l.* charged on the *real Estate devised for Payment of Debts*, but kept it on foot and took an Assignment thereof to themselves. And *J. S.* had also a Bond taken in *B.*'s Name for Money due to *J. S.* Plaintiff brought his Bill against the Executors of *J. S.* for a Discovery of Assets, and to have a Satisfaction of his Debt. *B.* in his Answer insists to *retain* out of the *real Estate* when sold, and also out of the *personal Estate*, to pay his own Debt. The Cause went on to a Hearing, and a Decree was obtained for an Account; and then *B.* died, having made his Will, and Defendant *M.* his Wife Executrix, (who was before Executrix of *C.* the Co-Obligor with *J. S.*); and the Case was revived against her. *Per Lord Keep. Wright*: An Executor of an Executor may retain, but not in this Case; the Land being devised to the Executors, Share and Share alike, makes, as his Lordship thought, a Tenancy in Common; but here the Executor of the Executor is not the Executor to the first Testator, and therefore cannot

cannot retain; and the *personal Assets are gone*. And the *Question* is now, As to the *real Estate*. And in Equity *all Debts are equal* (a); (a) *Maxim.* and you cannot prefer yourself, and Equity *will never assist a Retainer* (b); and these being only *equitable Assets*, you ought not to (b) *Maxim.* retain to pay all, but *only a proportionable Part*; and as to the *Bond* you are a *Trustee*, and therefore that must follow the same Rule. *Mich. 1701. Hopton and Dryden, MS. Rep.*

3. It was agreed, that both in *Law* and *Equity* an Executor may retain for his *whole Debt*, *when in equal Degree*. *Mich. 1715, in the Case of Waring and Danvers, 1 Will. Rep. 296.*

4. *A.* lent Money on Bond to *B.* who dying intestate, *C.* took out Administration to him; after which *C.* dying, *A.* took out Administration *de bonis Non, &c.* to *B.* and it was determined (*int' al'*) that *A.* might out of the Assets of *B.* retain for such Bond Debt contracted before he took out Administration; and tho' *A.* happened to die before he had made any Election in what particular Effects he would have the Property altered, yet the Court said, it must be presumed he would elect to have his own Debt first paid; and this being presumed, there would remain no Difficulty as to altering the Property; for as the Executors of *A.* were to account for the Assets of *B.* they must on the Account deduct to the Amount of the Money lent by *A.* to *B.* *Mich. 1720. Weekes and Gore at the Rolls, 3 Will. Rep. 184, in a Note.*

5. Plaintiff was a Bond Creditor for 120*l.* of Defendant's Testator, and brought his Bill to be paid out of the *personal Assets* of the Testator. And an Account was decreed, and the Master to state any Thing specially that he thought fit; and he reported that the Testator gave a Bond to *J. S.* a Trustee, for Defendant his Wife and Executrix, to leave her 100*l.* at his Death, if she survived him; and that she, surviving her Husband, claimed to retain this 100*l.* out of the Assets, which created a Deficiency to pay the Plaintiff his 120*l.* Objected, That the Executrix cannot retain this 100*l.* the Bond being made to a Trustee, tho' she might give Judgment to her Trustee on this Bond. But that the *Executrix's Right of Retainer is where he cannot sue*, and therefore, for Necessity, shall retain; so that here the Debts are to be paid in Average, as has been often decreed by the Master of the Rolls. But Lord Chan. King held, That tho' in Strictness of Law, in this Case, the Executrix cannot retain the Bond, *not being made to herself*, yet since she may pay what Bond she pleases first, and as it would be a vain Thing for her to pay the 100*l.* to her Trustee with the one Hand and take it back with the other, therefore this Bond shall be the same in Equity as if made to herself; and accordingly it was ruled that the Executrix was intitled to the 100*l.* by which Means but 5*l.* remained to the Plaintiff (c). *Trin. 1725. Cackroft and Black, 2 Will. Rep. 298.*

Quere (by way of Note); For in *Hill and Underwood, Trin. 1739*, Lord Chancellor seemed not satisfied with this Resolution. *Ibid. 299.*

(c) The Reporter adds a

6. *A.* dies indebted by Bond to *B.* and by another Bond to *C.* and leaves *B.* and *J. S.* Executors. *B.* intermeddles with the Goods, and dies before Probate, and before any Election made to retain. *Quere*, Whether as *B.* might have retained the Goods in his Hands, his Executors have not the same Power? But this Point being waved, the Court gave no Opinion touching the same. *East. 1733. Croft and Pyke, 3 Will. Rep. 183.*

(K) Executors, how far favoured in Equity (a).

(a) By 29 Car.
2. c. 3. sect. 4.

No Action lies to charge an Executor on a special Promise to answer Damages out of his own Estate, unless there be a Note in Writing signed by him or his Order.

1. **I**N the Case of *Lindsey and Covill* it was admitted that an Executor or Administrator, in some Cases, tho' he committed a Devastavit in Law, might be relieved in Equity.—As an Administrator in *London*, before the Fire having Leases of Houses, &c. and a great Surplus of Assets, and beyond what would pay Debts and Legacies, paid all as they were demanded; and after the Fire coming, destroyed the Houses, which was the greatest Part of his Assets; and then a Debt upon a Bond started up, and the Administrator was relieved against this. *East. 1676. Executors of Lady Croft and Lyndsey and Covill, 2 Freem. Rep. 1.*

2. *A.* the Testator, having 1000 *l.* due upon a Mortgage, devised the Profits of it to *B.* (the Defendant) for her Liveliness and Maintenance, and after her Death, without Issue, to the Plaintiff, and made *B.* Executrix, and died. Plaintiff preferred his Bill to compel *B.* to give him Security that the Money should be preserved to him in Case she should die without Issue; and it was made a Question, Whether this Devise of the Money was good or no? The major Opinion of the Bar seemed to be, that the Limitation over to the Plaintiff was void; but Lord Chancellor gave no Opinion; but said, That altho' this Court doth sometimes compel Executors to give Security for Legacies, yet that must be when they are clear and beyond Disputes; and not when the Right is disputable, as in this Case, or at least depends upon a Contingency. Bill dismissed. *Mich. 1678. Dingly and Dingly, 2 Freem. Rep. 40.*

Note; The Executrix herself was intitled to a Share of the Estate as well as the Plaintiffs. *Ibid.* in a Note.

3. *A.* intrusts *J. S.* with Monies of his to dispose of at Interest; then *A.* dies, Part of the Monies remaining in *J. S.*'s Hands undisposed of; *A.*'s Executrix desires *J. S.* to put it out at Interest, which he does, and the Security proves defective. The Executrix shall not make it good to the Plaintiffs, who were to have a Share of the Estate by the Custom of the Province of York, but against a Creditor she should. So it is of Goods sold *bonâ fide* to a Person, who became insolvent before all the Money paid. *Mich. 1692. Gibbs and Herring, Prec. in Chan. 49.*

(b) Vide P. Ca.

4. Where an Executor puts out Money without the Indemnity of a Decree, if it be on a real Security, and one that there was no Ground at that Time to suspect, Lord Keep. *Harcourt* delivered it as his Opinion (tho' he said it had not been settled) that the Executor, under such Circumstances, was not liable for the Loss, and so should account for the Interest. *East. 1711. in Casu Brown and Litton (b), 1 Will. Rep. 140, 141.*

5. An Executor receives Money due on a Mortgage, and pays it away to his Testator's Creditors; after which it appears that the Mortgage had been satisfied in the Testator's Life-time. The Executor, on a Bill brought by the Creditors of the Mortgagor, was decreed to refund, tho' he had before paid the Money away in Debts, (which he had not otherwise Assets to pay); but the Executor may sue such Creditors of the Testator as thro' Mistake he paid, to make them refund. Decreed per his Honour, *Trin. 1717*, and affirmed by Lord

His Lordship Chan. Cowper, in the Case of *Pooley et al' and Ray, 1 Will. Rep. 355.* declaring, That tho' this was an hard Case, yet if the Plaintiffs had a Right to be repaid the Money which had been overpaid on the Mortgage, that this Right could not be overthrown by the Executor's applying the Money in any Manner

Manner he should think fit, any more than if an Executor at Law should recover a Debt, and pay the Testator's Debts with it, and afterwards this Judgment is reversed in Error, the Executor must restore the Money to the Plaintiff in Error; and his having paid it away in Debts of his Testator will not excuse him from paying it back; so if there were a Decree for the Executor to be paid a Sum of Money by the Defendant, and the Executor, having received the Money, pays it away in Debts; and then the Defendant, against whom the Executor had recovered the Decree, brings his Appeal and reverses the Decree; the Plaintiff, in the Appeal, shall be restored to the Money. *Secus* if the Defendant had delayed the Appeal, and willingly stood by whilst the Executor paid away this Money to the Testator's Creditors, for this would be drawing the Executor into a Snare; *per Lord Chancellor*, who said that nothing of this Kind appeared in the *present* Case.

6. An Executor brings a very frivolous Bill, which was *dismissed with Costs* out of Assets; the Executor was ordered to be examined on Interrogatories *if he denies Assets*, and so it was done in *another* Cause the next Day. *Mich. 12 Geo. 1. Cole and Rumney, Select Cases in Chan. 62.*

7. Equity will not compel an Executor to give Security without an Affidavit of Misbehaviour or Insolvency. *Feb. 20, 1727. Dillon and Shaven, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (B. c.) Ca. 25.*

8. An Executor in Trust who had no Legacy, and where the Execution of the Trust was likely to be attended with Trouble, at first refused, but afterwards agreed with the residuary Legatees, in Consideration of one hundred Guineas, to act in the *Executorship*; and he dying before the Execution of the Trust was compleated, his Executors brought a Bill to be allowed these one hundred Guineas out of the Trust Money in their Hands, insisting that the residuary Legatees might as well make a Contract with the Executor, touching the Surplus, (which was their own Property) as the Testator himself, and that no Harm could happen thereby to the Trust Estate; but he said, all Bargains of this Kind ought to be discouraged, as tending to eat up the Trust, and here the Executor had died before he had finished the Affairs of the Trust, wherefore the Plaintiff's Demand was disallowed. *Mich. 1732. Gould and Fleetwood, at the Rolls.*—And it seems to be owing to this *Jealousy* which a Court of Equity entertains of an Executor or Trustee, that if they compound Debts or Mortgages, and buy them in for less than is due thereon, they shall not take the Benefit of it themselves, but other Creditors and Legatees shall have the Advantage of it; and for want of them, the Benefit shall go to the Party who is intitled to the Surplus; whereas if one, who acts for himself, and is not in the Circumstances of an Executor or Trustee, buys in a Mortgage for less than is due, or for less than it is worth, he shall be allowed all that is due thereon. See *Salk. 155. Mich. 6 Ann. Anon.*—Thus in the Case of *Baldwin and Banister*, heard at the Rolls *East. 1718*, the Case was, a Mortgagor in Fee died, and the Mortgagee bought in the Mortgagor's Wife's Right of Dower. Decreed that the Heir of the Mortgagor, on his bringing a Bill to redeem, should have the Benefit thereof on this Principal, that the Mortgagee is but a Trustee for the Mortgagor after his Money paid. —So in the Case of *Powell and Glover, Mich. 1721*, at the Rolls, where a Guardian compounded Debts. Decreed it should be for the Benefit of the Infant. 3 *Will. Rep. 251*, by way of Note.

9. A Father by Will gave a great *personal* Estate equally between M. his Wife and his two Infant Children, and made M. one of his Executors, and died. A Bill was brought in the Name of the Infant Children by a Relation as *Prochein amy*, against M. to have an Account and Discovery of the Testator's *personal* Estate; whereupon several Relations of the Infants by the Father's and Mother's Side (nearer than the *Prochein amy*) made an Affidavit that due Care was taken of the Infants and of their Estate, with which they were well satisfied;

and that they believed this Suit was exhibited rather out of *Pique* than any real Concern for the Infants Benefit, there being a Suit instituted in the *Spiritual Court* by the *Prochein amy's* Son against *M.* upon a Marriage Contract alledged to have been made by her with him. His *Honour*, upon Petition, referred it to a Master, who reporting it to be so, the Defendant filed a new Bill in the Infants Name by another *Prochein amy*, for an Account of the Infants Estate, in order that it might be improved; and now Lord Chan. King decreed that the former Bill should be dismissed, and the *Prochein amy* named therein pay the Costs (a). *East. 1732. Da Costa and Da Costa, 3 Will. Rep.*

(a) As to this Matter see 140.
the Case of
Turner and Turner, 2 Will. Rep. 297.

And per Lord Chan. Talbot, on an Appeal, It is an established Rule that a Trustee, Executor or Administrator, shall have no Allowance for his Care and Trouble; that the Reason seems to be, for that on these Pretences, if allowed, the Trust Estate might be loaded and rendered of little Value, besides the great Difficulty there might be in settling and adjusting the Quantum of such Allowance, especially as one Man's Time may be more valuable than that of another; and there can be no Hardship in this Respect upon any Trustee, who may chuse whether he will accept the Trust or not; neither will it alter the Case that the Executor renounces the Executorship; that if this were to make any Difference, it would be an Art practised by Executors to get themselves out of this Rule, which, his Lordship said, he took to be a reasonable one, and to have long prevailed; and added, that in the present Case the Testator has by his Will directed what shall be the Defendant's (the Executor's) Recompence for his Trouble in Case of his refusing the Executorship, (viz.) that he still should have the 100*l.* given by the Will, to which his Lordship said he could make no Addition; however, it being an hard Case, his Lordship ordered the Defendant the Deposit. *Ibid. 251.*

11. Where there are two Executors, and one renounces, he is still at Liberty, whenever he pleases, to accept of the Executorship; otherwise if both renounce, and the Ordinary commits Administration to another. Per Lord Chan. Talbot, in the Case of *Robinson and Pett, East. 1734, 3 Will. Rep. 251.*—Tho' in this Matter the Common Lawyers differ from the Civilians, the latter holding that a Renunciation once made, tho' only by one of them, is peremptory. *Vide Salk. 321. Hows and Downs v. Lord Petre.*

12. Generally speaking, where the Testator thinks fit to repose a Trust, in such Case, until some Breach of that Trust be shewn; or at least a Tendency thereto, the Court of Chancery will continue to intrust the same Hand, without calling for any other Security than what the Testator has required; but where one by Will charged the Residue of his personal Estate with 40*l. per Annum* to his Wife to be paid Quarterly, the Executor was ordered to bring before the Master sufficient in Bonds and Securities (of which the personal Estate appeared to consist) to be set apart to secure this Annuity. Per Lord Chan. Talbot. *Mich. 1734. Slanning et al' and Style, et econt', 3 Will. Rep. 334.*

13. Tho' generally speaking an Executor or Trustee compounding or releasing a Debt, must answer for the same; yet if this appears to have been for the Benefit of the Trust Estate, it is an Excuse. *Mich. 1735, in Casu Blue and Marshall et Ux'. Vide 3 Will. Rep. 381.*

14. A. owes Money by several Judgments, and Bonds, and dies intestate; his Administrator pays the Judgments and some of the Bonds, and pays more than the personal Estate comes to; what the Administrator paid on the Judgments must be allowed him; but as to what

what he paid on the Bonds, he must come in *pro rata* with the other Bond Creditors out of the real Assets. *Mich. 1735. Robinson et al' and Tonge, and Dunn et al', 3 Will. Rep. 398, 400.*

15. One may bring a Bill in Chancery as Administrator *before Administration actually taken out*, tho' this would be an Exception in an Action at Law. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, Mich. 1740, in Casu Fell and Lutwidge, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 320.*

(L) Executor and Administrator chargeable, in what Cases.

1. **I**F an Executor have a Lease for Years, determinable upon the Life of J. S. which is by a reasonable Estimate worth 200 l. if the Executor will not sell this, but keep it, and J. S. dies in a short Time, yet he shall answer the Value of it at the Time of the Death of the Testator, for it was his own Fault that he would not sell it; and so on the other hand, if he should keep it, and J. S. should live fifty Years, he shall answer for no more, *because here is a contingent Gain*; but it might have been a Loss; and as if it had been *damnum* he should have born it, so being *Gain* he shall receive it. *Averred, and agreed to per Lord Chancellor, Mich. 1676, in Casu Phillips and Phillips, 2 Freem. Rep. 11, 12.*

2. The Tenant for Life and Remainder Man join in a Mortgage of Lands, and they both covenanted and gave Bond to pay the Money; the *Tenant for Life dies*. And *per Lord Chan. Cowper*, If the *Remainder Man* pays the Money and takes up the Bond, or gets the Covenant assigned, he may prefer his Bill against the Executors of the Tenant for Life, but *not* else. *East. 7 Ann. in Casu Hungerford and Hungerford, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 69.*

3. A. possessed of a personal Estate, makes his Will, and after having bequeathed some Legacies, makes Defendant his Wife *Executrix* and residuary Legatee, desiring her to bury him decently. Defendant in Testator's Life-time, in order to defray the Charges of the Funeral, borrowed 100 l. of B. and after her Husband's Death gives a Bond for it. B. exhibits his Bill against her and the Legatees, to have Satisfaction of the 100 l. out of the Testator's Estate. *Lord Chancellor* thought it but reasonable that the 100 l. should be charged upon the Testator's personal Estate, so far as it was disbursed upon that Occasion. But it was insisted upon at the Bar, that the Estate of the Testator was not chargeable, because Defendant, by giving this Bond, had made it her own Debt. His *Lordship* observing that this Point was likely to be spun out, decreed an Account to be taken of the Residue of the Estate of the Testator; for he said, if there should prove a sufficient Fund, then that Dispute would be at an End, for the Residue of the Testator's Estate belongs to the Defendant; altho' his *Lordship* thought it reasonable that the 100 l. should be charged on the personal Estate, yet he said it cannot affect the Legatees, and oblige them to refund their Legacies; and therefore it is not fit that they should be brought in to an Account. *Trin. 7 Ann. Langley and Oates, MS. Rep.*

4. In an Anonymous Case, *Trin. 7 Ann. Sir Thomas Powis arguendo* (in Chancery) said, that *Lord Chancellor* did lately determine that where there is an Executor, and a Debt is to be paid by him, which doth carry Interest as a Bond, there his *Lordship* directed an Enquiry whether the Executor had a sufficient personal Estate in his Hands to discharge it; and if it is found, before a Master, that he hath; then to

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turn the Interest upon the Executor himself, for he might have paid it, and saved the Interest; and it may be, he made Interest of the Money in his Hands in the mean Time. This was not denied by any; and *Lord Chancellor* admitted it. *MS. Notes.*

5. If Executors sever in their Receipts and Disbursements, in such Case they shall be only respectively answerable *pro tanto*; but if they act jointly, each of them shall answer the whole, if one becomes insolvent. Admitted by *Lord Chancellor* and the Bar, in *Casu Darwell* and *Darwell*, Mich. 8 Ann. *MS. Rep.*

6. *A.* is indebted to *B.* upon Bond; and makes *C.* his Executor, and dies, leaving *Assets* sufficient to keep down the Interest due upon the Bond. If the Executor does act, and possess himself of the *Assets*, and keep them in his Hands, and let the Interest go on, this Prejudice turns upon himself. *East. 8 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

7. An Administrator writes a Letter to his Intestate's Creditors, viz. "I promise to pay you what Money was to you before I went out of Town, but it will be a Kindness to me if you will stay 'till next Winter, but if not, I will endeavour to pay you." *Per Cur'*, Promise to pay or Forbearance before the Statute of Frauds was accounted a good Consideration to charge the Executor or Administrator *de bonis propriis*; and since, a Writing is sufficient after a *parol* Promise; and by this Letter it appears that the Administrator had made a Promise, and confirmed it by this Letter; so decreed that the Administrator should be bound by the Promise, and should answer Debts and Costs out of his own Estate, but have Satisfaction out of *Assets*, if any. Hil. 1715. *Frederick and Wynne, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (A. a.) Ca. 19.*

8. An Attorney having delivered up Deeds to an Executor, which he was not obliged to do 'till his Bill was paid, which Deeds would be of great Use to the Executor in several Suits that were then carrying on, the Executor having changed his Attorney; this is a sufficient Consideration to make the Executor liable for the full Demand, whether *Assets* or not. Jan. 27, 1719. *Dutchess of Hamilton and Incedon, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (P. a.) Ca. 53.*

9. *A.* by Will gives an Annuity out of his personal Estate. If the Executor has misbehaved himself, the Court will order Part of the personal Estate to be set aside to secure this Annuity. Trin. 1723. *Batton and Earnley, 2 Will. Rep. 163.*

(M) Executors; in what Cases the Survivor shall take the Whole.

1. *7.* *S.* by Will devises the Residuum to Defendant *A.* and to *E.* *Ux'* *B.* and to *C.* *Ux'* *T.* and makes them three Executors. The Defendant *A.* only administers, and before all the Estate of the Testator was got in and his Debts paid, *E. Ux' B.* dies, and then *B.* her Husband dies. *Quere*, If the Administrator of the Husband is intitled to the third Part of the Residuum of the Testator, or the Administrator of *E.* the Wife? And *per Lord Chan. Cowper*, The Residuum of the Testator's Estate is uncertain until his Estate is got in and his Debts paid, and thereby reduced to a Certainty, and before that it cannot be said to be actually vested, but remains as a *Chose en Action*, and therefore shall not go to the Administratrix of the Husband, but to the Administrator of the Wife. 3 Geo 1. *Amburst et al' and Selby, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (A. b. 8.) Ca. 8.*

2. *A.* makes two Executors, *B.* and *C.* appointing them *residuary* Vide 1 Vol. Legatees. *B.* dies; the Whole shall survive to *C.* Trin. 1729. Vide Abr. Eq. 243. Ca. 3. S. C. the Case of *Cray* and *Willis* at the Rolls, 2 Will. Rep. 259.

(N) Where one Executor renounces.

1. *J. S.* as an Encouragement to his Executors (who were four) 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 207. Ca. 8. S. C. but not S. P.— to accept of the Trust and Executorship, did give to each of them 100*l.* and 12*l.* apiece for Mourning, and to each of them a Ring, and 10*l.* a Year for their Trouble. And *per* Lord Chan. Prec. in Chan. 455. S. C. but not S. P.— *Cowper*, notwithstanding the Condition of the Acceptance might seem to run to all the Legacies, yet the Executors, tho' they did not act, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 128. S. C. but not S. P.—2 Vern. 737. S. C. but not S. P. should have their Rings and Mourning, these being intended them immediately, and not to wait their Time of Acceptance; but that they should not have the 100*l.* or the 10*l.* Annuity, unless they accepted of the Trust; and that the Share or Annuity of the renouncing Executor should not go over to the acting Executors, as a further Encouragement, but ought to sink into the Estate. *Hil.* 1716. *Humberston* and *Humberston*, 1 Will. Rep. 332.

2. *J. S.* devises that his Executors should sell his Land, and leaves two Executors, one whereof dies, and the other renounces, and Administration, with the Will annexed, is granted to *A.* who brings a Bill against the Heir to compel a Sale. Objected, That the renouncing Executor, in whom the Power of Sale *collateral* to the Executorship was vested, ought to have been made a Party; but there being only a Power, and no Estate devised to the Executors, this Objection was over-ruled (a). *Per* Lord Chan. King, *Mich.* 1725. *Yates* and *Compton*, 2 Will. Rep. 308, 309.

(a) But the Reporter adds a Quere.—
Select Cases in Chan. 54. S. C. says, it was held that the Estate descends to the Heir at Law, and that he is only a Trustee to the Use of the Will since the Executors renounce, so no Occasion to be Parties.

3. Where there are two Executors, and one renounces, *vide* (K) Ca. 11.

(O) In what Cases an Executor shall take as such, or as a Legatee or a Devisee.

1. *J. S.* having lent *A.* (the Defendant) 2000*l.* by Will devises that Finch Rep. 410. Hil. 31 Car. 2. S. C. —1 Chan. Cases 292. Mich. 28 Car. 2. S. C.—1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 292. Ca. 6. Phillips and Phillips, is not S. P. after his Debts paid the Residue of all his Goods, Chattels, Debts, Shipping, &c. should be divided between *B.* (the Plaintiff) and said *A.* his Nephews, and makes *A.* his Executor, and dies. And Lord Chancellor held clearly, that this Debt of 2000*l.* should not be extinct, but should be cast in with the Residue of the Estate, especially in this Case, where Debts are particularly mentioned; and this was a Debt at the Time of making of the Will; and that if the Word Debts had not been in, his Lordship said, he believed it would have been all one, but that made it more strong. *Mich.* 1676. *Phillips* and *Phillips*, 2 Freem. Rep. 11.

2. Bill by Heir at Law against Executor to have an Account of the personal Estate of his Ancestor, &c. in Exoneration of the real Estate devised to Trustees to be sold for Payment of Debts. *W.* by Will devises to Trustees (*ut supra*) and gives his Wife several specifick Legacies, and further devises to her all the Residue of his personal Estate,

and also gives her the Sum of 600*l.* out of the Money to be raised by Sale of the Trust Estate, and makes her Executrix. *Harcourt C.* said, This is a much stronger Case than that of *Christ's Hospital* and *Garraway*, for there was no Devise out of the *personal* Estate, but here is that and also a Devise of the *personal* Estate; it shews that he did not think this sufficient for her, but gives her a further Sum of 600*l.* which is the strongest Presumption imaginable of the Intent that the Wife should have the Residue of the *personal* Estate; and as to the Account thereof, the Bill was dismissed. 12 *Ann. Wase and Whitfield, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (K. b.) Ca. 19.*

3. *J. S.* by Will settles his Lands for Payment of his Debts, and makes *M.* his Wife Executrix, and devises all his *personal* Estate to his Executrix, and by subsequent Clauses devises several *specifick* and *pecuniary* Legacies to her, and dies. Adjudged that *M.* takes the *personal* Estate not as a Legatee but as an Executrix, and so the same, after the Legacies paid, shall be applied to discharge the real Estate in favour of the Heir. *Hil. 2 Geo. 2. in Scac', Lucy and Bromley, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 41.*

But per Pen-
gelly C. B. if
these Words

(to her own Use) had been added, or such like Words, it might give some Cause of Doubt. *Ibid.*

4. If I devise a Term for Years to my Executor, who enters generally, he may, *prima facie*, take as Legatee, this being more for his Advantage; tho' it is otherwise where I devise a Term to my Executor for Life only, with Remainder to *J. S.* because if the Term were vested in the Remainder Man, it could not be divested out of him again, and so might make a *Devasavit*. Per his Honour (cites 1 *Roll Abr. Eq. 619.—Cro. Eliz. 347. Pannel and Fenn*) in the Case of *Cray and Willis, Trin. 1729, 2 Will. Rep. 531.*

(P) In what Order Executors ought to pay Debts (a) and Legacies.

(a) Vide Tit.
Creditor and
Debtor, P.

Ca.
(Q) P.
See also Tit.
Bonds, &c.
P.
Rule.

1. **D**ebtor in Bonds and simple Contracts assigns Lands to sell in Trust for Payment of his Debts. Resolved and declared to be the constant Rule that the Creditors should have in Proportion, and not the Bonds to be first satisfied.—So Legatees shall have equal Proportion *pro rata* according to the Greatness or Smallness, for the Land is made Debtor, &c. Sed secus of Judgments which affect Land by their own Strength and Nature. 6 Nov. 15 *Car. 2. Woolston Croft and Long, et econt', 2 Freem. Rep. 175.*

And per Lord
Chancellor, if
it had been
Quadrata
it had been
good in Law
for 400*l.*

2. A Bond was in *Quadraginta libris*, conditioned for the Payment of 180*l.* The Court decreed this to be good *pro Quadringentis*, by reason of the Greatness of the Sum expressed in the Condition; tho' no Money was proved to be lent upon it, and it being decreed good for 400*l.* the Court said it should have all the Effects of a Bond, and the Obligor being dead, they decreed it should charge the Heir as far as his Assets as well as the Executor, and that it should be satisfied by the Executor before any Bond that Judgment was not obtained upon before the Day of pronouncing the Decree. But admitted that Judgments upon Bonds obtained after the *Subpœna* and before the Decree, should be preferred before it, tho' the contrary was pressed. *Hil. 1676. Anon. in Canc', MS. Rep.*

2 *Freem. Rep.*
16. *Ca. 14.*
S. C. in totidem
verbis, says,

Keck cited the Case of *Savage and Brown*, where a Seal being broke off a Bond, this Court decreed it good, and that after it ought to have all the Effects of a Bond to charge an Heir, if mentioned. *Ibid.*

3. *A.* made his Will, and died indebted to several Persons by Bond more than his personal Estate would pay. A Bond Creditor brought a Bill against the Executor to have a Discovery and Account of the *personal* Estate, and a Satisfaction of his Debt; at the Hearing the Executor made Default, so there was a Decree against him for an Account and Satisfaction out of the Assets *Nisi*, &c. Before the Decree was made absolute another Bond Creditor of the Testator brought an Action at Law against the Executor upon a Bond; he appeared, and because he could not plead this Decree at Law, suffered Judgment to go against him by Default; and the Account being carried on before the Master, the Question before him was, Whether he should allow this Judgment on the Account? And he being in Doubt, reported the Matter specially to the Court, and his Honour was of Opinion that the Decree must be preferred; and it coming to be reheard before Lord Chancellor, he was of the same Opinion. Mich. 1697. *Joseph and Mott*, MS. Rep.

Prec. in Chan.
79. S. C. in
totidem verbis.

4. *A.*'s Executors brought a Bill against all the Testator's Creditors, some were Creditors by Judgment, some by Bond, and some by simple Contract. *A.* had devised Lands to his Executors for the Payment of his Debts, and in the first Part of his Will had devised an Annuity of 50*l.* per Annum to his Wife. Lord Chancellor directed, First, That the Lands being devised to his Executors, it should be construed that *A.* the Testator intended that they should be paid in the same Order as the Law directs, *i. e.* that the Debts should be first paid before this Annuity, which was but a Legacy, let the wording of the Will be how it will; altho' it devised the Lands charged with this Annuity for the Payment of Debts, yet the Debts should have the Preference; but his Lordship held that the Debts of all Kinds, whether by Judgment, Bond or simple Contract, should be satisfied *pari passu*, and if the Value of the Land fell short, then that they should be satisfied in Proportion, only Judgments that did affect the Land, without any such Devise, were to have the Preference; but a Debt by a Decree in Chancery should be put in equal Degree with Debts by Bond or Contract, because that doth not bind the Land until Sequestration; but so far as the personal Estate did extend, his Lordship ordered that the Debts should be paid in that Order as the Law did direct, and there a Debt by a Decree in Chancery should have the Preference of a Bond. Hil. 1679. *Foly's Case*, MS. Rep.

2 Freem. Rep.
49, 50. S. C.
accord, says,
the Case of
Hickson and
Witham was
cited. *Ibid.*
50.

5. *J. S.* devised Lands to *A.* and *B.* In Trust to be sold for the Payment of his Debts, and makes them Executors. And the Question was, Whether Bond Debts should have a Preference, or all Debts be paid *pari passu*? This Difference was taken, When the same Persons that are Trustees to sell the Lands are Executors likewise, and when not; for in the former Case, after the Land is sold, it is Assets, even at Law; and therefore to decree them to pay otherwise than according to the legal Course, would be to decree a Devastavit. Lord Keeper took Time to consider of it, and afterwards delivered his Opinion That Bond Debts must be preferred (a). Mich. 1700. *Cutterback and Smith*, *Prec. in Chan.* 127.

2 Vern. 295;
S. C.

(a) And
23 Dec. 1700;
at Porwis

House, in the Case of *Bickman and Freeman*, was a like Decree and Difference. *Ibid.*

6. An Executor pays Bond Debts before Money, on a Decree against his Testator. *Per Cur'* clearly, he shall not be allowed those Payments in his Account, because the Decree here is equal to a Judgment at Law. Mich. 1700. *Bishop and Godfrey et al'* Executors of *Swift*, in Chan. *Prec. in Chan.* 179.

7. *A.* devised *Lands to be sold for Payment of his Debts*, and makes the *Devisees* Executors. The Question was, Whether the Debts should be paid in Proportion, or according to the Course of Administration? And *Lord Keeper* having taken Time to consider of it, he delivered his Judgment that they must be paid in a *Course of Administration*, because *where the same Person is Executor and Trustee, the Land, when sold, is legal Assets; secus when the Trustee is Executor, there they shall be paid in Proportion.* Mich. 1700. *Bickham and Freeman, Prec. in Chan.* 136.

8. After a Bill filed against an Executor for a Discovery of Assets, &c. and Answer put in, the Executor voluntarily paid a Bond Debt to *J. S.* without Suit. The Cause proceeded to a Hearing, and an Account was decreed; and the Question was, Whether this voluntary Payment pending a Suit *here* should be allowed them on the Account? And *Lord Keep. Wright* thought the Payment ought to be allowed; but this being a Point of Consequence, his *Lordship* ordered Precedents to be searched. Hil. 1701. *Darston and Earl of Orford, Prec. in Chan.* 188.—Afterwards 3 June 1702, on Precedents produced on both Sides, his *Lordship* seemed to be of the same Opinion, and said the Case of *Joseph and Mott* (a) was a Precedent against him, but said he thought that a direct Change of the Law. The next Day (upon Consideration of the Precedents) his *Lordship* said he was bound up by them, and therefore decreed the Payment (being voluntary) to be disallowed, but seemed to disapprove of the Case of *Joseph and Mott*, where the Judgment at Law was fairly obtained.—21 Nov. 1702, this Decree was reversed in *Dom. Proc'*, and the Payment allowed (b).
 (a) *Vide P. Ca.*
 (b) 3 *Will. Rep.* 401, 402. *S. C.* cited and says, the Decree was reversed in *Dom. Proc'*. *Ibid.* 189.

9. The Grantor's Covenant in a Marriage Settlement for him and his Heirs, that the Premises were free from Incumbrances, shall come in with Creditors equally on Bond. Per *Lord Chan. Cowper, East.* 1715. *Parker and Harvey, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Q. a.) Ca.* 39.

10. *A.* a simple Contract Creditor of the Testator, filed his Original against the Executor in order to recover his Debt; the other simple Contract Creditors offered *A.* to come in for his Proportion of his Debt with them, but having first filed his Original, he insisted on his whole Debt in Preference to the rest; upon which the Executor and the other simple Contract Creditors entered into Articles, agreeing that, first, the Executor should be paid his Debts, and then that all the simple Contract Creditors should equally share the Assets betwixt them, exclusive of *A.* and in order to bar the Plaintiff at Law the Executor gave Judgment in the several *Quantum Meruits* brought by the other simple Contract Creditors for the several Sums which were laid as Damages in the Declarations, without ascertaining the Damages by Writ of Inquiry, but that those Damages were so laid as not to exceed the real Debt. Upon this *A.* brought his Bill; but his Honour dismissed the Bill without Costs, it being a hard Case; but afterwards, on Consideration, his Honour gave (c) Costs. Decree affirmed by *Lord Chancellor.* Mich. 1715. *Waring and Danvers, 1 Will. Rep.* 295.

(c) His Honour said, If *A.* desired it he would send it to the

Matter to see whether the Judgments confessed to the other Creditors be more than their real Debts, but *A.* not thinking it worth his while, the Court decreed *ut supra.* *Ibid.* 297.

11. The late Earl of *Winchelsea* died seised of some Lands in Fee, and considerably indebted by Judgment and simple Contract; and after his Death, and before the Effoin Day of the next following Term, many of the Judgment Creditors delivered *Fieri Facias's* to the Sheriff, and took the Goods in Execution; whereupon the simple Contract Creditors petitioned

petitioned (for it did not come before the Court upon a Bill) that the Judgment Creditors might be paid out of the Land, or at least that as to so much as the Judgment Creditors had, by taking it from the personal Estate, exhausted the same, they (the simple Contract Creditors) might stand in their Place, and be paid out of the Land. *Sed per Cur'*, This Rule of Equity is very just, but not applicable to the present Case. Here the Judgment Creditors have lodged their Writs of Execution with the Sheriff in the same Vacation that the Party died; it relates to the *Teste* of the Writ, as to all but Purchasers; and consequently by relation, the personal Estate of which the simple Contract Creditors would avail themselves, as being in the Possession of the Earl at his Death was not so, being evicted from him in his Life-time by the Execution; and therefore the simple Contract Creditors seem to be without Remedy, as to such of the Assets as have been seized by these Executions. *Per Lord Parker, Hil. Vac. 1719. Finch and The Earl of Winchelsea, 3 Will. Rep. 399, in a Note by the Reporter, who says Sed Quære.*

12. J. S. mortgaged Land to A. and about six Years after died intestate, and D. (the Plaintiff) without taking out Administration, possessed herself of his personal Estate, and paid it all away in satisfying Debts on simple Contract. A. died having made his Will, and thereof Defendant Executor, who proved the same, and was in Possession of the mortgaged Lands. About seven Years after J. S.'s Death Plaintiff found a Will of B.'s, the Grandfather of J. S. the Mortgagor, whereby these Lands were given to his Son in Tail, and no Fine or Recovery appearing to have been levied or suffered of those Lands, C. the Plaintiff's eldest Son by her first Husband, who was Heir in Tail, brought an Ejectment, and recovered Possession of the mortgaged Lands; whereupon the Executor of A. (the Defendant) having a Bond for Performance of the Covenants in the Mortgage Deed, put it in Suit against D. and D. brought a Bill for an Injunction, she having paid away all the Testator's Assets before any Notice of this Bond, and therefore ought not to be chargeable with a Devastavit. Defendant demurred (a), and the Demurrer was clearly allowed, the Bill being an Attempt to alter the Course of Law; but if any extraordinary Fraud had been charged on Defendant by which she had been deceived or induced to pay away the Assets, that might have varied the Case. *Trin. 1720. Greenwood and Brudnish, Prec. in Chan. 534.*

more than sufficient to pay and satisfy this Bond, and that it also appeared by her own shewing that she paid away these in satisfying Debts on simple Contract and of an inferior Nature; and that was to introduce a Course of Administration contrary to Common Law. *Ibid. 535.*

13. Devise of a real Estate to Trustees and their Heirs, to be sold for the Payment of Debts and Legacies, and gives several Legacies and 200*l.* to B. The Will is executed according to the Statute. Then by a Codicil he gives 1000*l.* more to B. but the Codicil is neither executed or signed by him. The Master of the Rolls said, this Devise is a total Disinheritance of the Heir, and the whole is out of him, and the Residuum is Money, (which was given away.) The Codicil is a good Appointment, and the Money raised by Sale of the real Estate being a Fund for Payment of Debts; and the Residuum of the personal Estate being given also away, the personal Estate given as such is freed from the Debts without negative Words. *Trin. 6 Geo. 1. Bowersby and Bowyer, Vin. Ab. Tit. Executors, (Y. b.) Ca. 8.*

14. J. S. a Fellow of Gresham College, and a Fellow likewise of a College in Cambridge, by a Note directed to the Defendant his Ex-

(a) For that of the Plaintiff's own shewing it appeared that Assets came to her Hands

ecutor, taking Notice that he was indebted to Plaintiff in 80*l.* desires the Debt should be paid of what should be due to him from the College as Fellow at the Time of his Death, and out of what might be raised by the Sale of his Furniture of his Chambers at the Time of his Death. *Quere*, If this Note of Directions to his Executor doth create a *specifick* Lien of these Things in favour of the Plaintiff to give her the Preference to other Creditors? King C. said, *This is no specifick Lien* upon these particular Things, but the Note is *fraudulent as to other Creditors*, and the Plaintiff ought to prove her Debt and come in as other Creditors in *equal* Degree; if such Notes should give a Preference to Debts by *simple* Contract, just Creditors by *Specialty* or *Record* might be stript of their Debts, and the Plaintiff, in this Case, ought to come in only as a Creditor by *simple* Contract, without any Preference upon Account of this Note; but Plaintiff agreeing to accept the Sum offered by Defendant's Answer, it was decreed by Consent. *Trin.* 12 Geo. 1. *Hudson and Martin, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Q. 2.) Ca. 43.*

15. If I charge all my Lands with Payment of my Debts, and devise Part to *A.* and another Part to *B.* &c. the Creditors cannot be paid out of the Lands 'till the Master has certified what the Proportion is which each Devisee is to contribute; but if the Master certifies that the Debts will exhaust the whole *real* Estate, then the Creditors may proceed against any one Devisee for the whole. *Hil.* 1730. *Harris and Ingledew, 3 Will. Rep. 98.*

(a) See the Office of an Executor, Cap. 12.

16. All Executors shall be presumed to take Notice of all Judgments, even (a) in the *inferior* Courts of Law, and therefore are not to pay Bonds before such Judgments but at their Peril. *Trin.* 1731: *Per Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, in the Case of Mr. Herbert, 3 Will. Rep. 117.*

17. Any *voluntary* Bond is good against an Executor or Administrator, unless some Creditor be thereby deprived of his Debt; indeed if the Bond be merely voluntary, a real Debt, tho' by simple Contract only, shall have the Preference; but if there be no Debt at all, then a Bond, however voluntary, must be paid by an Executor, *Per Sir Joseph Jekyll, Mich.* 1733, in *Casu Lechmere and Earl of Carlisle, 3 Will. Rep. 222.*

18. *A.* and *B.* are Partners in Trade. *A.* gives a Bond to leave his Wife 1000*l.* *A.* dies. *B.* (who was one of *A.*'s Executors) administers; if the Wife would be paid this 1000*l.* out of the *separate* Estate of *A.* on there being Effects, she shall have a Preference before other Creditors; but if there is *no separate Estate*, and she would have a Satisfaction out of the *Partnership* Effects, then all the *Partnership* Debts must be *first* paid; and if there shall remain any Surplus in *A.*'s Share of the Stock, then that to be liable to answer this Bond. Decreed *per* Lord Chan. King, *East.* 1733. *Croft and Pyke, 3 Will. Rep. 180, 182.*

But the Court declared that where a Bond is due to *A.* but taken in the Name of *B.* *In Trust*

for *A.* and *A.* dies, this must be paid in a Course of Administration; for in such Case there can hardly be any Dispute touching the *Quantum* of the Debt, seeing the Principal, Interest and Costs must be paid to the *Obligee*.—So, for the same Reason, if a Term for Years be taken in the Name of *B.* *In Trust* for *A.* this, on the Death of *A.* the *Cestuy que Trust*, will be *legal* Assets; for here the Right to the Thing is plain, and if the Trustee contests it, he must *primâ facie* do it on the Peril of paying Costs. *Per Cur'*; *Ibid.* 342, 343.

20. J. S. possessed of a Term for one thousand Years, articles to purchase the Inheritance, and the *Vendor* covenanted to procure a Conveyance to be made thereof to J. S. and his Heirs; J. S. dies before the Conveyance made, having by Will given to the Defendant his Daughter a Legacy of 3000*l.* and left S. his Son and Heir, his Executor. S. assigns the said Term, In Trust to attend the Inheritance intended to be purchased, and afterwards takes a Conveyance of the Inheritance to himself; then S. confesses a Judgment to A. (a Defendant) and mortgages the Inheritance to B. (another Defendant) without taking any Notice, or making any Assignment of the old Term of one thousand Years, and dies insolvent. The Question was, Whether the Daughter, and who was the Administratrix of S. was intitled to a Satisfaction for her 3000*l.* Legacy out of the one thousand Years Term, in Preference to the other Incumbrancers, and to have it considered as *equitable Assets* of J. S. the Father, notwithstanding the Assignment made by the Son in Trust to attend the Inheritance? Or, Whether the Judgment Creditor and Mortgagee should have the Benefit of this Term, as connected with the Inheritance by the Assignment that had been made thereof to attend the same? And Lord Chan. Talbot decreed that the Judgment Creditor should be first satisfied, according to the Priority of Liens affecting the *real Estate*; in the next Place the Mortgagee; and as the Estate is to be sold for the Satisfaction of Creditors, tho' the Sister and Administratrix of S. claims a Debt but by simple Contract, on account of the *Devastavit*; yet having a *Right, as Administratrix, to retain against all Creditors in equal Degree*, she shall retain her Debt prior to all the simple Contract Creditors of her Brother. Mich. 1734. *Charlton et al* and *Low et al*, 3 Will. Rep. 328.

21. The Court apprehended, that if a simple Contract Creditor, on Behalf of himself and the rest of his Creditors, were to bring a Bill, and obtain a Decree, that he and the rest of the Creditors should come in before the Master, and be paid all their Debts; and that an Advertisement be put in the *Gazette* for that Purpose. Here any Bond Creditor coming in on the Foot of the Decree, shall be paid only *pro rata* with the simple Contract Creditors; for his coming in implies a Submission to the Decree. And this was thought to be clear. Mich. 1734, in *Casu* of *The Creditors of Cox*, 3 Will. Rep. 343.

22. But the Court inclined to hold further, that if such Bond Creditor would lie by, having Notice of the Decree and Advertisement in the *Gazette*, (notwithstanding every one is in many Cases obliged to take Notice of a *Lis pendens*) and after such lying by, should bring his Action against the Executor or Administrator of the Obligor; tho' at Law the latter might not be able to defend himself, yet his Honour thought that in this Case, an Equity would arise in favour of such Executor or Administrator, and of the simple Contract Creditors, to compel the Bond Creditor to come in and accept of a Proportion of his Debt rateably with the simple Contract Creditors. But however strongly his Honour inclined to be of this Opinion, he said, it was no Part of his Judgment; nevertheless he declared, he should always do his utmost to extend the Rule of distributing equitable Assets amongst all Creditors (a). Ibid. 343, 344. in S. C.—The Reporter says, (a) See 2 Vern. 435. *Shephard* and *Kent*. Ibid. 344.

23. If a Man devises his Lands to Trustees to pay all his Debts, and dies indebted by *Specialty* and *simple Contract*, and the Bond Creditors recover Part of their Debts out of the *personal Estate*, and afterwards

terwards they apply to be paid the rest of their Bond Debts out of the *real* Estate devised for that Purpose; in this Case, as the Testator intended all his Creditors should be equally paid their Debts, the *Bond Creditors* shall *not* come in upon the Land, until the *simple Contract Creditors* have received so much thereof as to make them *equal*, and upon the *Level* with the *Bond Creditors*, in respect of what they received out of the personal Estate. And this Lord Chan. Talbot said, was what the *Master of the Rolls* had very rightly decreed on great Consideration (a). *Trin.* 1734, in the Case of *Hasleywood and Pope*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 323.

(a) This seems to have been the Case of *Deg and Deg*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 416.

24. A. bequeaths all his *personal* Estate to his Daughter, an Infant about seventeen, and devises all his *real* Estate to Trustees, *In Trust* to pay his Debts and Legacies, Remainder to his Daughter in Tail, Remainder over; the *personal* Estate shall, in the *first* Place, be all applied to pay the Debts. *Per* Lord Chan. Talbot, *Trin.* 1734, *Hasleywood and Pope*, *ibid.* 324.

25. Express Words, or Words *tantamount*, are requisite to exempt the *personal* Estate from Payment of Debts. *Per* Lord Chan. Talbot, *ibid.* 325. in S. C.

(b) The Reporter here adds the following Note.

26. A. dies indebted by Bond, and seized in Fee of divers Lands, Part of which he devises to *J. S.* and other Part he permits to descend to his Heir; the Lands permitted to descend shall, in the *first* Place (b), be liable to pay the Bonds. *Trin.* 1735. *Chaplin and Chaplin*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 367.

The Reason why, where a Man dies indebted by Bond, and devises some Lands to *J. S.* and leaves other Lands to descend to the Heir at Law, not mentioning them in his Will, the Lands descending to the Heir shall be first applied to pay the Bond Debts, is, because the applying the Lands devised to *J. S.* to pay the Bond Debts, would disappoint the Will, which Equity will not permit, if it can be avoided; whereas it no way disappoints the Will to say, that the Lands not mentioned should be in the *first* Place liable to pay the Debts: But it seems it would be otherwise, if the Testator had devised the Lands to his Heir at Law; for tho' such Devise were void, (as to the Purpose of making the Heir take otherwise than by Descent) yet it shews the Testator's Intent, that the Heir should have the Land, and therefore (I take it) the devised Lands to *J. S.* and the other Lands devised to the Heir at Law shall, in this last Case, contribute in Proportion to pay the Bond Debts. Also, for the above mentioned Reason (I should think) the Lands permitted to descend to the Heir at Law, and not mentioned in the Will, shall be applied to pay the Bond Debts before a *specifick* Legacy, lest otherwise the Testator's Intention should be disappointed. *Ibid.*

(c) Where there are two Executors,

(Q) What shall be Assets (c).

and one is beyond Sea and the other in *England*, and a Bill is brought against him that is in *England*, he having Assets in his Hands to answer the Demand; *per Cur'*, The other Executor need not be made a Party in such a Case of Necessity. *East.* 7 *Ann.* *Jeoffrey and Napper*.—Where A. devised to his Executors and their Heirs his Estate in Trust to sell Part, and take the Rents for the other Part to pay Debts and Legacies, with Power to raise Money by Lease, Mortgage, &c. neither the Rents or the Money are legal Assets in their Hands. *Provwse and Abingdon* (d).—In general an Executor has a legal Power to dispose of his Testator's Assets, and the Debt of Creditors being no specifick Lien upon the Effects, but only a personal Demand on the Executor in Right of his Testator, unless there is Fraud or perhaps want of Consideration in a Disposition made by an Executor, the Court will not follow the Assets themselves, and there is no Difference whether the Assets are legal or equitable, nor whether it be for Money paid down as a Satisfaction for a former Debt due from the Executor himself without Fraud (e). *MS. Notes*.—If A. makes B. one of his Executors, and B. owed A. Money upon Bond, tho' the Debt was extinguished in Point of Law, yet if the Residue of the Estate be devised between the Executors, the Co-Executors may sue in Equity for their Share of such Debt, and it shall be Assets. *Selwin and Brown, Angier and Brockwell* (f), *MS. Rep.*—There is no Colour for one Executor to force the Assets out of the Hands of another, unless there be some special Reason for it, and then the Court, upon a proper Bill, will take Care of them. *Lewis and Scale* (g), *MS. Notes*.—But if both the Executors were Creditors to the Testator, and one gets all the Assets into his Hands, Equity will not suffer him to retain against his Companion. *Chapman and Turner* (h), *MS. Notes*. (d) *Quære* Term and Year. (e) *Quære* Term and Year. (f) *Quære* Term and Year. (g) *Quære* Term and Year. (h) *Quære* Term and Year.

(Q) *MS. Rep.* 1. A. Bequeathed 500 *l.* to B. and made D. her Executor, and S. C. accord'.
—3 Chan. died. D. sold Lands of his to E. and left 500 *l.* of the Purchase Money in E.'s Hands, who gave Bond for it to D. D. made his
—*Nelf. Chan.*
Rep. 74. S. C.—2 *Vern.* 57. S. C. cited in the Case of *Baden and Earl of Pemberton*.

his Will, and the Plaintiffs his Executors, and died. Plaintiffs inventoried the 500*l.* as Part of *D.*'s personal Estate; afterwards *B.* obtains a Decree against the Plaintiffs for the 500*l.* on this Equity, (*viz.*) *That the 500l. was left in E.'s Hands with Intent and upon Trust that he should pay it to B. the Legatee*; the Court then declaring that it was not Assets of *D.*'s Estate, tho' inventoried as such. After the now Defendant brought Debt against the Plaintiffs on a Bond of *D.* their Testator, and they not having other Assets, this 500*l.* being so decreed *ut supra*; and that Decree and Payment thereupon not to be given in Evidence or pleaded at Law in that Action, thereupon the Plaintiffs exhibit their Bill against the Defendant, setting forth their Case to be in Effect *ut supra*; and the Question was, Whether the Plaintiffs should have an Allowance for the Payment of the said 500*l.* against the Defendant? And it was decreed that they should; and that the Matter should go to an Account. And Sir John Maynard said, That if a Man sell his Land, and leave 500*l.* of the Purchase Money in the Purchaser's Hands, and then give or appoint this Money to be paid to a Stranger, and after making his Will this Stranger shall have the Money, it shall not be Assets (*a*). *East.* 1661. *Jones and Bradshaw*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 153. (*a*) *Vide Hbb.* 265.

2. The Ancestor's Incumbrances on the Lands were so great the Revenue would not pay the Interest; for which Reason resolved to be no Assets in Equity. 10 *Feb.* 1664. *Bennett and Box et al'*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 184. *Vide Ibid.* 139. *Pratt and Colt.*

3. *Cestuy que Trust* of an Inheritance binds himself and his Heirs in a Bond; this Trust is not Assets to the Heir, tho' questioned in Lord Chan. *Hyde's Time*; but clearly the Trust of a Lease for Years is Assets to charge an Executor in Equity. *East.* 21 *Car.* 2. *Attorney General and Sands, in Scac'*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 129, 131. *Nelf. Chan. Rep.* 134. *S. C. and P.* —3 *Chan. Rep.* 37.

4. A Promise by an Executor to his Testator to pay all the Legacies given by the Will in Case he will not alter the Will, shall bind, tho' he does not receive Assets sufficient to pay the Legacies. Decreed by Lord Chancellor; who said it was the constant Course of this Court to make such Decrees upon such Promises. *East.* 1678. *Chamberlaine and Chamberlaine*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 34.

5. By the Stat. 29 *Car.* 2. The Trust of an Inheritance is Assets by the expresse Words of the Statute, and liable to a Debt by Bond. *Vide* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 115.

6. Tenant in Tail suffers a Recovery to let in a Mortgage of five hundred Years, and then limits the Land to the old Uses, and makes his Will, and devises all his Lands for the Payment of his Debts. The Court thought that the Equity of Redemption of this Mortgage should be Assets to satisfy Creditors, or a subsequent Grantee of an Annuity. Note; The Redemption was limited to him, his Heirs or Assigns. *Hil.* 1691. *Fosset and Austin, Prec. in Chan.* 39.

7. *J. S.* settled an House on his Daughter for Life, with several Remainders over, and then by Will devises the Goods, Furniture and Ornaments of the House, to such Persons as the said House was to go to after his Death by Virtue of the said Settlement. The Daughter marries *B.* who dies, not leaving personal Estate sufficient to pay his Debts; and the Question was, Whether by this Devise the Daughter had the absolute Property of the said Goods, for if she had, then by the Intermarriage they became her Husband's, and would be liable to his Debts? But the Court were of Opinion, That she could have but such an Interest in the Goods as she had in the House, *viz.* the Use of them for her Life, and that nobody should have an absolute

Property in them but he that had an absolute Property in the House by the apparent Intent of the Devisor. *Trin. 1691. Offley and Offley, Prec. in Chan. 26.*

8. *A.* seised of the Manor of *B.* of about 200 *l. per Annum* (which was charged with a Rent-charge of 120 *l. per Annum* for Life) settled the said Manor on himself for Life, and after on the Plaintiff (who was his near Kinsman) and his Heirs, and Plaintiff as the Consideration of the said Settlement gave a Bond of 1000 *l.* to Defendant by *A.*'s Direction and In Trust for him, conditioned to pay any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding 500 *l.* to such Persons and in such Manner as *A.* should by his last Will devise and appoint. *A.* was, at the Time of making this Settlement and giving this Bond, indebted to Plaintiff in 300 *l.* by Bond, and did afterwards become indebted to him in 70 *l.* and upwards. Afterwards *A.* makes his Will, and reciting the said Bond to Defendant in Trust for him, devises the 500 *l.* secured thereby to Defendant the Obligee, and makes him Executor and dies. Defendant sues Plaintiff upon the Bond, who brought his Bill to subject this Money to be Assets in his Hands to pay the 300 *l.* and 70 *l.* due to him from the Testator. Lord Keeper directed an Issue to try whether it were agreed that the Bond of 300 *l.* should be delivered up or sunk; and it was found that it was not agreed, &c. On coming to be heard on the Equity reserved, Lord Keeper decreed the 500 *l.* to be Assets to pay Plaintiff's Debt, and that it should go to a Master to compute what was due to him, and he to retain so much as to satisfy himself, and to pay the Overplus to Defendant. Affirmed on Appeal by the Lords. *East. 1695. Thompson and Towne, Prec. in Chan. 52.*

9. *A.* treats for a Purchase with *B.* and the Lands to be purchased were incumbered with Mortgages and Judgments; the Purchase Money being agreed, was returned to London and placed in an indifferent Hand to be paid in Discharge of those Incumbrances when the Quantum of them should be adjudged and Assignments made; but before that was done the Purchaser died, and did not leave sufficient Assets to pay his Debts upon Bond. The Question was, Whether the Money deposited as aforesaid should be Assets of the Purchaser, and be applied to pay his Debts, or must be applied to pay off the real Incumbrances on the purchased Estate; for if it were to be applied to pay off these Incumbrances, then the Creditors of the Purchaser must lose their Debts; but if otherwise, then the Mortgagees, &c. would be paid out of the Land by Virtue of their Securities, and the Creditors would have their Satisfaction out of the Money, and so all might be paid. Lord Keep. Wright was of Opinion that the Money was bound by the Agreement, and must be applied to pay off the Incumbrances. *Mich. 1701. Farr and Middleton, Prec. in Chan. 174.*

10. The Lord Cornwallis, upon his Marriage with Sir S. Fox's Daughter, vested a Term in Trustees, Upon Trust to raise 3000 *l.* for younger Children, and 3000 *l.* more for such Uses and Purposes as he should appoint. He appoints 3000 *l.* to be raised for his Daughter, and the other 3000 *l.* he appointed to be raised, and by his Will gave the last 3000 *l.* to his Daughter also, and died. The Creditors preferred a Bill to have the last 3000 *l.* applied as Assets towards Payment of their Debts, which was the only Question in this Case. It was decreed that the last 3000 *l.* should be Assets, for he having appointed it to be raised, it was in the Nature of his personal Estate, and the Debts should take Place before the Legacy given to his Daughter; but in this Case, that if a Man who hath Power to raise Money dies in Debt,

Debt, having made no Appointment for raising it, the Creditors cannot make this Assets, and raise the Money pursuant to the Power; but in the Case in Question the Money was appointed to be raised, which made the Difference. *Hil. 1704. The Lord Cornwallis's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 279.*

11. A. on his Marriage created a Term for five hundred Years, In Trust to raise 6000 *l.* of which 3000 *l.* was for younger Children, and the other 3000 *l.* for such Purposes as he should think fit; afterwards he appoints the last 3000 *l.* to be a collateral Security to B. for his quiet Possession of an Estate he had sold him of which there was some Doubt of the Title, and after by Will appoints this 3000 *l.* subject to the said collateral Security, and also the other 3000 *l.* to his Daughter. Plaintiff, a Bond Creditor, brings his Bill to have his Debt out of the 3000 *l.* subject to B.'s Indemnity; that being a voluntary Gift as to the Daughter, and not to prevail against him; and that the Will was a Devise, not a farther Appointment, for there was a compleat Appointment before, tho' not a Disposition of the whole 3000 *l.* And Lord Keep. *Wright* decreed the 3000 *l.* subject to B.'s Indemnity to be liable to the Creditors, because he had a resulting Equity in it which he might devise, but not to take Place of Creditors, and he had before made an Appointment, which satisfied his Power. *Mich. 1704. Lassells and Lord Cornwallis, Prec. in Chan. 232.*

12. A Feme hath a Fortune of 400 *l.* to be raised by 40 *l.* per Annum out of a Term of twenty-one Years, to commence *in futuro*. B. married her and died before the Term commenced. The Question was, If this *Chose en Action* when the Term commences, shall be the Husband's Assets, and so liable to his Debts? Lord Chancellor: If the Husband made a Settlement upon his Wife, it is but reasonable this *Chose en Action* shall be liable to his Debts; but if he hath not, the Wife surviving will have it. The Master to inquire if any and what Provision the Husband made. *East. 8 Ann. Morgell's Case, MS. Rep.*

13. Defendant had Lands to the Value of 700 *l.* and also 500 *l.* due to her upon Bond, which remained in D.'s Hands. Her Husband, before Marriage, makes a Marriage Settlement, and in Consideration of a considerable Fortune and Portion with his intended Wife, he *does grant*, &c. but the Particulars wherein her Portion did consist did not appear by the Deed; and the Question was, If this Bond to the Defendant for 500 *l.* Part of her Portion (being a *Chose en Action* and not called in by the Husband) should be Assets in Equity to satisfy a Debt of the Husband, the Wife having enjoyed the Benefit of the Settlement made to her out of her Husband's Estate, which would have been liable to the Debt? Parker C. decreed an Account to be taken of the Husband's Assets, but not of this 500 *l.* Bond. *Mich. 6 Geo. 1. Heaton and Hassell, Vin. Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (D) in a Note to Ca. 11.*

not to argue it; Creditors in this Case cannot be in a better Condition than the Executor of the Debtor; and can it be imagined, that if another Person had been made Executor to the Husband, and such Executor had brought a Bill against the Wife to compel her to assign this Bond, that the Court would have decreed for the Executor?—What the Law gives the Husband by the Intermarriage, is a good Consideration for making a Settlement; but the Husband's making a Settlement does not vest in the Husband the *Chose en Action* of the Wife, unless it be expressly so agreed between the Parties, and that appears to be Part of the Consideration of the Settlement, for then the Husband is a Purchaser, and well intitled to them in a Court of Equity. *Ibid.*

14. On a Question in Chancery, Whether the Widow was to account to Executors for the Receipt of Tipping's Water? Lord Parker declared, That if the Secret was imparted to her by her Husband, then it became a Matter of her own Knowledge, Part of her Understanding,

His Lordship said, the Case was so very clear that Defendant's

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ing, which could not be taken from her; but if she learned the Art by finding the Receipt after her Husband's Death, or had the Knowledge communicated to her by any Servant, &c. then the Executors were to have the Benefit of this Receipt. *Mich. 8 Geo. Tipping and Tipping, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (G. a. 5.) Ca. 15.*

(a) Vide
2 Vern. 719.
S. C.

15. J. S. seised of a Leasehold Estate for three Lives, and having upon his Daughter's Marriage settled the same upon Trustees, In Trust to the Daughter for her Life, Remainder to her Husband, Remainder In Trust to her Children, and for want of such Children, then In Trust to the said J. S. his Executors and Administrators; and the Daughter being dead without leaving any Child, J. S. makes a Will and devises the Reversion, which was thus reserved to himself and his Executors, to his Wife for Life, and afterwards to his Sister, and then to his Sister's Son, and dies. On a Bill brought by D. who was a considerable Creditor of J. S. to charge this Estate with his Debts, it had been decreed (a) by Lord Cowper that the Reversion of this Estate for Lives, reserved to J. S. his Executors and Administrators, was, by the *Statute of Frauds and Perjuries*, made personal Estate, and as such could not be devised away by the Testator in Prejudice of his Creditors, but ought to be liable to his Debts, and sold for that Purpose.—But the Devisee in Remainder after the Death of J. S. the Testator not being made a Party to that Suit, and the Testator's Wife the Devisee for Life being dead, he now brought this Matter over again, and a Case was put, That if one seised in Fee should convey to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to his Executors, would that be personal Assets? And if the Executors are special Occupants, or take by Occupancy, then it cannot be Assets. But Lord Chan. King said, That the Case put of Lands in Fee being limited to Executors, is different; that here the Executors and Administrators are made special Occupants, and also take as Executors, whereby the Premises are *personal* Estate as naturally as if limited originally to Executors; and decreed this to be personal Estate; and that it could not be devised away by the Testator from his Creditors, but that this being a specifick Devise, all the rest of the Testator's personal Estate, *not* specifically devised, must be first applied to pay the Debts; and if there be any other specifick Devise, that the same ought to come in Average with *this*, and pay its Proportion; but if that will not serve, all must be sold to pay Testator's Debts. *Trin. 1726. Duke of Devon and Atkins, 2 Will. Rep. 381.*

16. The Husband after Marriage purchased a Term for Years to himself and his Wife, and the Survivor, and the Executors, Administrators and Assigns of such Survivor for the Residue of the Term. The Husband mortgaged the Term with the Wife's joining (as he might do) *Proviso to be void on Payment of the Money by him or his Wife, or either of their Executors or Administrators; Proviso that the Husband, his Executors or Administrators, shall, 'till Default of Payment, quietly enjoy.* The Husband seven Years after contracted Debts, and died, leaving his Wife Executrix, the Mortgage Money unpaid. Decreed that this Settlement of the Term being after Marriage in the Power of the Husband, and the Equity of Redemption being reserved to himself as well as to his Wife, and being also in the Case of Creditors, was Assets to pay Debts. *Trin. 1726. Watts and Thomas at the Rolls, 2 Will. Rep. 364.*

17. His Honour, on decreeing an Account to be taken of a *personal* Estate, doubted, whether a *Leasehold* Estate in *Scotland* could be looked upon as a personal Estate in *England*; tho' a *Leasehold* Estate in

in *Ireland* is personal Estate in *England*, and may be sold here. But the Master was left at Liberty to report any Thing specially. *Trin.* 1731, in the Case of *Bligh et al'* and *Earl of Darnley*, at the Rolls, 2 *Will. Rep.* 619, 622.

18. A Lease granted to one and his Heirs, for three Lives, is a real Estate, and tho' by the Statute of Frauds it is made liable to pay Debts, yet it is only such Debts as bind the Heir; and where the Spiritual Court setting aside a Will (*int' al'*) of such Estate as revoked, this Sentence did not affect the Devise of such real Estate. *Hil.* 1732. *Marwood and Turner*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 166.

19. Money articted on Marriage to be laid out in Land, and settled, is not Affets even at Law. 3 *Will. Rep.* 217.

20. Where the Husband agreed that the Wife should have two Guineas of every Tenant that renewed a Lease with the Husband beyond the Fine, which the Husband received, this was allowed to be the Wife's separate Money. *Mich.* 1734. cited *per Cur'*, as the Case of *Calmady and Calmady*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 339.

21. One possessed of a Term for Years, mortgages it, and dies, leaving Debts, some by Bond, and some by simple Contract. The Equity of Redemption is equitable Affets, and shall be liable to all the Debts equally. *Per Sir Joseph Jekyll* Master of the Rolls, *Mich.* 1734. *Cox's Case (a)*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 341.

(a) *Vide P. Ca.*

22. But where a Bond is given to B. In Trust for A. who dies, the Money due on the Bond shall be paid in a Course of Administration.—So if there be a Term for Years to B. In Trust for A. *Ibid.* 342: in S. C. (b).

(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

23. An Advowson descending to an Heir is real Affets, and (as it seems) extendable in an *Elegit*. *Mich.* 1735. *Robinson and Tonge*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 401.

24. An Advowson in Fee, which descended to the Heir, had been adjudged in *Dom. Proc'* to be Affets to pay Debts, where the Heir was bound. *Mich.* 1735. in *Casu Robinson and Tonge*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 399.

(R) Devastavit; What.

1. STAT. 30 Car. 2. c. 7. sect. 2. The Executors and Administrators of Persons, who, as Executors in their own Wrong, or Administrators, shall waste any Estate or Affets of any Person deceased, shall be chargeable in the same Manner as their Testator or Intestate would have been, if living. Made perpetual 4 & 5 W. & M. c. 24.

2. Stat. 4 & 5 W. & M. c. 24. sect. 12. says, That forasmuch as it had been a Doubt whether the said Act of the 30 Car. 2. extended to Executors or Administrators of any Executor or Administrator of Right, who, for want of Privity, were not before answerable, nor could be sued for Debts due by the first Testator or Intestate, notwithstanding such Executors or Administrators had wasted the Estate of the first Testator, it is thereby enacted, That the Executors or Administrators of any Executor or Administrator of Right, who shall waste or convert to his Use Goods or Estate of his Testator or Intestate, shall be chargeable in the same Manner as their Testator or Intestate might have been.

3. If a Debt be due to the Intestate, and the Administrator takes a Security in his own Name, altho' the first Security be not delivered up, yet in Case the Debt be not paid, this will be reckoned as Affets come to his own Hands, and will make a *Devastavit*. *Cur'* seemed

to be of this Opinion, *Mich.* 1687. in an *Anon. Case*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 100. *Ca.* 110.

4. An Executor bringing *Trover* for Goods of the Testator, upon an Agreement the Executor took a Bond for the Value of the Goods; afterwards the *Obligor became insolvent*; and this was adjudged a *Devastavit*. Cited *per Finch*, as so adjudged in *Dom. Proc.*, *Mich.* 1687. in an *Anon. Case*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 100. *Ca.* 110.

(a) Juries at Law will not only give the Debt due upon such Bills, but also Interest in Damages. *Ibid.*

5. Judgment against an Executor upon a *Devastavit*; and upon a Demand of the Money due upon this Judgment, the Executor refused to pay; a Bill was exhibited against him to compel Payment with Interest; which was decreed; for, by *Lord Chancellor*, when a Debt becomes due upon a Bill, and a Demand is made, and a Refusal, Equity will give Interest, altho' it is not a penal Bill (a). The Recoverer is under a Necessity of coming into Equity for nothing, but the Sum ascertained by the Judgment is by Law recoverable. *East.* 8 *Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

6. A Term assigned by an Executor In Trust to attend the Inheritance, will, in Equity, follow all the Estates created thereout, and all Incumbrances subsisting upon such Inheritance; but the Term being by this Means become not Assets at Law, the Executor who assigned the same is liable to the Creditors as for a *Devastavit*. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot*, *Mich.* 1734. in the Case of *Charlton and Low*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 330.

C A P. XL.

Extinguishment.

1. **W**HERE a Charge upon Land comes to the same Person that is intitled to the Land, if he has not the same Interest in both, there shall be *no* Extinguishment upon this Account. *East.* 1740. in the Case of *Price and Seys*, *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 117.

C A P. XLI.

Fee-Farm Rents.

Vide the Acts of 22 *Car.* 2. c. 6. *sect.* 6,

7, 9, 12, 14.

—22 & 23 *Car.* 2. c. 24. *sect.* 2, 4, 8, 9.—9 & 10 *W.* 3. 8.—10 *Ann.* c. 18. *sect.* 4, 5.—7 *Geo.* 2. *sect.* 5, 26.—*Vide* also *Mr. Cuy's Abridgment of the Statutes*, Tit. *Fee-Farm Rents*.

2 *Vern.* 730. 1. **A.** Was intitled in Fee-simple to a *Fee-Farm Rent* of 50 *l.* *per Annum*, reserved to the Crown upon the Grant of *Ed.* 1. of divers Franchises to the Corporation of *C.* which Rent being (*int' al'*) sold by the Crown by Virtue of the Stat. 22 *Car.* 2.

c. 6. became vested in the said *A.* and by the Words of the said Statute as full a Remedy is given to the *King's Patentees*, their Heirs and Assigns, as the King himself had, excepting an Extent; so that *A.* (among other Privileges) might undoubtedly have distrained for this *Fee-Farm Rent* upon *any other* of the Lands belonging to the Corporation of *C.* but the Lands of that Corporation being under Sequestration for the Nonpayment of a Sum of Money decreed to belong to Sir *Thomas White's* Charity, this made the Difficulty. And Lord Chan. *Cowper* having called in to his Assistance the Chief Justices *Parker* and *King*, held, First, That the King might reserve a Rent out of a Franchise or Matter incorporeal, as well as out of Land, and might distrain on any other Lands of the Tenant out of it. Secondly, That tho' by Virtue of the said Stat. Car. 2. the Grantee of a Fee-Farm Rent had the like Remedy, by way of Distress, as the King himself had, yet that such other Lands must be in the actual Possession of the Tenant; for if the Tenant should have made any Lease for Years, or at Will only, the Goods or Chattels of such an Under-Lessee were not distrainable even by the King himself, and consequently not by his Grantee. Thirdly, That as any Lease made by the King's Tenant of the Lands not held of the King, would prevent even the King's Distress; so if there were an Extent upon an *Elegit* of such other Lands, the Goods or Chattels upon the Premises so extended would not be liable, for this was a greater Estate than an Estate at Will.—And Lord Chancellor held, That he could not (as was prayed) order the Sequestrators to pay the Arrears of the Fee-Farm Rent out of their Money or Rent sequestred, in regard said *A.* the Claimant thereof, had *no Decree* or *Bill for the same*; nor was there any Contempt on which the Court could ground a Sequestration as to the said *A.* in respect of his Fee-Farm Rent, so as to let him have the Benefit of this Sequestration; and should the Sequestrators be ordered to pay him the Arrears of his Rent, this would be to put *A.* in a better Condition than he would have been had there been no Sequestration. Wherefore the Court ordered that *A.* should be at Liberty to distrain for his Rent at Law, without incurring any Contempt in Equity; and that no Lease or Estate derived under the Sequestrators, should be made Use of in Evidence against *A.* to prevent the Distress. Hil. 1715. *Attorney General* and *Mayor of Coventry* (a), 1 Will. Rep. 306.

(a) The Reporter says,
That after-

wards Chief Justice *Parker* informed him, that he thought it might have been proper to have determined that the Sequestration was as the Hand of the Court upon the Estate; and where a Right to a Fee-Farm Rent appeared to be *prior* and *indisputable*, the Court might reasonable enough have ordered to Payment; else *A.* for ought appeared would be in a worse Condition than if there had been no Sequestration; for 'till the Sequestration the Corporation paid the Fee-Farm Rent *voluntarily*, and now they are disabled purely by the Sequestration; and putting *A.* to distrain was putting the Charge of the Suit upon the Estate; whereas nothing appeared to the contrary, but that the Corporation was sensible of *A.*'s Right to the Rent, and desired it might be paid. *Ibid* 308, 309.

C A P. XLII.

Feoffment,

(A) Livery supposed and supplied in Equity.

Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 1. Mich. 4 Geo. 2. S. C. and says, that it was insisted that, as to the Possession and Length of Time, the Intendment endeavoured to be made out from thence

1. **A** Deed of Lands in two different Counties by way of Feoffment, and Livery and Seisin of the Lands in one County indorsed; the Deed was made in 1657. Decreed that tho' no Livery appeared of the other Lands, yet by reason of the Possession, and great Length of the Time, Equity will suppose and supply it; it had been much stronger, had the Livery been indorsed of Lands in one County in the Name of both; it would have been an Implication that none was of the other, since one was designed for both.

4 Nov. 1730. *Jackson and Jackson, Select Cases in Chan. 81.*

can have no Weight, because the same Persons that enjoyed the Lands under the Deed, were also at Law, and as such must have enjoyed them otherwise, tho' there had been no such Deed; yet *Lord Chancellor* declared, that, was he to try this Matter at Law, he should presume and so direct, that Livery was executed as to all the Lands, according to the Deed, after this Length of Time; but however, that this Court would aid a Defect of this Kind.

C A P. XLIII.

Fine.

(A) What Estate or Interest, &c. may be barred or extinguished by a Fine.

(B) Of setting aside a Fine in Equity;—Of Fine and Non-Claim;—And here of a void Fine.

(C) Where the Parties shall have Election in what Part of the Estate a Fine (and Recovery) shall operate.

(A) What Estate or Interest, &c. may be barred or extinguished by a Fine.

1. **A.** Devises his Lands to *B.* for Payment of his Debts, and then to *B. for Life*, with Power to make Leases determinable on three Lives, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of *B.* Remainder over. Tho' this be but the Devise of a Trust, and Executory, and expressed to be to *B.* for Life, yet it is an Estate-tail in *B.*

B. barrable by a *Fine* and *Recovery*; *secus* in Case of Matriage Articles to settle an Estate on A. for Life, Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body; this being an Agreement to do a future Act, and in which the Issue are particularly considered and looked upon as Purchasers.

East. 1711. *Bale and Coleman* (a), 1 *Will. Rep.* 142.

(a) *Vide Cas.*
14. P. 309.
S. C. more
fully abridg'd.

2. J. S. on his Marriage with A. gave a Bond for 600 l. to a Trustee, and a Warrant of Attorney to confess a Judgment thereon; and this Judgment was defeazanced on Payment of 300 l. to the Wife, if she survived the Husband; afterwards she joined with her Husband in a Conveyance by Lease and Release, and Fine of his real Estate. Agreed by Counsel and Lord Keeper that her joining in the Lease and Release did not extinguish her Interest in the Judgment, but that the Fine carried away all her Right and Interest in the Land. *East.* 1722. *Goodrick and Shotbolt et al.*, *Prec. in Chan.* 333.

Gill. Eq. Rep.
18. *Trin.* 9
Ann. Shotbolt
and *Biscow*,
S. C.

3. Baron seised in Right of his Wife in Fee of a Share of the New River Water; the Wife cannot be barred *sans* Fine. Per his Honour, *East.* 1723. *Drybutter and Bartholomew*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 127.

A Fine may
be (and usu-
ally is) levied
of New River

Shares by the Description of so much Land *aquâ coopert*. Per his Honour, *ibid.* 128.—And wherever a Fine and Recovery are necessary for the cutting off the Intail and Remainder of such Shares in regard the New River runs thro' three Counties, *viz.* Hertford, Middlesex and London; there must be three several Fines and Recoveries passed as to any of these Shares, *viz.* a Fine and Recovery in each County. *Ibid.* in a Note by the Editor.

4. A. devised his Lands to Trustees for ninety-nine Years, for Payment of his Debts; and if they did not act, then he devised them to T. S. and his Heirs, In Trust to pay his Debts; and afterwards to B. in Tail, Remainder in Tail to C. B. who was the *Cestui que Trust* in Tail, levied a Fine and died without Issue, and five Years passed with *Non-Claim*. Decreed that this Fine and *Non-Claim* barred the Remainder Man in Tail, tho' it was insisted that the Title of C. was not yet commenced, because the Debts were not paid, and the Term for ninety-nine Years was subsisting; and that the entire Estate at Law being in the Trustees, they should have entered; and that it was against Equity for him to suffer the *Cestui que Trust* to be barred by a Fine and *Non-Claim* thro' his Default; yet he was decreed to be barred. Cited *per Cur.*, *East.* 11 *Geo.* 1. in the Case of *Webber and Earl of Montrath*, as the Case of *Basket and Pierce* (b), 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 144.

(b) 1 *Vern.*
Rep. 227.
S. C. reported.

5. One having a Sum of Money charged upon Land secured by a Term in a third Person, levies a Fine and suffers a Recovery of the Land; this extinguishes his Right to the Charge. *Vide* the Case of *The Duke of Chandos and Talbot*, *Trin.* 1731. 2 *Will. Rep.* 601, 605.

6. A. devised Lands to B. and C. and the Survivor of them, and the Heirs of such Survivor, In Trust to sell. The Estate was decreed to be sold, but the Master reported the Parties could not make a good Title, there being no Fee-simple in the Trustees, for that the Remainder in Fee could only be vested in the Survivor, and it was uncertain which would be the Survivor. On Exceptions to this Report, Lord Chan. Talbot held, That the Trustees joining in a Fine would pass a good Title by Estoppel (c); that here the Fee was in Abeyance; and as, where the eldest Son of Tenant in Tail levies a Fine and survives his Father, tho' he afterwards dies without Issue, yet this will pass a good Title as long as the Tenant in Tail has Issue, and thereby conclude the youngest Son, who must derive his Descent from the eldest, notwithstanding the latter, at the Time of the Fine levied, had nothing. So in this Case one of the Trustees must be the Survivor,

(c) *Quære* if
any Thing
could operate
by way of
Estoppel in this
Case because
an Interest
passed?

and intitled to this *future* Interest; consequently his Heirs claiming under him would be estopped, by reason of the Fine levied by their Ancestor, to say *Partes finis Nihil habuerunt*, altho' he that levied the Fine had *at that Time no Right or Title to the contingent Fee.* Trin. 3 Will. Rep. 372. S. C. 1735. *Vick and Edwards, MS. Rep.*

accord', (from which the above MS. Case seems to be a Transcript) says, the Devisor's Heir joining in the Conveyance to the Purchaser would supply the want of proving the Will, but in every other Respect it would be void. Per his Lordship, *ibid.* 373.—His Lordship cited the Case of *Weale and Lower*, in *Pollexf. Rep.* 54. where a Fine was adjudged to pass an Estate *not vested* by way of Estoppel, and to convey the Interest of such Estate which accrued by the Contingency happening afterwards. *Ibid.* MS. Rep. accord'.

(B) Of setting aside a Fine in Equity;—Of Fine and Non-Claim;—And here of a void Fine.

Proc. in Chan. 150. S. C. accord'. 1. *J. S.* prevailed with his Wife (on her Death-bed) to levy a Fine of her Land to him, pretending that he was thereby only to have it for his Life; a *Dedimus* issued, and the Caption was taken the Day she died; and because the Fine could not have stood, the Party dying before the *King's Silver* was paid, the Writ of Covenant was razed in the *Teste*, and made to bear Date ten Days backward; and all other Parts of the Fine were razed, and made to correspond with it; and the *King's Silver* was paid, and so all appeared upon the Record to have been done before the Wife's Death. The Heir at Law brought a Bill to set aside this Fine as obtained by Fraud, or to have a Re-conveyance of the Land. And per Lord Keeper, There is a great deal of Difference between the Irregularity of passing a Fine and the fraudulent Manner of obtaining of it, and he cited *Greenwood's Case* and *Hungate's Case*, 5 Co. and 2 Vent. 30. and said, if a fraudulent obtaining of a Fine could have been relieved here, it would have been attempted in some of those Cases; and if it should be examinable here, it would be a great weakning of Fines, and can only be examined here to punish the Party that did it *Criminaliter*; in *Gellibrand's Case*, where one was *personated*, yet the Fine was not set aside, but a Re-conveyance ordered; afterwards the Bill was dismissed. Hil. 1700. *Clark and Ward, MS. Rep.*

Proc. in Chan. 216. S. C. accord'. 2. *J. S.* married a young Heiress, and by indirect Means procured her to levy a Fine of her Inheritance when she was under Age; and the Husband's Father was one of the Commissioners who took the Fine; and the Uses were declared to the Feme and her Husband, and the Heirs of their two Bodies, Remainder to the Heirs of the Survivor. The Feme died in her Minority without Issue. The Husband, after her Death, mortgaged the Premises to B. and died without Issue. Of whom C. the Heir at Law of the Wife, gets an Assignment, and then levies a Fine, and five Years pass, and the Deed, declaring the Uses of the first Fine, was lost. D. who was intitled under the first Fine, brought a Bill to redeem, and for a Discovery of the said Deed of Uses. C. the Heir of the Wife, pleads the ill Practices in obtaining the Fine, and also his own Fine and Non-Claim, and that there was no such Deed, or, if there was, it was obtained by Fraud. And per Cur', G. the Husband's Father, in taking the Fine from his Daughter-in-Law, could not have been assisted here, and the Plaintiff claims under him. All Titles at Law, that are not directly against Conscience, shall be assisted here to a Redemption; and if there were only a Blemish of the Title, so should the Plaintiff; but cannot get over the Fine and Non-Claim. The Plea is good; Bill dismissed. Mich. 1703. *Sir John Packington and Barrow, MS. Rep.*

3. Fine levied by *Lessee for Years*, or *at Will*, void; *secus* where by one having a defeasible Right, and such Lessee joins with him. *Vide* the Case of *Carter and Barnardiston*, *Mich.* 1718. 1 *Will. Rep.* 505, 520.

4. The Intention of Marriage Articles for a Settlement to be made afterwards, will be considered in Equity, that if a Fine be levied to different Uses the Court will set a Fine aside. *Trin.* 5 *Geo.* 1. in *Chan.* *Trevor and Trevor*, *Lucas's Rep.* 436. *Vide Ibid.* (O. b.) *Ca.* 11. S. C.

5. A Fine and Non-Claim ought not to screen a fraudulent Purchase, but the Conuzee shall be deemed a Trustee for the equitable Title. So decreed; but the Case was compounded in the House of Lords. 6 *Mar.* 1724. *Martin and Martin*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. *Fraud*, (A. a.) *Ca.* 12. Cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be *Lord Harcourt's*, Tit. *Fraud*.

(C) Where the Parties shall have Election in what Part of the Estate a Fine (and Recovery) shall operate.

1. **W**HERE a Fine and Recovery is of so many Acres in S. the Parties have their *Election* in what Part of the Estate it shall operate. *Mar.* 27, 1723. *Lord Blaney and Mohon*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. *Recovery* (Common), (R) *Ca.* 5. Cites it as a MS. Case, said to be *Lord Harcourt's*.

Vide Tit. Recovery, P.

C A P XLIV.

Foreign Laws, Customs, Plantations.

(A) Cases relating to Foreign Laws (a), — Customs.

(B) Foreign Plantations, by what Laws governed.

(a) *Vide* the Case of *Drummond and Decker*, *P. Ca.*

(A) Cases relating to Foreign Laws, — Customs.

1. **O**N a Marriage of two *French* People in *France* the Contract was, That the Husband surviving the Wife should have two Thirds of her Fortune for Life, (whereas by the Custom of *Paris*, where they married, he would have had but a Moiety) and

to be supported in all Countries without regard to the Place where made; and that this Contract did extend to the whole Fortune of the Wife, and not only to the Particulars mentioned; and the saying the rest should go according to the Custom of *Paris*, is as much as if the Custom had been recited at large, and that the Fortune should go so. *Ibid.* 208. *Prec. in Chan.* 207. S. C. accord, says, it was answered to the Objection, that Marriage Contracts are 300

300 *Livres*, in the first Place, by way of Present; and that the rest should go according to the Custom of *Paris*; after they fled *hither* from the Persecution, and several Years after the Wife died; her Relations brought a Bill for an Account of the Estate, and to have the Benefit of the said Contract. *Objected*, They could not bring over the *French Law* hither, but must now be governed by the Laws of *England*, where, the Husband surviving, is intitled to all the Wife's Personalty; at least, there was no Colour to carry it further than the Sum *stipulated* in the Contract, and not to that which was left to go according to the Custom of *Paris*, which is only a *local Law*, and therefore they could have no Benefit of it *here*. Lord Keeper decreed Relief only as to the Sum *stipulated*; but on an Appeal to the *Lords*, they had Relief for the Whole. *Mich.* 1702. *Feaubert* and

(a) 1 *Will. Turst* (a), *MS. Rep.*

Rep. 431.

S. C. cited in the Case of *Freemoult and Dedire, et econt*, *East.* 1718. which was a Case of *Marriage Articles* made in *Holland*, and it was contended that by the Law of *Holland* such *Articles* take Place of any other Debts, wherefore they should be *here* construed according to the Law of *Holland* where they appeared to have been made, which was said to have been held in the said Case of *Feaubert* and *Turst*. To which it was answered, and so ruled, That it ought to have been proved in this Case what is the Law of *Holland*, as in *Feaubert* and *Turst* it was proved what was the Law of *France*, without which Proofs our Courts cannot take Notice of *Foreign Laws*.

2. Sentence of a *Foreign Court* who have Jurisdiction, and the Persons are within it, is conclusive. *Nov.* 22, 1726. *Burrows* and *Jemineau*, *Select Cases in Chan.* 69.

Vin. Abr. Tit.

Contract and

Agreement, (E)

Ca. 22. S. C.

3. Contracts are to be adjudged according to the Law of the Place where they were made. *York Buildings Company* and *Meers*, before the House of Lords, 23 *Nov.* 1728. *Grounds and Rud. of Law and Eq.* 18. *Ca.* 5.

(B) *Foreign Plantations, by what Laws governed.*

1. **I**F there be a *new* and *uninhabited* Country found out by *English* Subjects, as the Law is the Birth-Right of every Subject, so wherever they go they carry their Laws with them, and therefore such *new* found Country is to be governed by the Laws of *England*. Said *per* the Master of the Rolls 9 *Aug.* 1722, to have been so determined by the Lords of the Privy Council upon an Appeal from the Foreign Plantations. 2 *Will. Rep.* 75.

2. *Tho'* after such Country is inhabited by the *English*, Acts of Parliament made in *England*, without naming the *Foreign Plantations*, will not bind them. *Ibid.*

3. *For* which Reason it has been determined that the Statute of *Frauds*, which requires three Witnesses to a Will, and that these should subscribe in the Testator's Presence in Case of a Devise of Lands, does not bind *Barbadoes*. *Ibid.*

C A P. XLV.

Forfeiture.

1. **E**QUITY will not assist any one to take Advantage of a Forfeiture. *Trin. 1717. Vane and Fletcher, 1 Will. Rep. 353.*

2. Equity will *not* relieve against a Forfeiture incurred by Act of Parliament. 1723. *Sweet and Anderson, Vin. Abr. Tit. Forfeiture, (A. a.) Ca. 6.* cites it as a MS. Case, said to be *Lord Harcourt's Rep.*

3. *J. S.* a Foreign Marchioness, either herself, or *D.* by her Order, employed Defendant to purchase Bank Annuities, and deposited 50,000 *l.* in his Hands for that Purpose; accordingly Defendant purchased several Annuities in *D.*'s Name, but In Trust for the Lady, and assigned 10,000 *l.* Part thereof to her Use. On a Bill brought by the Lady and *D.* to have the rest of the Securities assigned to the Lady, and the Money not laid out in Stocks paid to her, the Defendant admitted the Demand, but said, hearing that the Lady was married to *B.* *attainted* of Treason, he was advised not to pay it without being indemnified by a Decree of this Court. The Attorney General was a Party, and insisted for the King, that if any Right should appear to be in the Crown, that the same might be saved and submitted to the Demands, if the Plaintiff shall give sufficient Proof that she is *not* married to *B.* &c. Whereupon her *Affidavit* (annexed to the Bill) was read, by which it appeared that she was not married; but if she was, it was insisted *arg'* that the Law of *England* should not be the Measure of the Decree of this Court in such Case, but the Law of *another Country*, this being a *bare Trust for a Foreigner*, and that the Court has always a *Regard to the Laws of other Nations*, as of the Laws of *Holland* and of the *Plantations*. And cites 1 *Chan. Ca.* 145, 232.—2 *Vent.* 358.—There being no Proof made to contradict the Lady's *Affidavit*, the Securities were decreed to be assigned, and the rest of the Money not laid out in Stocks to be paid to her, and Defendant to have his Costs, he having done nothing but what he ought, for in this Case it was not prudent in him to pay the Money 'till secured. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Drummond and Sir Matthew Decker, MS. Rep.*

2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 100.

Mich. 11 Geo. 1. S. C. says, there being no Proof of the Lady's Marriage to *B.* the Point, whether the Money was forfeited or not, was not determined, but it was decreed as above.—But if she was married to *B.* it would then be a Question of great Importance whether *this Money was forfeited* or not by *B.*'s *Attainder*; for, since all *Foreigners* are encouraged by *Act of Parliament* to place their Money in the *Publick Funds*, it would be very hard that this Money should be *forfeited*; for then the Consequence would be, that a *Lady in France*, who hath a separate Property from her Husband in her own personal Estate, would, by placing it in the Funds pursuant to the Statute, be devided of that Property, and have it transmitted to her Husband by his coming over into *England*, so that he may dispose thereof at his Pleasure; or, by her being married to a Subject of *England*, should vest in him in *France*; or in the King here, upon his *Attainder* before or after Marriage. *Ibid.* 101.

C A P. XLVI.

Fraud, — Circumvention,
— Cobin.

2 *Freem. Rep.*
101. *Gay and*
Wendow,
Mich. 1687.
S. C. says, it
was urged for
the Defen-
dant, that it
was good
Reason for
the Husband,
or any of his
Issue, to be
relieved in
Case they
had been con-
cerned, but that was no Reason that the Woman herself, who gave the Bond, should be relieved; but de-
creed as above. *Ibid.*

1. A Feme who had 150 *l.* given her by her Brother the Defen-
dant, upon her Marriage gives a Bond privately to her Bro-
ther to repay that Sum; the Husband being dead without
Issue, the Defendant sued the Plaintiff upon the Bond at Law, where-
upon she exhibited her Bill to be relieved against it, being a Fraud
by reason it was done without the Privity of her Husband. *Lord*
Chancellor ordered that the Bond should be delivered up, for being
once a Fraud, no Accident of Death or Course of Time should alter
the Case; and the Plaintiff was relieved, notwithstanding it was her
own Agreement, being *done in Fraud of her Husband.* *Mich. 1687.*
Anon. S. C.

Where Fraud
is *apparent*,
Chancery
will decree
against it,
without orde-
ring a Trial.

2. Chancery may decree a *Conveyance* to be fraudulent merely for
being *voluntary*, and that without any Trial at Law. *Per all the*
Lords Commissioners. And so they did *Trin. 1691.* in *White* and
Hussey et al', in *Chan. Prec. in Chan. 13, 15.*
Vide 2 Chan. Ca. 46. Colston and Gardner.

3. A. steals a young Woman who had a considerable Portion,
which was in Trustees Hands; after the Marriage her Friends would
not part with the Portion, unless the Husband would give Security
that it should be settled for the Benefit of his Wife; and it was
agreed that it should be laid out in Land, to be settled to the Hus-
band and Wife, and the Heirs of their Bodies; and a Judgment was
given by the Husband for this Purpose. This Agreement, tho' after
Marriage, shall *not* be considered as *voluntary*, so as to be set aside in
favour of a Creditor of the Husband; and a Bill brought by a Cre-
ditor of the Husband was dismissed, but without Costs; for, *per Cur'*,
if the Husband himself had exhibited a Bill against the Trustees for
the Portion, the Court would not have decreed it to him without
making some such Settlement. *East. 1691. Moor and Rycault, Prec.*
in Chan. 22.

4. A. being to procure 1000 *l.* for B. borrows it, and pays B.
only 300 *l.* and the remaining 700 *l.* in Goods, which prove worth
little or nothing; and for securing the whole 1000 *l.* both gave a
Recognizance; yet that being sued against B. he brought his Bill and
had a perpetual Injunction against the Recognizance on Payment of
of 300 *l.* only, and Interest, by reason of some Circumstances of
Fraud in A. *Hil. 1697. Smith and Loader, Prec. in Chan. 80.*

5. A *Will* as well as a *Deed* may be set aside in Chancery for
Fraud or *Circumvention.* *Cur'* clearly of this Opinion. *Mich. 1700.*
in the Case of *Welby and Thornagh et Ux', et econt', Prec. in*
Chan. 123.

6. A.

6. *A.* being in an undue Manner drawn in to execute a Conveyance of his Estate, a few Months before his Death makes his Will, and thereby devises *all his Lands for Payment of his Debts*. His Creditors may set aside the Conveyance, having a Right in Nature of an Equity of Redemption (which may be assigned) as the Testator himself had. *Per Lord Keep. Wright and the Master of the Rolls*, tho' urged that it was but in Nature of a *Chose en Action*, and not assignable. *Hil. 1700. Blake and Johnson, Prec. in Chan. 142.*

7. If there be two Dealers, and one of them is very much indebted to the other, and in order to get an Abatement from him he makes him believe he is insolvent, by absconding, skulking, or shutting up Shop, whereby the other has just Cause to fear the Loss of his Debt, and thereby procures a Release or an Abatement, when in Truth the Man was really solvent, the Court will relieve against such Release, &c. and this was agreed to have been often done, and the Case of *Bonny and Bonny* quoted for an Instance; *secus* if the Party had not just Cause to fear the Loss of his Debt. *Mich. 13 W. 3. Monger and Kett, in Canc', Cases in B. R. Temp. W. 3. 558.*

8. *A.* surrenders the Reversion in Fee of Copyhold Lands to his eldest Son in Tail, Remainder to his own right Heirs, in order to lessen the Fine the Son must have paid in Case the Reversion had come to him by Descent from his Father, he having it by this Surrender as a Purchase. Afterwards on the Son's Treaty of Marriage with *B.* the Father tells her Friends that this Copyhold was settled on his Son as above; and therefore proposed a Settlement of Leasehold Lands, which was made, and the Marriage was had, and 2000*l.* Portion paid. Afterwards the Father settles the Copyhold on a second Wife. *Cowper C.* decreed the Surrender to the Son good; and said, that tho' it were at first voluntary, yet upon his Treaty of Marriage it being regarded as the principal Inducement thereto, it was now become valuable, and ought to be considered as if it had been but *then* surrendered to the Son (*a*). *Hil. 1708. Kirk and Clarke, MS. Prec. in Chan. 275. Hil. 1708. S. C.*

states it *accord'*.—Says, the Bill brought by the Father's second Wife and her Trustees to compel a specific Performance of her Marriage Articles, was dismissed *with Costs*. *Ibid. 276, 278.*—(*a*) It was not necessary to insert in the Son's Marriage Articles the Copyhold, it being an Estate of another Nature and to pass in another Manner, and being already settled, it was sufficient in these Articles to provide for the Settlement of what they further intended to secure on *that* Marriage, without taking Notice of what was already settled to their Satisfaction, and so the Copyhold passed by the Surrender as a proper Conveyance for that kind of Inheritance, and the Leasehold by the Settlement as a proper Means for carrying over that, and both together made the Settlement insisted on agreed to be made, and were in Consideration of Marriage, and a Marriage Portion, which is a valuable Consideration, and ought not to be set aside in Equity.—*Per Lord Chancellor in S. C. Prec. in Chan. 278.—MS. Rep. in S. C. accord'.*

9. *J. S.* Supercargo of a Ship which was to go to the *East-Indies*, having shipped on board several Goods, borrowed of *B.* 600*l.* and gave a Bottomree Bond to pay 40*l.* *per Cent.* in Case the Ship should reign three Years; and at the same Time made a Bill of Sale to *B.* of the said Goods (which were invoiced particularly) and of the Produce and Advantage that should be made thereof; and this was in the Nature of a Security for the Repayment of the said 600*l.* and the 40*l.* *per Cent.* Premium upon the Ship's reigning three Years. The Ship went her Voyage, and these Goods were sold, and with the Money others bought, and those likewise were invested in other Goods, and so there had been several Barter and Exchange of several Sorts of Goods. The Ship after three Years returned home richly laden with several Sorts of Goods, but *J. S.* died in his Return home, and Defendant, who was a Creditor of his, by Judgment for 1500*l.* obtained before

Prec. in Chan. 285. Hil. 1709. Buck-nal et al' and Roifon, S. C. accordingly.

before the Sale of these Goods, takes out Administration, and possessed himself of the several Goods returned home which belonged to J. S. B. brought his Bill to have an Account and Discovery of those Goods, and to have Satisfaction for the Produce and Advantage that was made thereof. Lord Chan. Cowper was of Opinion, That the Trust of these Goods appeared upon the very Face of the Bill of Sale; that tho' they were sold to B. yet he trusted J. S. to negotiate and sell them for his Advantage, and J. S.'s keeping Possession of them, was not to give a false Credit to him, but for a particular Purpose agreed upon at the Time of the Sale; and 'tis true in Case of a Bankrupt, such keeping Possession after a Sale will make the Sale void against his Creditors by the Statutes; and so for other Sales by the Statute of fraudulent Conveyances; but here B. is presently intitled to the Trust of these Goods upon the Sale, and to all the Advantages consequential upon such Trust; and may follow the Goods for that Purpose; and therefore decreed an Account to be taken of the Produce of those specifick Goods; and if that could be made to appear, it was to be liable to make Satisfaction to B. for which Purpose it was said at the Bar, that the Goods belonging to J. S. were marked with J. S. &c. and other Marks to distinguish them from other Goods; but if not, what fell into the Bulk of J. S.'s personal Estate in general would be liable to go in a Course of Administration, and Defendant to be preferred in Payment of his Judgment before B. Hil. 1709. Anon. MS. Rep.

10. *Suppressio veri*, or *Suggestio falsi*, is either of them good Reason to set aside any Release or Conveyance. Per Lord Harcourt, Mich. 1713. in the Case of Broderick and Broderick (a), 1 Will. Rep. 239, 241.

(a) Vide this Case, P. Ca.

Mr. Viner says, That in this Case it was decreed that the Defendant do account for the Rents and Profits of the Freehold Leases to the Plaintiff, and the Defendant to have all just Allowances for Debts and Legacies paid by him, and the Plaintiff to account for one hundred and fifty Guineas to Defendant, with Interest, &c.

—As to the Purchase bona fide of Part of the Freehold Lands, he shall convey to the Plaintiff upon

11. F. B. seised of an Estate in Fee, devised it to Defendant. F. B. executed the Will, but it was not attested in his Presence by three Witnesses. F. B. died, and Defendant, finding that the Will was void, for one hundred Guineas paid to Plaintiff, who was F. B.'s Heir at Law, procured from him a Release, which recited that F. B. by his last Will duly executed had devised his Estate to Defendant; and Defendant thinking himself not safe with the Release only, for fifty Guineas more prevailed with the Plaintiff to convey the Land by Lease and Release to one Day who was Trustee for Defendant, to whom Day afterwards conveyed. Afterwards Defendant, upon a valuable Consideration, conveyed Part to one Parker, who had not any other Notice of the Invalidity of the Will, save that he heard it mentioned in common Discourse. Plaintiff brought his Bill against said Defendant, Day and Parker, to have the Release, Lease and Release delivered up as fraudulently obtained; and it not appearing that the Plaintiff at the Time of his making the Release, &c. knew that the Will was bad, Harcourt C. decreed, That they should be delivered up; and it not appearing that Parker was privy to the Fraud, tho' he had heard of the Invalidity of the Will as above, it was decreed that he, upon receiving his Purchase Money with Interest, should convey to the Plaintiff, and should account for the Rents and Profits which he had received, and be allowed what he had laid out in Repairs, or otherwise. Mich. 12 Ann. Broderick and Broderick et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Circumvention, Ca. 3.

Payment of the Purchase Money, with Interest at 5 l. per Cent. because he had Notice of the Invalidity of the Devise by common Report, tho' not actually Notice from the Plaintiff or Defendant; and tho' he was not a fraudulent Purchaser, yet he was a rash one, and ought to have inquired into the Validity of the Will, or got the Heir at Law to join in the Conveyance to him. Per Harcourt C. Ibid.

12. *A.* being Parson of the Parish of *C.* in *Essex*, and *B.* having Lands in that Parish, told *A.* that there was a *Modus* of 40 *s. per Annum* paid Time out of Mind for his Lands in the Parish; and to convince *A.* of it he shewed a Copy of a Record in *B. R. Temp. Eliz.* where a Prohibition was granted against the Parson in a Suit for Tithes in Court Christian upon a Suggestion of this *Modus*; whereupon *A.* agreed with *B.* to take 40 *s. per Annum* for the Tithes of *B.*'s Lands in that Parish; but it appearing in the Cause that *B.* did suppress Part of the Record wherein afterwards a Consultation was granted, and thereby deceived *A.* and drew him into this Agreement; for that Reason the Lords did make void the Agreement, being obtained by suppressing the Truth. *Mich. 12 Ann.* cited in the Case of *Broderick and Broderick, in Canc'*, as the Case of *Dr. Dent and Buck in Dom. Proc'*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Circumvention, Ca. 4.*

13. *A.* agrees with the *East-India Company* to go as President to *Bengal*, and enters into a Bond (with two Sureties) of 2000 *l.* Penalty for Performance of the *Articles*, and a few Days after he settles all his Estate on Trustees, and (*inter al'*) he declared the Trust of a Term for five hundred Years, to be for the raising of 5000 *l.* for his Daughter's Portion, payable three Months after Marriage. The Daughter afterwards married *J. S.* a Gentleman of 700 *l. per Annum*, who, before his Marriage, was advised by Counsel that the Portion was sufficiently secured, and who, afterwards on her Death, had on her Request expended 400 *l.* on her Funeral, but never made any Settlement on her. *A.* embezzled 2600 *l.* of the Company's Effects; the Company cannot break thro' this Provision in the Settlement, there being no Colour of Fraud in it; and the *Articles* do not bind the real Estate but the Bond only, so far as the Penalty goes; therefore decreed the 5000 *l.* to *J. S.* after Payment of 2000 *l.* to the Company. *East. 1714. East-India Company and Clavel, Prec. in Chan. 377.*

14. There being *Accounts current*, between *A.* and *B.* a Goldsmith, *B.* gives out his Cash Note to *C.* for 5000 *l.* and *A.* mortgages his Estate as a collateral Security for the Money. *B.* gives *C.* 100 *l.* for his Favour in the Matter, who keeps the Cash Note by him. Some Time after the Mortgage forfeited *B.* becomes a Bankrupt. *A.* prays Relief, because *C.* neglected to turn his Cash Note into Money, when he might have done it. It was directed, that an Account be taken, how Matters stood between *A.* and *B.* 10 Feb. 1717. *Mason and Lake, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (G) Ca. 4.* cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be *Lord Harcourt's, Tit. Fraud.*

15. *A.* makes an absolute Conveyance to *B.* for 1500 *l.* *B.* executes a Defeazance upon Payment of 1500 *l.* within six Years, and after, on Marriage, settles it as an absolute Estate on his Wife and Issue. There being Proof that *A.* made the Conveyance to enable *B.* to get a Fortune, tho' that was another Lady and not the Wife *B.* really married, it was decreed that *A.* was bound as *Particeps Criminis*; and this Decree was affirmed by eight Lords against seven. *Cowper and Harcourt* against the Decree; *Parker* for it. 21 Jan. 1718. *Webber and Farmer, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (H) Ca. 3.* cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be *Lord Harcourt's, Tit. Fraud*, and says, there is added a Note in the MS. that the Wife's Father had Notice of the Defeazance before the Settlement made. *Ibid.*

16. *A.* agreed for the Purchase of Timber, and *A.* and *B.* both enter into a Bond, that *A.* his Executors and Administrators, should not cut down under such a Size. It comes out that *A.*'s Name was only made use of for *B.* in the Agreement. *B.* cuts down Timber

under Size. There can be no Remedy at Law against *B.* upon this Bond; but it is a Fraud on the Seller, and relievable in Equity. 12 Mar. 1720. *Butler and Pendergrafs, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (C. a.) Ca. 13.*

Maxim.

Equity has so great an Abhorrence of Fraud, that it will set aside its own Decrees, if founded thereupon.
Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (A. a.) Ca. 9.

17. In Cases of Fraud, Equity will relieve even against the Words of a Statute; as if one Agreement in Writing should be proposed, and another fraudulently or secretly brought in and executed in Lieu of the former; in this, or such like Cases of Fraud, Equity will relieve; but where there is no Fraud, only relying upon the Honour, Word or Promise of the Defendant, the Statute of Frauds making those Promises void, Equity will not interfere. *Per Parker C. East. 1720. in Casu Viscountess Montacute and her Husband Sir George Maxwell, Will. Rep. 620.*

18. A Release of an Equity of Redemption, obtained by Misrepresentation, was set aside for that Reason. 23 May 1721. *Kirwan and Blake, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (H. a.) Ca. 9.* cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be Lord Harcourt's, Tit. Fraud.

19. A Statute was made in Ireland, that all Leases which should not be registered by such a Day should be void. The Respondent, who lived in the remotest Part of Ireland, not having Notice of this Act, did not register within the Time; whereupon another Lease was made, and registered, to one who had Notice of the first Lease, and an Ejectment was brought upon it; but the Respondent was relieved, because the Statute which was made to prevent Fraud shall never be used as a Means to cover it. Note; This Act was appointed to be read at every Quarter Sessions and Assize. 23 Feb. 1722. *Lord Forbes and Deniston, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (F. a.) Ca. 9.* cites as a MS. Rep. said to be Lord Harcourt's, Tit. Fraud.

20. In Case of great Fraud, Equity will not direct an Issue. 5 Feb. 1722. *White and Lightburn, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (L. a.) Ca. 7.* cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be Lord Harcourt's, Tit. Fraud.

21. It is no Objection, that the Parties to a Fraud have their Remedy at Law, and may bring Actions for Money had and received for their Use; for in Cases of Fraud Equity has a concurrent Jurisdiction with the Common Law, Matter of Fraud being the great Subject of Relief in Equity. *Per his Honour, Trin. 1723. in the Case of Colt and Woollaston and Arnold (a), 2 Will. Rep. 154, 156.*

(a) Vide this Case, P. Ca.

In this Case there being no Evidence of any Instruction given by the Grantor to the

Drawer of the Deed, tho' the Drawer had been examined, but the Instructions were given by the Grantee only; and it not appearing that the Deed was read to the Grantor at the Time of executing the same, and the Annuity being secured by Covenant only instead of a Mortgage of the Estate, and the Annuitant not having the Deed itself in his Hands, his Honour said that all this is Fraud apparent, and that judging upon the Face of a Deed is judging upon Evidence, which cannot err, whereas the Testimony of Witnesses may be false. *Ibid. 203 to 206.*

23. Obligor on Payment of 20*l.* to the Obligee, who was superannuated, and very weak and forgetful, and incapable of transacting any Business, procured a Bond and Notes for about 250*l.* to be delivered up to him on Pretence of Poverty, and Kindred to the Obligee; but neither being proved, he was ordered to account for the Bonds and Notes. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Lucas and Adams (b), 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 118.*

(b) Vide this Case, P. Ca.

24. *A.* intending to marry *B.* gave a Bond to *B.*'s Father for 500 *l.* payable at a certain Day, but defeazanced not to be put in Suit, but for Security of the Daughter, in Case any Misfortune should happen to *A.* to be paid before other Creditors. This is a fraudulent Bond on the Face of it, to disappoint Creditors; so held *per King C. Trin.* 1725. *Wife's Case, Select Cases in Chan.* 46.

25. Lord Commissioner *Jekyll* took a Difference betwixt a *Deed* and a *Will* gained from a *weak* Man, and upon *Misrepresentation* or *Fraud*; for if a *Will* be gained from a *weak* Man, and by *false Representation*, this is (a) not a sufficient Reason to set it aside in Equity, as was determined in the Case of the late Duke of *Newcastle's Will* between Lord *Thānet* and Lord *Clare*, and in the Case of *Bodvil* and *Roberts* (b); but where a *Deed* (which is not revocable as a *Will*) is gained from a *weak* Man upon a *Misrepresentation*, and without any valuable Consideration, the same ought to be set aside in Equity. *East.* 1725. in the Case of *Janes* and *Greaves*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 270. (a) *Vide Goffe and Tracy, 2 Vern. 700. econt.* See also 1 *Abr. Eq.* 406. (b) *Roberts and Wynne, 2 Chan. Rep. 236. S. C.*

26. Equity will never countenance Demands of an unfair Nature; in this Case the Bill was to have an Allowance for attending at Auctions to enhance the Price of Goods; nor will Equity suffer them to be set against fair and just Demands in an Account; and a Cross-bill for that Purpose was dismissed with Costs. 6 Mar. 1726. *Walker and Gascoigne, Vin. Abr. Tit. Fraud, (A. a.) Ca. 13.* cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be Lord *Harcourt's*. Grounds and Rud. of Law and Eq. P. S. C.

27. *A.* being much indebted, gave 600 *l.* for the Benefit of his younger Children; this is not fraudulent as against Creditors, tho' it would have been so of a real Estate or Chattel real; yet the Court would not have taken it to be so *pro confesso*, but would have directed an Issue to try it. July 14, 1729. *Duffin and Furness, Select Cases in Chan.* 77.—And so it was done in Lord *Somers's* Time, and, on Issue directed, determined fraudulent before Lord Chief Justice *Holt.* *Ibid.* 78.

C A P. XLVII.

Funeral Expences.

1. *J.* *S.* dies, not leaving sufficient personal Estate to pay his Debts; there had been 600 *l.* laid out in his Funeral, which the Court decreed should be a Debt to affect a Trust Estate settled for Payment of his Debts, he being a Man of a great Estate and Reputation in his County, and being buried there; but if he had been buried elsewhere, it seemed his Funeral might have been more private, and the Court would not have allowed so much. *Trin.* 1691. *Offley and Offley, Prec. in Chan.* 26, 27.

2. The Wife has a separate Maintenance, with Power to dispose of it by Will; she accordingly makes a Will, and an Executor, and thereby devised several Legacies to the Amount of more than she had to dispose of. The Husband's Estate in the Hands of another (which amounted to 270 *l.*) was made liable to the Funeral Expences of the Wife. *Trin.* 9 Geo. 1. *Bertie and Lord Chesterfield*, at the Rolls, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 31, 32. 1 *Vol. Eq. Abr. P.* 66. *Ca. 1. S. C.* but *S. P.* does not appear.

C A P. XLVIII.

Guardian (a).

(a) *Vide Tit. Wards, P. Ca.*

- (A) Of appointing,—assigning, (or admitting),—and removing a Guardian;—the Power, &c. of a Guardian;—and here touching Survivorship of a Guardianship.
- (B) What Act of a Guardian, with Consent of the Infant, will bind the Infant.
- (C) Guardian, in what Case chargeable;—and how compellable to account.

(A) Of appointing,—assigning, (or admitting),—and removing a Guardian;—the Power, &c. of a Guardian;—and here touching Survivorship of a Guardianship.

1. GUARDIANS appointed by Will according to the Stat. 12 Car. 2. c. 24. are only Trustees, and have no more Power than Guardians *in Socage*; and that as the Court could interpose where there was a Guardian *in Socage*, so might it also in Case of a Guardian by the Statute. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield.*—And in Answer to an Objection, that the Court should not interpose before the Guardians had *misbehaved*, his Lordship observed, that *preventing Justice* was to be preferred to *punishing Justice*; and that if any wrong Steps had been taken as might induce the least Suspicion of Prejudice to the Infant, tho' not to deserve Punishment, yet the Court would interpose, and order the contrary; and that this was grounded upon the general Power and Jurisdiction which this Court has over all Trusts; and that a Guardianship was most plainly a Trust. *Trin. 1721. The Duke of Beauford and Berty, 1 Will. Rep. 704, 705.*

2. As to a Guardian's being *in loco Parentis*, the Solicitor General took a Difference between a *natural Parent* and a Guardian; for that if the *latter* was for marrying a Ward under his Quality, it was most usual for this Court to interpose; but not so in Case of a Father's endeavouring to marry his Infant Child to one beneath him. But *per Macclesfield C.* This Court would, and had interposed, even in the Case of a Father; as where the Child had an Estate, and the Father, who was insolvent, and of an ill Character, would take the Profits, there the Court has appointed a Receiver (b). *Trin. 1721. in the Case of Duke of Beauford and Berty, 1 Will. Rep. 705.*

(b) As was done in the Case of *Kitten and Kitten*, cited *per Lord Chancellor. Ibid.*

3. Testamentary Guardians are recommended by the Will to act with the Advice of *J. S.* and *J. S.* is attainted, this Superintendency devolves upon the Great Seal as the general Guardian of all Infants. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield:* Wherefore it was ordered that the Guardians should apply to, and advise with *A.* and *B.* the Infant's near Relations

Relations. *Trin.* 1721. *Duke of Beauford and Berty*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 706.

4. At Common Law the Father could *not* appoint a Guardian, whether Tenant in Chivalry or in Socage. *East.* 8 *Geo.* 1. *Earl of Shaftsbury and Shaftsbury*, *Gillb. Eq. Rep.* 176.

5. If two Persons are appointed Guardians by Virtue of the Stat. of 4 & 5 *Pb. & M.* and one of them dies, it will *not* survive, it being a *naked* Authority to a special Purpose, *viz.* to make the *Ravisher* criminal. But a *Testamentary* Guardian, under the Stat. of 12 *Car.* 2. c. 24. *sect.* 8. has *not a naked Authority*, but, being made after the Manner of a Guardian in *Socage*, has an Interest, which, tho' it be neither *assignable* nor *transferable*, is yet such an Interest as shall survive. *Ibid.* 176, 177.

6. And were it an Authority only, it must be construed joint and several, else the more Guardians are appointed for the Security of an Infant, the less secure he would be, because upon the Death of any one of them the *Guardianship* would be at an End. *Ibid.*

7. *A.* devised the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of his Infant Child to *B.* and two others, (since deceased) without saying *and to the Survivor of them*, yet the *Survivor* shall have it. *Hil.* 1722. *Mr. Justice Eyre and Countess of Shaftsbury*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 102.

Guardianship of his Child until twenty-one, and having done so in the *present* Case, it will be binding, unless some *Misbehaviour* be shewn in the Guardian, in which Case, it being a Matter of *Trust*, the Court hath a Superintendency over it. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, ibid.* 107.—And his *Lordship* said, That as to the Objection that this Right of Guardianship does not survive, because it is *not* said in the Will in express Terms that it shall go to the *Survivor*, there seemed to him to be no Colour for it, because where several Guardians are appointed by a Will, each of them seems to be a complete Guardian, like the Case where there are two or three Church-Wardens of a Parish, each of them is a distinct Church-Warden; and it would be mischievous, and of very ill Effect, if, where there are several Guardians appointed by a Will, and some refuse to act, that the rest should not be able to do any Thing; and yet this must be the Consequence, if a Guardianship devised to several should be taken to be but one joint naked Authority; such Construction would make the Act of little Force. *Ibid.* 107, 108.

8. A Guardian has an Authority coupled with an Interest, and may bring a Writ of Ravishment of Ward on the Infant's being taken from him; and tho' it is true, that the Damages recovered shall by the Statute go towards the Benefit of the Ward, yet the Declaration must lay it *ad damnum* of the Guardian. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.* 108.—A Guardianship is *not* assignable, neither will it go to the

Executors or Administrators; but for all that it is coupled (a) with an Interest, and is not a naked Authority; and where an Authority is coupled with an Interest, it does survive (d). *Per Lord Commissioner Jekyll, ibid.* 121.

Guardian may bring an Action, and avow in his own Name, may make (b) Leases during the Minority of the Infant, and make and grant Copyholds (c) even in Reversion, as *Dominus pro tempore*. *Per Lord Commissioner Jekyll, ibid.* 122.

(b) 2 *Roll. Abr.* 41. Pl. 3.

(c) *Ibid.*—(d) 11 *Inst.* 112, 113.

9. The Case of a Guardian is compared to that of an Executor or Administrator, which is not *assignable*, but yet survives (e). *Per Lord Commissioner Jekyll, ibid.* 121.—And tho' a Guardian be not in all Respects to be compared to an Executor, in regard the latter may continue his Executorship by appointing an Executor by his Will, yet the Case of a Guardianship devised to two is strictly like the Case of an Administration granted to two (f), (especially where the Debts amount to so much as the Assets); for in that Case, as well as in the Case of two Guardians, an Administrator cannot assign his Administratorship, it will *not* go to his Executors or Administra-

(a) That a Guardianship is coupled with an Interest is most apparent, in that a

(e) Cites the Case of *Gardiner and Sheldon*, *Vaugh.* 182.

(f) *Vide* the Case of *Adams and Buckland*, 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq. P. Ca.*

tors, but to the surviving Administrator; such an Administrator is accountable to the Creditors for every Thing, as much as the Guardian is to the Infant; and such an Administrator can make no Profit. *Per* Lord Commissioner Jekyll, in the Case of *Mr. Justice Eyre and The Countess of Shaftsbury*, Hil. 1722. 2 Will. Rep. 121, 122.

10. The Court of Chancery has an original Jurisdiction of the Right of Guardianship, as formerly the Lord by *Priority*; (*i. e.*) that Lord of whose Manor the Lands which were first in the Family were held, had a Right to the Guardianship; so the Court of Chancery will determine touching that *Priority*. *Per* Lord Commissioner Gilbert, *ibid.* 123. in S. C.

a) The Actions given by the Law plainly shew that the Guardian has an Interest. *Per* Lord Com. Gilbert, *ibid.* 124.

11. The Stat. 12 Car. 2. (which was drawn by Lord Chief Justice Hale) gives the Guardian an Authority coupled with an Interest (*a*). — A *Testamentary* Guardian takes Place of all other Guardians, and his Interest is for the *Good* and *Honour* of the Family; as the Father was the Head of the Family, so the *above* Statute puts such a Guardian *in loco Patris*. *Per* Lord Commissioner Gilbert, *ibid.* 125.

Vin. Abr. Tit. Guardian and Ward, (O. 2.) P. 180. in a Note to Ca. 5. says, 20 Mar. 1740, S. P. in the Case of Hughes and Science.

12. Since the Statute which took away the Court of Wards, the Jurisdiction of Wardship returns to the Court of Chancery; and it appears by the Register 21. b. 198. that a Writ may issue out of this Court to remove the Guardian of an Infant, and to put another Guardian in his Stead. *Per* Lord Commissioner Jekyll, *ibid.* 119.

13. The Right of a *Testamentary* Guardian takes Place of a Guardianship by Nature; by the express Words of the Act of Parliament the Guardian will take Place of all other Guardians, and his Authority by the Law is a Continuation of the *Paternal* Authority. *Per* Lord Commissioner Jekyll, *ibid.* 115.

14. The Law has appointed Remedies both *Droitural* and *Possessory*, to recover the *Guardianship*. First, *Droitural* as the Writ *de Custodia Terræ & Hæredis*; and if the Ward was married, then by the Statute of *Merton*, c. 6. the Plaintiff should recover the Value of the Marriage. Secondly, *Possessory*, as at Common Law *Trespass*, in which he could only recover Damages, and not the Ward itself; but by the Statute, *West.* 2. c. 35. which gives Ravishment of Ward, he recovered the Body of the Heir, and not Damages only. *East.* 8 Geo. 1. *Earl of Shaftsbury and Shaftsbury*, *Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 175.

15. Guardianship must be reckoned an Interest, as the Law has appointed Remedies *Droitural* and *Possessory* to recover it; and tho' a Guardian in *Socage* has not any Interest of Profit so as to be assignable, yet it is not a naked Authority, but an *Interest of Honour*, which a Man may as well have as an *Interest of Profit*. *Ibid.* 175.

16. A Petition was preferred to Lord Chancellor by the Grandfather of an Infant of the Age of seven Years, to have him taken out of the Custody of his Mother, (the Defendant) being a Papist, and to be delivered to B. and C. named by the Petitioner, that he might be educated in the Protestant Religion. It appeared by Affidavits, that the Infant was intitled to 1700*l.* *per Annum* as Tenant in Tail in Remainder after the Determination of the Estate for Life of his said Grandfather. It was insisted for the Petitioner, that it might be of very ill Consequence that the Education of this Child should be left with a *Papist*, who might instil the Principles of that Religion in an Infant. That the Infant's Father on his Death-bed said, that he *expected his Father* (the Petitioner) would take Care to educate this Child in the *Protestant Religion*, and not leave the Education of it to his *Wife*; but he being now dead, and the Petitioner very old and unable to take the Guardianship on him, he desired that B. and C. in whom he reposed

an entire Confidence, and to whom he assigned the Guardianship, might have the Education of this Infant. And *B.* appearing in Court, and consented to take upon himself this Charge, *Lord Chancellor* ordered that the Infant should be delivered to *B.* and *C.* whom the Petitioner had appointed to be *Guardians*, but so as the Mother might see him at any Time. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Reynolds and The Lady Tenham, MS. Rep.*

2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 40. S. C.

and Decree, *per Lord Chancellor.* But this Decree was reversed in the House of Lords upon the Appeal of *Lady Tenham*, and there resolved, that these Words of her Husband on his Death-bed, (*viz.*) *That he expected his Father* (the Petitioner) *would take Care to see his Child educated in the Protestant Religion*, were a good Appointment to make the Grandfather Guardian. That the Appointment of a Guardian is a bare Power and Trust, and not assignable, as it hath been resolved in *Bedle and Constable's Case, Vaugh. Rep.* And about three Years since in the Duke of Beauford's Case, whose Father had appointed the Duke of Ormond Guardian, but he being attainted of High Treason, and so made incapable, another Guardian was appointed by Act of Parliament, it being not to be done by any other Power. Therefore the Grandfather was ordered to take the Guardianship upon himself in Person, for that he could not assign his Power to another. And this is agreeable to another Decree made in the House of Lords in the Case of *Foster and Densson, 2 Chan. Rep. 237.*

17. *A.* seised of an Estate of 400*l.* per Annum, had a Natural Daughter by *B.* to which Daughter she devised all her Estate, and made *C.* Executrix, and appointed her to be Guardian to the Infant, and died. This Executrix made her Will, and thereof the Petitioner Executrix. *B.* removed the Infant from School, and sent her into the Country, for which Reason the Petitioner complained to the Court, that the Infant was removed from School where she might have proper Education, and sent into the Country where she could have none; and this Petitioner being referred to a Master to name a proper School, and a Guardian for this Infant, he reported, the Petitioner to be a fit Guardian, and Mr. *D.*'s School a proper School for her Education; and therefore she petitioned that the Infant might be delivered to her, and sent to the said School. The Infant's Father consented to send the Child to Mr. *D.*'s School, but opposed the Delivery to the Petitioner, or that she should have the laying out any Money for Cloaths or other Necessaries for the Child, she being very poor, and having already pretended that she deserved 180*l.* for her Care in attending the Child; therefore the Money to be laid out for Necessaries ought rather to be paid to Mr. *D.* or his Wife, than the Petitioner. The Court was of Opinion, that removing this Child from School into the Country to her Father's House, could neither be useful nor instructive to her, because he was a single Man, and kept no Persons proper for her Education; yet it was not thought reasonable to remove her from his Care since he owned her to be his Child, but that he should pay the Petitioner's Costs; for otherwise he might remove her from one School to another, and the Costs of applying to this Court would be paid out of the Infant's Estate. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Ord and Blackett, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 116.*

18. *A.* devised his real Estate to his three Daughters and their Heirs, and then by a *Codicil* he devised it to his Wife, if his three Children should die without Issue of their Bodies, and made his Wife Guardian to his Children, and died. The Wife was very young, and in six Months after *A.*'s Death married again. And the Court decreed, that the Children should be removed from the Mother their Guardian, and that the Court would appoint some proper Person amongst their Relations to receive them; but that the Mother should be at Liberty to see them as often as she would. *East. 11 Geo. 1. Morgan and Dillon, before Lord Chan. West in Ireland, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 135 to 143.* But *Lord Chancellor's* Decree was reversed in the House of Lords, and the Mother confirmed in the Guardianship. *Hil. 2 Geo. 2. ibid. 210.*

19. *A.*

19. A Guardian *in Socage* is *purely for the Benefit of the Infant*, and accountable to him, and *removeable* by the Court of Chancery upon any *Misbehaviour*, or obliged to give such Security to account as the Court thinks proper. *Per West* Lord Chancellor in *Ireland*. *East*. 11 *Geo.* 1. 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 141.

20. One devised the Guardianship of his Child to his Wife and *A.* but if his Wife should marry again, then the Wife and *A.* to fix upon another Guardian. The Wife did marry again, but would not agree with *A.* to chose another Guardian. *Resolved*, That it devolved upon the Court of Chancery to appoint a Guardian. *Per Lord King*, *Trin.* 1725. *Darcy and Lord Holdernefs*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 703. by way of Note.

2 *Will. Rep.*
278. *East*.
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21. The Guardian of an Infant, who is in the Possession of an Estate *mortgaged* which came to the Infant, must out of the Profits keep down the Interest, and not let it run on to increase the personal Estate, which possibly the Guardian may be in Expectation of. *East*. 1725. *Anon. MS. Notes*.

or his Executor (in Case of his Death) was decreed to answer the Interest out of the Profits. *Per Lord Commissioners Jekyll and Gilbert*.

22. *J. S.* by his Will appointed *M.* his Wife sole Executrix and Guardian of his Son, and adds, "If my Wife shall marry again before my Son shall attain his Age of twenty-one Years, then and from thenceforth I appoint my Brother Executor and sole Guardian of my Son." *M.* dies, the Son being about thirteen Years of Age; and the only Question was, Whether the Testator's Brother (who would have been Guardian in Case the Wife had married before the Son had been twenty-one Years of Age) should be Guardian in this Case, or the next of Kin, to whom the Inheritance could *not* descend? Lord Chan. *King*: Here is no Limitation to the Wife of the Guardianship for Life. It seems the Uncle must have been Guardian and Executor at the same Time. I think the Uncle cannot be Guardian; but *Raym.* 4273. and *Lev.* 125. cause me to doubt; but a Case being made for the Opinion of the Court of Common Pleas, the Judges certified that the Uncle could not be Guardian, but that the Guardianship must go to the Guardian in *Socage*. 1731. *Selby and Selby, MS. Rep.*

23. The Court cannot appoint Guardians in any Case but *ad litem* for carrying on Suits there in Behalf of the Infant. 20 *Mar.* 1740. *Hughes and Science et al'*, in *Canc'*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. *Guardian and Ward*, (N. 6.) in a Note to *Ca.* 7.

(B) What Act of a Guardian, with Consent of the Infant, will bind the Infant.

1. *A.* As Heir to his Father and special Occupant, became intitled to a Lease for three Lives of certain Lands in *Hampshire*, and being an Infant of about seventeen Years of Age, *B.* who was his Guardian, or acted as such, in 1727 did, by *A.*'s Approbation, for 157 *l.* sign a Demise of the said Lands to the Plaintiff for twenty-one Years, to commence from *May* 1730, at which Time a Lease in Being would determine, about six Months before *A.* would come to Age. The Money was either paid to *A.* himself, or to his Guardian by his Consent, and the Infant, to shew his Good-liking of the Bargain, witnessed

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witnessed the Deed and the Receipt of the Money. *B.* proving afterwards insolvent, and having made several disadvantageous Bargains for *A.* he would have set aside this Lease, and actually demised the Lands to *C.* another Defendant, who entered upon and evicted the Plaintiff and took a Crop of Corn which the Plaintiff had sowed. The Bill against *A.* was to make a new Lease of the Premises for twenty-one Years, or to refund the 157 *l.* Fine; and against *C.* to have Satisfaction for the Crop. And it was objected for *A.* That no Interest passed by the Lease of the Guardian who was nominal, neither *Testamentary* Guardian, nor Guardian in *Socage*; and if he had been so, such Lease could not be obligatory during *A.*'s Nonage, and that therefore the Lease in Point of Law was absolutely void; and altho' *A.* witnessed the Lease, yet that could not bind him any more than if he had really executed it, which he might have avoided at his coming to Age. *King, Chancellor: Infants have no Privilege to cheat Men.* This Lease was made with the Consent and Approbation of *A.* the Infant, who was above the Age of Discretion, and knew what he was doing, and it's certain his consenting to the Lease was the only Inducement the Plaintiff could have to take it at so large a Fine, being he was not to possess the Lands 'till six Months before the Determination of the Infancy, &c. and therefore whether ever the Money came to *A.*'s Hands or not, he ought to make good the Lease or refund the Fine, for otherwise the Plaintiff and all other Persons would be defrauded by the Collusion of an Infant and his Guardian; and so decreed, that on *A.*'s refusing to make a Lease, he should repay the Fine. But as to the Crop, his *Lordship* would not meddle about that, because in Point of Law the Lease was absolutely null (a). *East. 6 Geo. 2. Evroy and Nicholas et al', MS. Rep.*

(a) *N. B. York,*
Attorney General, in his

Argument cited this Case: *A.* Tenant in Tail, wanting to mortgage his Estate, *B.* his Son and Heir, being an Infant of about sixteen Years old, solicited the Loan of the Money, and a Mortgage was made without acquainting the Mortgagee of the Intail. Upon *A.*'s Death, *B.* set up the Intail against the Mortgagee; but Equity charged the Estate-tail with the Mortgage, because of the Fraud which the Infant had been guilty of. *Ibid.*

(C) Guardian, in What Case chargeable;— and how compellable to account.

1. **A** Receiver appointed by the Guardians of an Infant, with a Salary, is but a Servant to the Guardians, and as they had sufficient Authority to employ him, so they had the same Power to discharge him, and allow his Accompts; and he having accounted with them, shall not be obliged to account again with the Infant when he comes of Age; but the Infant is at Liberty to require a full Account of the Guardians; and if the Servant they employed has embezzled any Money, the Guardians must answer it to the Infant. *Trin. 1720. Clavering's (b) Case, Prec. in Chan. 535.*

(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

2. Tho' the Infant *himself* cannot bring Account against his Guardian 'till he comes of Age, yet a third Person may bring a Bill for an Account against the Guardian, even during the Minority of the Infant. *Per Lord Commissioner Jekyll, Hil. 1722. in the Case of Eyre and Countess of Shaftsbury, 2 Will. Rep. 119, 120.*

Vide Tit. Wards, P.

C A P XLIX.

Hearing and Rehearing.

(A) Cases relating to Hearing, as what may be read, &c.

(B) Cases relating to Rehearing.

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Prec. in Chan. I.
99. S. C. in
totidem verbis.
—1 *Vol. Abr.*
Eq. 73. *Ca.*
17. S. C. but
not so fully
frated.

AT the Hearing it was objected by *Defendant B.* That *J. S.* who was a necessary Defendant, was not brought to Hearing. Plaintiff shewed he had prosecuted him to a Sequestration, and therefore might go on. Defendant answered, That the Affidavit on which the Process of Sequestration was founded was insufficient; and upon reading of it, it appeared that the *Subpœna* was left at a Place where *J. S.* had only lodged once, and that above two Years before the Service. *Cur'* held it not sufficient Service to go on against the other Defendant alone, unless the Plaintiff would consent to stand in the Place of *J. S.* to all Purposes, which he not doing, the Cause went off for want of Parties. *Mich.* 1699. *Parker and Blackbourne, MS. Rep.*

2. Lord Keep. *Wright* declared, That where on a Bill brought by *A.* against *B. C.* and *D. et al'*, the Defendants had examined some Witnesses, that *B.* being now Plaintiff, may read those Depositions against *A.* or any of the Defendants in the first Cause. *Mich.* 1704. *Barstow and Palmes, Prec. in Chan.* 233.

3. Where Plaintiff in his Bill set forth that Letters of Administration were granted to him, *as by the same, ready to be produced, may appear*, and this not denied by the Defendant's Answer, the Letters of Administration may be read in Court without examining them. *Hil.* 8 Ann. *Brown and Pitman, Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 75.

4. A Bond for Performance of Articles, *tho' cancelled*, was made an Exhibit, and allowed (at the Hearing) as Evidence to prove the Execution of the Articles, the *Limitation* being inserted and recited in the Condition of the Bond. *Hil.* 12 Geo. 1. *Anon. Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 183.

5. After the Bill and Answer came in, and Replication filed, several Witnesses were examined, and their Depositions taken; then the Plaintiff moved to withdraw his Replication, and took Exceptions to the Answer, and got a second Answer; and then replied, and examined other Witnesses, and on the Hearing would read other Depositions; but the other Side insisting they could not be read, by reason the Replication was withdrawn, and so taken without any Replication, they were irregular, and ought to be suppressed; which Lord Chancellor ordered accordingly; for that it was said, they should have examined them anew after the second Answer came in, and Replication filed,

filed, or have moved the Court to have had Liberty to make use of them at the Hearing. *East*. 1714. *Andrews and Brown* (a), *Prec. in Chan.* 386. (a) 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. P. 233. Ca. 6. S. C. but not S. P.

6. Where a Witness is examined who at that Time is disinterested, but afterwards becomes interested, and Plaintiff in the Cause, his Depositions may be read at the Hearing. *Cowper* Lord Chancellor. *Mich.* 1715. *Goss and Tracey*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 289. 2 Vern. Rep. 699. S. C.

7. A Bill was brought by the Devisee of Lands to perpetuate the Testimony of a Will, and to establish the Will. His Honour dismissed the Bill with Costs, declaring, that this Cause being only for perpetuating the Testimony, ought not to have been set down for Hearing. *Trin.* 1723. *Hall and Hodgesdon*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 162.

8. The Depositions of a Person who was made a Defendant, and struck out, and examined as a Witness, were ordered to be read; and the Case of *Coke and Gaugh* was cited, where it was so done. But *King C.* said, he would not do it 'till he saw that Case, and said he had no great Reverence for the Rule, but if it be a Rule, he must pursue it. *Trin.* 1725. *Stephens and Craven*, *Select Cases in Chan.* 41.

9. All Depositions taken in a Cause, but not read at the Hearing, may be read at the Rehearing; and this is the constant Practice of the Court. But in Appeals to the Lords, nothing is read but what was read below. *Trin.* 11 Geo. 1. 1725. in the Case of *Christmas and Christmas*, *Select Cases in Chan.* 21.

Vide Tit. Evidence and Witnesses, (D) P. 417.

(B) Cases relating to Rehearing (b).

(b) Vide (A) Ca. 9. this Page.

1. NO Proofs to be read at a Rehearing that were not read at the first Hearing. *Feb.* 1706 or 1726. *Williams and Lane*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. Rehearing, Ca. 5.

2. Upon the Plaintiff's petitioning to *rehear*, the Cause is open as to the whole and every Part of it, with respect to the Defendant; while, in respect to the Plaintiff, it is only open as to those Parts of it complained of in the Petition. *Per Cowper C. in Casu Rawlins and Powel*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 300.

3. A Decree *Nisi* by Default, was afterwards made absolute by Default; also the Court refused to *rehear* the Cause, because the Costs upon the first Decree *Nisi* were not paid, for the Party cannot shew Cause against a Decree *Nisi* by Default, unless he pays the Costs of the Hearing *Nisi*. *Per Macclesfield C. Mich.* 9 Geo. *Hoyle and Hoyle*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. Costs, (Q) Ca. 17.

4. It is in the Discretion of the Court whether or no they will grant a Rehearing (c). *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Trin.* 1724. in *Casu Mills and Banks*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 8.

(c) And it is equally so whether they will do any thing thereon. *Ibid.*

5. On a new Bill to carry a Decree into Execution, the Court may vary and alter what is thought proper, but on a Rehearing no further than the Petition extends; but if the Petition be against the Decree in general, tho' particular Reasons are given, the whole is open; but otherwise it is if the Petition be only against one or two Particulars. *May* 3, 1725. *Colchester and Colchester*, *Select Cases in Chan.* 13.

6. The Rule of Court is, that on a Rehearing only so much of the Case is open as is petitioned against; and if all do not petition, only

only to the Petitioners it is open. *Trin. 1725. Hayward and Colley, Select Cases in Chan. 24.*

7. In the Case of Mr. Onslow, the present Speaker of the *House of Commons*, the Court, on the Circumstances of the Case, and the Decree not being inrolled, refused to discharge an Order for a Rehearing, tho' at the Distance of above twenty-four Years. By Lord King the last Seal after *Hil. Term 1732, 3 Will. Rep. 8.* by way of Note.

8. An Agreement was signed by the Parties, and by Consent made an Order of Court, to submit to such Decree as the Court should make, and neither Party to bring an Appeal; yet the Cause was allowed to be reheard. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Hil. 1733. Buck and Farwett, 3 Will. Rep. 242.*

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Heir.

(a) *Vide Tit. Devise, (T) P. 369.*

(b) *Vide (C) P.*

(A) In what Cases an Heir shall be charged, and what will be a Charge (a) on the real Estate, &c. in his Hands; ---How an Heir is favoured in general;---Where he shall have the Aid of the personal Estate in Case of the real (b);---And where he shall have the Surplus, &c.

(B) Where the Words Heirs of the Body are only a Designatio personæ.

(C) Heir and Executor.

(D) Of an implied and resulting Trust for the Benefit of the Heir.

(E) What shall be Assets in the Hands of the Heir.

(F) Where unreasonable Bargains are obtained from Heirs, in what Cases they are relieved.

(c) *Vide Tit. Devise, (T) P. 369. Heir is Nomen Collectivum, and the same with the Word Heirs. Cro. Eliz. 313. Ca. 1. Rol. Abr. 626.*
(d) *Vide (C) P.*

2 *Freem. Rep. 198. S.C. in totidem verbis.*

(A) In what Cases an Heir shall be charged, and what will be a Charge (c) on the real Estate, &c. in his Hands; ---How an Heir is favoured in general;---Where he shall have the Aid of the personal Estate in Case of the real (d);---And where he shall have the Surplus, &c.

I. *A.* Devises to Turner and his Heirs, Upon Trust that he should convey it to such of the Relations of the Testator as he should think best, and most reputable for his Family. *A.* dies without Issue, and the Heir at Law, who was the Testator's Brother, prefers a Bill against the Defendant to have him convey the Estate to him. It was in Proof on the Defendant's Part, that the

Testator

Testator before the making of his Will did several Times declare that the Plaintiff was an ill Husband, would spend his Estate if he should leave it to him, and several other Expressions, shewing the Dislike of the Testator to the Plaintiff. But *per Cur'*, There being nothing in Proof against the Plaintiff of any Misbehaviour since the Testator's Decease, this Court will judge it most reputable for the Family that the Heir at Law should have it; and as for the Discourses which were before the making of the Will, those were all at an End by the making of the Will, and that notwithstanding all those Discourses, it cannot be denied but if the Trustee would give it him, he was not disabled to take it. *Trin. 1694. Clarke and Turner, MS. Rep.*

2. A. by Will subjected both his real and personal Estate to the Payment of his Debts. Decreed that the Heir should pay the Debt by such a Time, or in Default thereof the real Estate to be sold, and Liberty given to the Heir to sue for the personal Estate (a). (a) Seems to have been so decreed on an Appeal.
23 February 1705. *Stydolph and Langham (b), Vin. Abr. Tit. Heir, (b) Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (E) Ca. 8.*
(U) Ca. 16.

3. An Estate being considerably mortgaged, was devised to A. and several specifick Legacies were left to others. The Surplus is not sufficient to discharge the Debt. All the specifick Legatees shall contribute towards the discharging the Mortgage, before the mortgaged Premises shall be affected, for the Covenant to pay the Money makes it a personal Debt, and the real Estate shall never be put in Average with the personal. 1706. *Warner and Hayes, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (E) Ca. 9.*

4. A. seised in Fee makes a Mortgage, and then devises the Lands to B. and gives several Money Legacies to C. D. &c. and wills, that all his Debts shall be paid out of his personal Estate; and if that be not sufficient, then the Legatees to abate in Proportion. The Question was, Whether the Mortgage should be paid out of the personal Estate, so as to disappoint the Legatees, there not being sufficient to pay both, &c. *Per his Honour*: It is a Rule in this Court that a *Hæres factus* as well as *natus*, shall have Aid of the personal Estate, but not to disappoint Legatees; and therefore, if the Heir or Devisee does exhaust the personal Estate, as they may at Law, this Court will turn the Legatees upon the Land, &c. But this Case turns upon the particular Wording of the Will; and tho' the Testator, willing his Debts should be paid out of his personal Estate, and if that falls short, then the Legatees should abate in Proportion, seems *prima facie* to import no more than the Law says, and so are to be considered as Surplusage; yet it holds upon Consideration that these Words do really import more; for if the personal Estate was exhausted by the Devisee to pay the Mortgage, as it might at Law, the Legatees should come upon the Land without any Abatement; but here the Testator says they should abate in Proportion, and consequently to give them a Remedy upon the Land is to contradict the Will; wherefore the Debt upon the Mortgage is to be computed amongst the other Debts of the Testator, and the Surplus only to be divided amongst the Legatees. *Mich. 4 Geo. 2. Reeves and Herne, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (C) Ca. 12.*

5. A. conveyed all his Lands, In Trust for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and by his Will devised all his personal Estate to his Wife, yet the personal Estate shall come in Aid of the real. February 1707. *French and Chichester, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (E) Ca. 10.*

6. *A.* by Will gave Lands to *J. S.* and having, after his Will made, purchased other Lands, he on his Death-bed desired *B.* his Heir at Law, not to hinder his Nephew *J. S.* from enjoying the new-purchased Lands, tho' he had not by any Writing declared the Trust for *J. S.* and his Heirs. *B.* suffers *J. S.* to enjoy it eleven Years, and pretends he thought the *after-purchased* Lands had passed by the Will. *Cowper C.* decreed that this was out of the Statute of Frauds, and that *B.* letting *J. S.* enjoy it so long, was an Execution of the Trust, and so out of the Statute; and tho' no express Fraud was proved, yet the Possession for eleven Years was a strong Presumption that he suffered it as an Execution of the Testator's Declaration. *Mich. 7 Ann. Harris and Horwell, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 11.*

Proc. in Chan.
Mich. 1711.
S. C.

7. A Feme purchased a Church Lease to her and her Heirs, for three Lives, and dies, leaving an Infant Daughter. Two of the Lives die. The Guardian renews the Lease, and then the Infant dies. This new Lease is a new Acquisition, and vested in the Daughter as a Purchaser, and shall go to the Heirs of the Part of the Father, this Renewal by the Archbishop being *spontaneous* and *gratuitous*, and not like a *Copyhold*, for there the Lord is only a Trustee for the Heir, and his Admittance of him, tho' it be original, yet is only in Virtue of the Trust reposed in him by the Law for that Purpose; and decreed accordingly *per* his Honour; and Lord *Harcourt* was of the same Opinion. *Hil. 9 Ann. Mason and Day, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 77.*

8. It was agreed by the Court and all the Bar, that the Cases wherein the personal Estate has ever been applied in Ease and Exoneration of the real, are only where there was no express Exemption of the personal Estate; for, if a Devise be of such Lands to be sold for the Payment of *Debts* and *Legacies*, and then the Testator says, *I will that my personal Estate shall not stand charged on, or, be liable thereunto*; or, if the Devise be for Sale of Lands for Payment of Debts in general, and he afterwards devises all the rest and Residue of his personal Estate, having already made Provision for the Payment of his *Debts* and *Legacies* out of his real Estate, or out of such particular Lands, &c. or such like Clauses, in such Cases the real Estate, so subjected, shall

(a) Cites the Case of *Lady and Brooker, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 73, 74.*
Gainsborough
and one *Yarway*, and several others. *Ibid.*

See *Lady Gainsborough's Case, Hungerford's Case, Cook and Moor, all in Dam. Proc'; Christ's Hospital and Garroway, Hale and Hale, both in Canc. Temp. Cowper C.* cited for the Heir at Law, to prove that where there are no negative Words in the Will, an express Devise of all the personal Estate to the Executors does not exempt the personal Estate from Payment of the Testator's Debts, tho' there be a Devise of Lands for Payment of Debts. *Ibid.*

9. Bill to have a specifick Performance of an Agreement of a Purchase of Lands against the Heir and Executors of *A.* to whom Lands were devised for Payment of Debts. Cross Bill by the Heir against the Executors to account for the personal Estate of the Testator, to come in Aid of the real Estate, devised to be sold for Payment of Debts. The Testator devised particular Lands to his Executors, to be sold for Payment of all his proper Debts, and makes *A.* and *B.* Executors. Decreed that the Executors account for the personal Estate of the Testator, for that is liable to Payment of Debts in Aid of the real Estate; and since the personal Estate is not sufficient to pay off the Debts and Mortgage, the Lands must be sold to pay the Residue of the Debts, and the Surplus of the Money raised by the Sale, after the Debts paid, to go to the Heir. *Per Harcourt C. Mich. 12 Ann. Gale and Crofts et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (E) Ca. 11.*

10. Bill by the Heir at Law against the Executors, to have an Account of the personal Estate of the Testator, and that it might be applied in Exoneration of the real Estate devised to Trustees to be sold for Payment of Debts and Legacies. The Case was, *Waise* devised several *Lands to Trustees to be sold for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and devises all the Residue of his personal Estate to his Wife, and gives her also 600 l. out of the Money to be raised by Sale of the Trust Estate, and makes her Executrix.* *Harcourt C.* said, here is not only a Devise over of the Residue of his personal Estate to his Executrix, but he gives her further the Sum of 600 l. out of the real Estate, so that he did not think the Residue of his personal Estate sufficient for her, but gave her 600 l. out of his real Estate, which is the strongest Presumption imaginable of the Intent of the Testator, that his Wife should have the Residue of his personal Estate; and this makes it differ from the Case of *Garroway* and *Christ's Hospital*, for there was no Devise unto his Executors out of his real Estate. Bill dismissed, *quoad* Account of the personal Estate. *Mich. 12 Ann. Waise and Whitfield, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. d.) Ca. 19.*

11. Plaintiff's Bill was to have an Account of the personal Estate of *J. S.* the Defendant's Testatrix, and a Satisfaction thereof for 400 l. and to have an Account of the Rents, &c. of the Estate in *Q.* from the Death of *J. S.* and on the Answer and Proofs, the Case appeared to be this: *B.* the Plaintiff's Grandmother, and Mother of *J. S.* being seised in Fee of the Estate in *Q.* and possessed of a personal Estate of about 200 l. Value died intestate, upon whose Death the real Estate came equally between them as next of Kin. Plaintiff being in an ill State of Health, and intending to go to *Montpellier* for the Recovery thereof, releases and conveys her Moiety of the said Estate to her Aunt and her Heirs, in Consideration of 400 l. secured to her by her Aunt's Bond; but on her going abroad she leaves this Bond with her Aunt. Afterwards *J. S.* the Aunt, conveyed the Land to *C.* to the Use of him, his Executors or Administrators, for ninety-nine Years, if she and the Plaintiff her Niece, or either of them, should so long live, Remainder to the Use of herself and her Heirs; and then declares the Trust of the Term to be that she the said *J. S.* should receive the Rents and Profits thereof for so many Years of the Term as she should live; proviso, that if *J. S.* her Executors or Administrators, should pay the Plaintiff 400 l. then the Term was to be void. And the same Day *J. S.* made her Will, and devises to the Plaintiff 400 l. and therein mentioning to be the same Sum of 400 l. secured to her by Bond, and likewise by Indenture of Release, bearing even Date with the Will. And after by another Clause in the Will she devises the Estate to Defendant *H.* (*her Son and Heir*) and the Heirs of his Body, after the Death of the Plaintiff, with Remainder over, and died. The Defendant *H.* enters and suffers a Recovery of this Estate, and limits the Uses to himself and his Heirs. And now Plaintiff brought her Bill as before mentioned, and *H.* brought a Cross Bill to be let into a Redemption of the Term upon Payment of the 400 l. and Interest. And the Question was, Whether the Plaintiff was to have this Estate for Life by Virtue of the Devise to her for Life by Implication, or whether that Clause meant only to continue it as a Security to her for the 400 l. and Interest? The Plaintiff read one Witness to prove that *J. S.* declared she should have the Estate for Life. It was insisted for *H.* that upon the Circumstances of this Case, it might be reasonably intended no other Estate than what the Plaintiff had before by the Term; that as that was for Life, it was natural and reasonable not to give away the Estate till after her Death; that

that as the Term was redeemable, so must this Estate too; because it might be intended no other, and therefore no such necessary Implication of an absolute Estate for Life, as is allowed of in the Books of Law, to the Disinheritance of the Heir. *Lord Chancellor* was of the same Opinion; and especially for this last Reason, that here was no necessary Implication; and therefore decreed the Plaintiff her 400 *l.* and Interest, and dismissed her Bill as to the Account of the Rents and Profits, but *without Costs*, for the Colour she had to make such Demand. *East*. 1714. *Boutell and Mobun, Tilden et al'*, *Prec. in Chan.* 381.

Gilb. Eq. Rep.
115.

12. An Heir at Law cannot be disinherited but by a necessary Implication. *Per Lord Chancellor, Mich.* 1716. in the Case of *Sympton and Hornsby, Prec. in Chan.* 440.

13. *A.* directed his Debts, Legacies and Funerals, to be paid out of the Rents of his real Estate, and that his Executors should receive the Rents until his Nephew should attain his Age of twenty-one Years, and then to pay the Residue of the Rents to him; and afterwards devises all the Residue of his personal Estate, *before unbequeathed*, to his Nephew. The Nephew dies an Infant, and *Cowper C.* decreed the personal Estate, in the first Place, to be subject to the Debts, &c.

(a) *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 72. *Hall and Brooker, S. C. Mich.* 9 *Ann.*

for that there was *no express Clause to exempt the personal Estate (a)*, and that has always been the Distinction in this Court.——If the *personal Estate had been devised to a Stranger*, his Lordship held it might have had another Consideration from the Meaning of the Words *before unbequeathed*, but here he thought it could not. *Hil.* 1716.

(b) *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 128. *Dolman and Smith (b), Prec. in Chan.* 456.

S. C. in totidem verbis, with *Prec. in Chan.*——2 *Vern.* 740. *S. C.* says, *Lord Chancellor* said if the Residue of the personal Estate *unbequeathed* had been *devised to a Stranger*, or to a third Person, he should have had it exempt from Debts; but the Devise of the Surplus of the Land and of the personal Estate being to *one and the same Person*, he thought the Surplus of the personal Estate was not intended to be devised to the Nephew exempt to Payment of Debts. *Ibid.*

14. *J. S.* being seised in Fee, devises his Lands to his two Executors, (who were no Relations to him) and their Heirs, *In Trust* to be sold by them or the Survivor of them, for the best Price, and with the Money to pay his Debts, Legacies and Funerals, so far as the same will extend; and (*int' al'*) he gives 40 *l.* to *Jane Styles*, and 10 *l.* to *Eliz. S.* (who were his Cousins and Coheirs) and 100 *l.* to the Children of one of his Executors, but nothing to his Executors. The Surplus arising by the Sale being 500 *l.* the Question was, Whether it should go to the Executors or to the Heirs at Law, who brought a Bill against the Executors for an Account of the Surplus; and for the Executors it was objected, That here were express Legacies given to the Coheirs, which implied that they should have no more; and the Case of *Crompton and North, Chan. Rep.* 196. was cited as a Case in Point. But *Cowper C.* decreed the Executors to account for the Surplus to the Heirs at Law (a). *Hil.* 1717. *Starkey and Brooks,*

(a) Saying,
that in Cases
of this Nature

1 *Will. Rep.* 390.

the Circumstances must govern; and his Lordship observed that the chief Objection was, that here are express Legacies given to the Heirs at Law, and none to the Executors; but *per* his Lordship, the Will being that the Executors should sell the Estate for the best Price, &c. this Clause need not to have been put in, if the *Devisees* were intended to be Owners. Supposing the personal Estate had been sufficient to have paid the Debts, and that there had been no Need of any Sale, surely the *Devisees* should not have gone away with the Estate from the Heirs at Law. It is *material* also that the Trustees are to apply the Money in Payment of Debts, &c. by which is implied the whole Money; and that shews it was not designed to be a *beneficial Trust*. Devising the Estate, and Power of Sale to the Survivor, is a further Argument of its being rather a Trust than an Ownership, and that the Trust was intended to follow the Estate. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.* 391. who, for these Reasons, decreed as above.

15. J. S. having five Sons and two Daughters, made his Will, which begins thus, viz. *As to my Estate I dispose of it in Manner following*; and then he gives several specifick Legacies to his Children, and devises his Lands to his eldest Son C. (the Defendant) and to the Heirs Male of his Body, Remainder to his second Son in Tail Male, and so on to his other three Sons in Tail Male successively. He also devises several Debts and Cattel Interests to his eldest Son C. and then he gives 1500 l. apiece to his two Daughters at twenty-one Years of Age or Day of Marriage, to be paid by his said Son C. and makes him sole Executor. The Question was, If the real Estate expressly devised to C. in Tail, with Remainders over in Tail Male to his other Sons, is chargeable with this Portion of 1500 l. devised to the Plaintiff, being directed by the Will to be paid by his Son C. the first Devisee in Tail, and Executor? For Plaintiff was cited *Cloudesley and Pelham, in Chan.* 1686. The Devise there was to *Trustees in Tail*; yet the Court held that the Lands were chargeable with Payment of Debts implicitly by that Will. Lord Chan. Cowper said, This was a very doubtful Case. The Lands are settled by this Will upon the Testator's Sons successively in Tail Male, which makes it very different from the Case of a Devise in Fee. That Cases of this Nature have been carried very far already in this Court, to charge Land by *Implication*, out of an Inclination in the Court to make every Part of the Will take Effect, and if there be Precedents sufficient to warrant a Charge upon Lands settled, and Intail by the Will, his Lordship said he should be willing to do it now out of the same Inclination. The Lands are not *directly* and *absolutely* given to the Defendant, who is directed by the Will to pay the 1500 l. to the Plaintiff, but only *sub modo*, with Limitations over to the other Sons in Tail Male successively. Suppose the Defendant had died without Issue before the 1500 l. had become payable, would this 1500 l. be a Charge upon the Estate-tail of the second Son, who is next in Remainder? His Lordship said, he would take Time to consider of the Case, and in the mean while the Master to take an Account of the *personal* Estate of the Testator, and make an Estimate of the *Quantum* thereof at the Time of making the Will, for that may give some Light to find out the Meaning of the Testator. It might *then* be sufficient to satisfy all Debts and Legacies, tho' since it may be *insufficient* by subsequent Losses or Accidents. *Curia advisare vult.* Mich. 3 Geo. Lord Henry Pawlet et Ux' and Parry, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge. (D) Ca. 16.

16. *As to all my worldly Estate I give and dispose thereof in Manner following*; and then the Testator gives several pecuniary Legacies, and several Annuities for Lives, to be paid by his Executor, and then he devises all the rest and Residue of his Goods and Chattels, and Estate, to his Nephew Middleton, (the Defendant and Heir at Law to the Testator) and makes him sole Executor. The Will was duly executed according to the Statute of Frauds. (Note; There was an express Devise in the Will to a Relation of the Testator.) The Question was, If the real Estate be chargeable with the Legacies and Annuities in Default of the personal Estate? And Cowper C. was of Opinion, that by the Devise of all the rest and Residue of his Goods, Chattels and Estate, all his Lands do pass to his Executor, and that he takes by the Will, and

Lord Chancellor observed, that it was certainly the Intent of the Testator, that the Annuities and Legacies should be paid, and said, he would endeavour to support the plain and express Intent. That it was also certain not from the whole Frame

of the Will, that the Testator meant to dispose of all his Estate both *real* and *personal*; for in the Beginning of the Will he says, *As to all his worldly Estate, &c.* Then comes last the Clause, *All the rest and Residue, &c.* Now the Words [*rest* and *Residue*] in this Place may have some Stress laid upon them, and seem to refer to the introductory Clause in the Will, (*As to all his worldly Estate, &c.*) which certainly extend to Lands in a Will, and will bear a larger Construction by Reference to the first Clause, by which he intimates,

that he intended to dispose of all his Estate, both real and personal, by his Will; and therefore his Lordship was of Opinion, and decreed as above. *Ibid.*

not by Descent as Heir at Law; and that the Lands so devised to him are chargeable with the pecuniary Legacies and Annuities, when the personal Estate falls short to satisfy the same; and decreed accordingly. *Mich. 3 Geo. Awbrey and Middleton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (D) Ca. 15.*

His Lordship said, that J. S. appointing his Executrixes to pay his Debts, is a Proof that he designed them to pay his Debts in Exoneration of the Inheritance, for the Redemption whereof he had so large a Power by the Proviso; and the personal Estate is not discharged by its being given to the Heir at Law, because it was given to her jointly with the Wife, upon which Reason he seems to found this Decree. *Ibid.*

17. J. S. being seised of Lands in Fee, in Consideration of 300 l. by Lease and Release conveyed the same to R. in Fee, with a Covenant for quiet Possession, and also that they were free from Incumbrances. In the Release there was a Proviso, that if J. S. his Heirs or Assigns, should, upon Michaelmas-Day 1702, or any other Michaelmas-Day, pay the said 300 l. with the Rents and Arrears which should grow due for the same, it should be lawful for him, his Heirs and Assigns, to enter; but there was no Covenant for Payment of the 300 l. J. S. continued in Possession, and paid the Interest to R. as it became due. Afterwards J. S. upon his Marriage, settled these Lands on his Wife, and the Issue of that Marriage, and covenanted, that it was free from all Incumbrances, except R.'s Mortgage. Afterwards J. S. made his Will, and thereby gave several Legacies; and all the rest of his Goods and Chattels he gave to his Wife and Daughter, whom he made his Executrixes, and appointed them to pay his Debts. J. S. died, leaving the said Daughter who was his only Child, who, dying within Age, Plaintiff became Heir at Law to J. S. and brought his Bill against J. S.'s Widow to have his personal Estate (which amounted to 600 l. besides the Legacies) applied in Exoneration of the said Land. Cowper C. was clearly of Opinion, That the Land was conveyed by J. S. to R. as a Mortgage, because J. S. had by the Proviso reserved to himself, his Heirs or Assigns, a Power of redeeming, and had upon his Marriage settled the Lands as his own, and in the Marriage Deed called the Land conveyed to R. a Mortgage; and he was of Opinion, that the Rent and Arrears expressed in the Proviso, signified the Interest of the 300 l. and said, that the Word (*Rent*) taken in it's largest Sense, was not improperly used to denote Interest. Decreed that the personal Estate should be applied to the Exoneration of the real. *Mich. 4 Geo. Powel and Price, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (E) Ca. 12.* Mr. Viner says, several Precedents were cited, where only real Estates were charged, and yet the personal Estates given to others had been applied to the Discharge of the real.

18. Land was given to A. and B. so long as they lived jointly together, the Remainder to the right Heirs of him that died first; A. dies; the Heir of A. shall have the Lands by Descent; and yet the Remainder did not vest during the Life of A. for the Death of A. must precede the Remainder. *Per Sir J. Jekyll, Mich. 5. 1 Lucas's Rep. 421. who cited Co. Litt. 378. b.*

19. The Law of England in Suits against Heirs, imitates the Civil Law; where an Heir sued by a Bond Creditor is sued as for his own Debt in the *Debet* and *Detinet*, and is *prima facie* supposed to have Assets; but the Heir might discharge himself, by saying, that at the Time of the Writ brought he had no Assets, or if he has Assets descended, may shew those Assets, of which the Plaintiff may, if he pleases, take Judgment; and in Case the Heir hath aliened before

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Action brought, tho' at Law there was no Remedy against him, yet in Equity he was responsible for the Value of the Land aliened; but now the Heir is made liable at Law (a) for the Value of the Assets he has aliened. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Hil. 1721. in Casu Coleman and Winch, 1 Will. Rep. 777.* (a) By Stat. 3 & 4 W. & M. cap. 14. sect. 5.

20. Lord Macclesfield denied it to be a Rule, that in all Cases the personal Estate is applicable in Ease of the real Estate; for he said, it shall not be so applied, if thereby the Payment of any Legacy will be prevented, much less where it will deprive the Widow of her *Bona Paraphernalia* (b). *Mich. 1721. Tipping and Tipping, 1 Will. Rep. 730, 731.* (b) So decreed by his Lordship in the Case of Puckering and Johnson, the same Term.

21. In all Cases where there is a Measuring Cast between an Executor and an Heir, the latter shall in Equity have the Preference. *Per Macclesfield C. Trin. 1723. in Casu Edwards and Lady Warwick, 2 Will. Rep. 176.*

22. J. S. seized in Fee as Heir of the Mother's Mother, devises the Lands to Trustees, *In Trust* to pay several Annuities, and the Residue to go to J. S.'s right Heirs of his Mother's Side for ever, The Heir of the Mother's Mother's Side is intitled to the Estate, and Surplus of the Profits, after the Annuities paid. *East. 1723. Harris and Bishop of Lincoln (c), 2 Will. Rep. 135.* (c) *Vide P. Ca.*

23. "As touching all such worldly Estate as God has blessed me with, I dispose of the same as follows: *Imprints, I will that all my just Debts be paid and satisfied.*" It was argued, that it is a general Preface to make a general Disposition of his real and personal Estate, as is mentioned after in the Will; that it is an independent Clause, and means only an Intention of a general Disposition. He after devises his Freehold and Copyhold Estate to his Son and his Heirs when he comes to twenty-one, paying his Wife 100*l.* a Year for her Dower in the mean Time, After 100*l.* *per Annum* to his Wife for Dower; the rest of the Profits to be put out for the Benefit of all his Children; but made no Provision for Debts. It was insisted, that if a Man devises Lands after Debts paid, that is a Charge; but decreed, that this was not a Charge of Debts upon the real Estate. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. 1723. Barton and Wilcocks, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (D) Ca. 19.* this Case more fully abridg'd.

24. J. S. begins his Will thus: *As to my worldly Estate I dispose of the same as follows: After my Debts and Legacies paid;* and then he gives several Legacies to his Daughters; and then says, *after all my Legacies paid, I give the Residue of my personal Estate to my only Son;* then he devised his Fee-simple Lands to his Son and his Heirs; and if his Son should die without Issue in the Life-time of any of his Daughters, he devised his *real* Estate to his Daughters; and ordered Interest to be paid by his Executors for the Daughters Portions; and made his Son and D. Executors. There is out of the personal Estate a Sufficiency to pay the greatest Part, tho' not all the Daughters Portions. Lord Chan. Macclesfield said, *As plain Words are necessary to disinherit an Heir, so Words equally plain are requisite to charge the Estate of an Heir;* for a Charge, so far as the Value of it amounts to, is, *pro tanto*, a Disinheritance. His Lordship observed, that it was material that the Interest of the Daughters Portions was ordered to be paid by the Executors, without mentioning the Heir, and that here was not such a Deficiency of the *personal* Assets as to leave the Daughters destitute; for which Reason he decreed the real Estate not liable (d). *Trin. 1723. Davis and Gardiner, 2 Will. Rep. 187.* (d) If in this Case there had been a want

of Assets for the Payment of the Testator's Debts, it seems the Lands would have been charged therewith, by Virtue of the Words, *After my Debts and Legacies paid I give, &c.*—So if the Testator had owed a Debt,

Debt, for which his real and Leasehold Estates were mortgaged, Equity would, in this Case, have charged all this Debt on the real Estate, in order to have enlarged the Fund for the Payment of the Legacies (a) as well as Debts. *Ibid.* 190. by way of Note. (a) *Vide* the Case of *Sir Barkham Ryder* and *Sir Charles Wager*, 2 *Will. Rep.*

25. Defendant was Executor and Devisee of the real Estate of *M.* The Bill was to be paid 30 *l.* which Plaintiff had lent to *M.* either out of the personal Estate, if sufficient, or if not, then out of the real Estate; for this Reason, because *upon lending of the Money the Title Deeds of the real Estate were put into the Hands of the Plaintiff, and it was indorsed upon them, that it was agreed that the Deeds were so deposited as a Security for the Payment of so much Money.* And the Court declared the real Estate, in this Case, charged with the said Debt. *Hil.* 1723. *Atkinson* and *Swift*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge*, (D) *Ca.* 20.

26. If a Man dies indebted by Bond, in which he has bound himself and his Heirs, and leaves real and personal Assets, of each enough to pay the Bond, and the Obligee, as he has an Election to come upon the real Assets, does accordingly sue the Heir, and recovers the Debt against him; yet the Heir shall recover back the Money against the Executor out of the personal Estate. *Lord Macclesfield's Opinion*, *Trin.* 1723. 2 *Will. Rep.* 175.

27. It is a positive Rule, that where there is any Doubt on the Proofs, a *Will* will not be established against an Heir without a Trial at Law. *Hil.* 10 *Geo.* 1. *Dawson* and *Chutir*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 90.

Ibid. 286.
Angell and
Brown, S. P.

28. Upon a Bill brought by a Devisee of Lands against the Heir to perpetuate the Evidence of the Will, the Heir answer'd and put the Plaintiff to his Proof, and the Heir cross-examined one of the Witnesses; yet the Heir shall have his Costs, but it may be reasonable that he should not have Costs where he examined Witnesses of his own. *Per Lord Chan. King*; *Trin.* 1725. *Bidulph* and *Bidulph*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 285.

29. Lands were devised by Will for Payment of Debts. The Heir at Law was a Creditor, and opposed the Will as to Part of the Lands devised for Payment of Debts, and which the Testator had no Power to devise; yet he was not by this excluded from being let into the Residue of the Fund given by the Testator for Payment of Debts. *Per Lord Chan. King*, *Trin.* 1727. *Deg* and *Deg*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 418.

30. Altho' a real Estate is made liable to Debts, yet it shall only come in Aid of the personal, and the personal shall be first applied apart. 1727. *Nokes* and *Darby*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors*, (Z) *Ca.* 53.

(b) *Pengelly* B. said, that if these Words, *to her own Use, or the like* had been added, it might have

31. The real Estate is expressly charged with the Payment of Debts, and the personal Estate is given to the Executrix; adjudged, that the Executrix takes not the personal Estate to her own Use, but as Executrix; and that it shall be applied to discharge the real Estate, in Favour of the Heir at Law (b). The Decree was directed to be of the Surplus of the personal Estate after the Legacies paid. *Hil.* 2 *Geo.* 2. *in Scac'*, *Lucey* and *Bromley*, *Fitz-Gib. Rep.* 41, 42.

(c) *Vide* the Case of *Reeves* and *Ferne*, P. *Ca.*

given some Cause of Doubt, but little Stress was laid on the Manner of creating her Executrix. *Ibid.*

32. *Heres natus* or *factus* (c) may have the personal Estate applied in Exoneration of the real; but not a Remainder Man; for the first comes to discharge the Estate which descended to him, or was given him by the same Person who owned both real and personal Estate; but in the other Case the Remainder Man is a Stranger, and does

does not claim the Estate from the same Person who owned the personal Estate. *Mich. 1730. Evelyn and Evelyn, Select Cases in Chan. 80.*

33. Where it is said, that a Decree is equal to a Judgment, or to be paid next thereto, this must be intended only out of the personal Estate; for a Decree for a Debt does not bind the real Estate, acting only *in Personam*, not *in Rem*; and the Remedy upon a Decree to affect the Land, is only for a Contempt, whereupon the Party proceeds to a Sequestration; and if the Defendant dies, leaving no personal Estate, the real Estate in Fee will not be affected in the Hands of the Heir. *Per his Honour, Trin. 1731. in Casu Bligh et al' and Earl of Darnley, 2 Will. Rep. 621.*

34. Mortgagor died, and after his Death Part of his Estate was settled by a private Act of Parliament, in Trustees, as a Fund to pay all his Debts; his Heir disposing of that Fund, his personal Estate is liable to his Father's Debts. Cited *per Cur'*, as Sir John Napier's Case.

—But where no Fund came to the Heir for Payment of Debts, as where Tenant for Life made a Mortgage by Virtue of a Power, and upon Assignment thereof his Heir, being the next in Remainder in Tail, covenanted to pay the Money, and the Father died, and then the Son died, *B.* the next in Remainder, shall not charge the Son's personal Estate with Payment in Ease of the real, because the Land was the original Debtor, and must continue so, there being nothing substituted in its Place, as in Sir John Napier's Case there was. *Hil. 1731. Evelyn and Evelyn, 2 Will. Rep. 596 (a).*

35. *A.* covenants for himself and his Heirs, that he will purchase Lands and settle the same on himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son, Remainder to himself in Fee. Equity will compel the Executor to lay out the Money, tho' the Heir is both Debtor and Creditor. *Mich. 1733. Lechmere and Lord Carlisle, 3 Will. Rep. 224.*

36. *J. S.* devised Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, *In Trust* for *A.* Son of *B.* (who was Heir at Law of *J. S.*) for Life, and after, *In Trust* for the first, &c. Son of the Body of *A.* and the Heirs Male of the Body of every such Son. And for want of such Issue, then for all and every other Son and Sons, respectively and successively for their Lives, &c. if any such should be; and for want of such Issue, then *In Trust* for the first and every Son of *C.* with like Remainders to *D.* and for want of such Issue, then *In Trust* for the first, &c. Son of *E.* with like Remainders to the Heirs Male of the Body of every such Son of the said *E.* and for Default of such Issue, then *In Trust* for his own right Heirs for ever. Provided, that none, &c. to whom the Estates are limited shall be in actual Possession of the Rents, &c. until they shall respectively attain the Age of twenty-one; and that in the mean Time the Trustees should make such Allowance thereout for Maintenance as they shall think suitable. And then he wills, that the Overplus of such Rents and Profits do go to such Person as shall be intitled unto, and come to the actual Possession of the Estate, &c. *A.* died in the Life-time of *J. S.* without Issue; *B.* had no other Son but *A.* and no other Remainder Man was *in Esse* at *J. S.*'s Death but a Son of *E.* This was held first at the Rolls, and afterwards by Lord Talbot, to be an executory Devise. And Lord Chancellor held, that 'till Somebody is *in Esse* to take under the executory Devise, the Rents and Profits must be looked upon as a Residue undisposed of, and conse-

(a) So in the Original, but it should be P. 664.

quently must descend upon the Heir at Law; the Case being the same, where the whole legal Estate is given to the Trustees, and but Part of the Trust disposed of, as in this Case, and where but Part of the legal Estate is given away, and so the Residue, undisposed of, descends upon the Heir.—In this Case *J. S.* had devised to *B.* (his Heir at Law) another Estate; and then it was objected, that he could never be supposed to have intended *B.* this Surplus; and cited *Chan. Cases* 196. *North* and *Crompton*. But his *Lordship* answered, that in this Case the Heir does not take by Reason of the Testator's Intent, but the Law throws it upon him; and wherever the Testator has not disposed, (be his Intent that the Heir should take or not take) yet still he shall take, for Somebody must take, and none being appointed by the Testator, the Law throws it upon the Heir (a).

(a) And his *Lordship* said, it was so held by Lord King 44, 52. in the Case of *Lady Hertford* and *Weymouth*.

Mich. 1734. *Hopkins* and *Hopkins*, *Cases in Chan. Temp. Lord Talbot* 44, 52.
37. By Marriage Articles 400 *l.* was to be vested in *A.* and *B.* In Trust, but neither of them to be answerable for the other; *B.* received the whole, and gave a Receipt for it, and by Writing under his Hand and Seal declared that *A.* had received none of it. *B.* dies intestate, without ever placing out the 400 *l.* His Honour decreed this a Specialty Debt, but to affect the *Executor* only, and not the Heir, he not being bound, nor the said Declaration extending to him. Lord Chan. *Talbot* affirmed the Decree, saying, that this (without all Doubt) was a Debt by Specialty. *Trin.* 1735. *Gifford* and *Manley*, *Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot*, 109, 110.

38. Testator devises, as to all his worldly Estate, that his Debts be paid within a Year after his Decease, and then devises his real Estate to Trustees for a Term, In Trust for his Wife for Life, Remainder to his Sons successively in Tail Male, and gives several Legacies. Per Lord Chan. *Talbot*: The real Estate is chargeable with the Debts in Case the personal Estate be deficient. *Trin.* 1735. *Hatton* and *Nichol*, *Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot* 110.

39. *J. S.* the Uncle, seised in Fee of a Customary Estate at *C.* in Cumberland, and of a Freehold Estate at *T.* in the same County, mortgaged his Estate at *C.* to Defendant for 130 *l.* and took his Bond for the Money. *J. S.* afterwards made his Will, and devised his Freehold Estate to Defendant, and, after several Legacies, gave all the rest of his Goods and Chattels, and personal Estate, to Defendant, and made him sole Executor. *A.* Nephew and Heir of *J. S.* brought his Bill against Defendant to redeem the mortgaged Premises, and to have the Benefit of the personal Estate in Exoneration of the real; and the single Question was, Whether Plaintiff, as Heir, was intitled to the Benefit of the 130 *l.* Bond given by Defendant to the Testator; for, if this Bond was extinguished by making the Obligor Executor and residuary Legatee, Defendant had not sufficient Assets to satisfy the Mortgage? But Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* held, that in Equity the Heir was intitled to the personal Estate in Exoneration of the real, and so is a Customary Heir or *Hæres factus*; and this is in Favour of the Inheritance, to preserve it intire. It is also clear that the Obligee, by making the Obligor Executor, at Law extinguishes the Debt, tho' in the Case of an Administrator it is otherwise, that being only a Suspension of it so long as the Administration continues. But in Equity, where an Obligor is made Executor or residuary Legatee, the Bond is considered as Money received by him, and is Assets to satisfy Debts and Legacies, if the other Part of the personal Estate

is deficient. In the Case of *Brown and Selwyn*, an Obligor was made Executor and one of the residuary Legatees; and yet the Bond in the House of Lords was held not to be extinguished, but that his Fellow residuary Legatee should come in for a Share of it; and if the Law is so in the Case of a residuary Legatee, much more in the Case of an Heir at Law, who is always intitled to draw out the personal Estate in Discharge of the real. What stuck with me at first, was that the Heir stood in the Ancestor's Place, and therefore could not have the Benefit of the personal Estate against the Testator's own Gift; but so does a residuary Legatee as to the personal Estate; and as an Heir at Law is to have the Preference before a Legatee, the Plaintiff is intitled to have the Benefit of this Bond as Assets in the Hands of the Executor; and therefore decreed an Account of what was due upon the Mortgage, and of what Defendant had received, or might without his Default have received out of the Rents and Profits; that an Account should be taken of the personal Estate of the Testator come to Defendant's Hands; and also of his Debts, Funeral Charges and Legacies; and the personal Estate to be applied in a Course of Administration; that the 130*l.* be brought into the Account of the Testator's personal Estate, and if any Thing remain after Payment of other Debts, Funeral Expences and Legacies, the Residue to be employed in Satisfaction of the Mortgage; and if that proves sufficient to discharge the Mortgage, Defendant to reconvey at Plaintiff's Expence; but if the Residue does not prove sufficient, then upon Plaintiff's paying the Residue, Defendant to reconvey, and in Default of Payment, Plaintiff's Bill to be dismissed *with Costs*. *Mich. 11 Geo. 2. Fox and Fox, MS. Rep.*

40. Testator seised in Fee of a Farm called *Hills Tenement*, and of another called *Bowry Hays*, in Tail, by Will devises as follows, *viz. As to all my worldly Goods, I will all that Tenement called Hills Tenement to my Wife Joan for her Life, and after her Decease then to my Son Robert, and his Heirs for ever. Item, I give to my second Son Henry 150*l.* to be paid when Robert shall come into Possession. Item, I give to my Daughter Mary 150*l.* to be paid in twelve Months at and upon the Time that my Son Robert shall come to and enjoy the Premises above-mentioned; and in Case my Son Robert die before my Wife Joan, my Son Henry coming into Possession and surviving his said Mother, shall pay to my Daughter Mary 200*l.* Item, all the rest and Residue of my Goods and Chattels I give to my Wife Joan, whom I appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.* Robert and Henry died in the Life-time of Joan. Upon Joan's Death Henry the Son of Henry the younger Brother, enters on the Premises. Mary brings her Bill against him to have her Legacy of 150*l.* or 200*l.* out of the Land, according to the Directions of the Will; but, upon Consideration, Plaintiff's Counsel thought proper to waive their Demand of the last Legacy, and to insist rather upon the first. The Master of the Rolls took this to be a Charge on the real Estate in the Hands of the Heir, and decreed that the Estate should be sold, and the 150*l.* paid to the Plaintiff, with Interest. At the Rolls, 4 Nov. 1738. *Miles and Leigh.* Affirmed on Appeal to Lord Chancellor 27 July 1739. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (D) Ca. 21.*

41. It is now a settled Point in Courts of Equity, that if Lands be settled, or a Term of Years created on Trust to raise Portions for Daughters, to be paid at twenty-one or Marriage, and the Daughter dies before the Time of Payment, the Portion shall not go to the Executor

ecutor or Administrator of the Daughter, but sink in the Estate for the Benefit of the Heir. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, East. 13 Geo. 2. in Casu Harvey and Aston, Comyns's Rep. 742.*

42. J. S. by his Will gave to A. his eldest Son an Annuity of 100 l. *per Annum* for Life, and thereby took Notice of an Annuity of 200 l. *per Annum* limited by Deed to A.'s Wife for her Jointure, and then charged all his real Estate for the Payment of these Annuities; and then he says, *I do hereby give, direct, limit and appoint unto B. my second Son the Manor of H. &c. in strict Settlement, Remainder to C. my third Son in like Manner*; and then devises to his Son B. all his other Estates real and personal whatsoever, to him, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for ever. *And farther, my Will is, and I do hereby direct that my said Son B. shall pay all such Debts as I shall owe at the Time of my Death, and all Legacies bequeathed by this my Will*; and then bequeaths to his Son N. and his other younger Children, 2000 l. apiece. J. S. died seised of no other real Estate but the Manor of H. only; and the principal Question was, Whether the Estate devised in strict Settlement was subject to the Payment of the younger Childrens Portions? And Mr. Justice Parker, who sat for Lord Chan. *Harwicke*, was of Opinion, That this real Estate was chargeable with the Payment of these Portions. These Portions are for the Benefit of younger Children, and younger Children are considered as Creditors in a Court of Equity. Now in the Case of Creditors it has been held, that where a Testator in the Beginning of his Will declares that he is disposing of all his worldly Estate, and then gives a Direction that his Debts shall be paid, the Debts thereby become chargeable on the real Estate as well as the personal; and as to an Objection, that J. S. had used proper Words to charge his real Estate with Payment of the Annuities of 100 l. and 200 l. but had not in relation to these Portions, and that therefore his Intent was not the same; his *Lordship* said, that Objection was not conclusive, for a Testator may use express Words of charging in one Part of his Will, and may create a Charge by Implication in another Part of it; and as to the Objection that J. S. had made a different Fund for Payment of his Legacies out of the Residue of his real Estate, which he gave to B. his *Lordship* said, that if the Fact was so, that there was any such Residue, the Argument would be good, but that there was no such Residue in Fact. And decreed accordingly. *East. 1740. Webb and Webb, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 86.*

43. "As to my Temporal Estate wherewith God hath blessed me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth: First, I will that all my Debts be justly paid which I shall at my Death owe or stand indebted in to any Person or Persons whatsoever; also, I devise all my Estate in G. to A. B." And this was all the real Estate the Testator had. And *per Lord Keep. Wright*: This will create a Charge on the real Estate for Payment of Debts. *Mich. 1706 (a). Bowdler and Smith, Prec. in Chan. 264.*

(a) This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

44. If any particular Legacy, as an House, or 500 l. in Money, or any Part only of the personal Estate, be bequeathed to an Executor, such particular Legacy, not being cast upon him by the Law only, shall not come in Aid in Case of a Deficiency, but he shall be chargeable only in respect of the Surplus cast upon him by the Law. 9 Ann (b). in the Case of *Hall and Brooker, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 73.*

(b) And so is this Case.

(B) Where

(B) Where the Words Heirs of the Body are only a Designatio personæ.

1. **I**N Marriage Articles there was a Limitation to *A. for Life*, ^{2 Will. Rep. 622. S. C.—} without *Impeachment of Waste*, and then to the Use of the Heirs ^{1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 387. Ca. 7. S. C.} Male of the Body of *A. to be begotten*, and of the Heirs Male of the Body of such Heirs Male. The first Words (*Heirs Male*) are only a Description of the Persons who are to take, viz. the first and other Sons, and the subsequent Words denote what Estate they were to take, viz. to the Heirs Male of their Bodies. 5 Feb. 1719. Trevor and Trevor, Vin. Abr. Tit. Issue, (C) Ca. 1.

2. *Heirs Male* must be intended *Heirs Male of the Body*. Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, East. 1722. in the Case of Dawes and Ferrers (a), 2 Will. Rep. 1, 3.

(a) Vide P. Ca.

3. *J. S.* on the Marriage of *B.* with *M.* his Niece, by Marriage Articles agreed that *he would, at the Time of his Death, leave, devise or otherwise convey Lands and Tenements of the yearly Value of 30l. to the Heirs of the Body of M. his Niece by her said Husband, and to their Heirs; provided, that if there should be more than one Child of the Marriage, then J. S. should be at Liberty to dispose of this 30l. per Annum to such of the Children of M. as he should think fit; and in the Beginning of the Articles it was said to be for the better Advancement of B. and his intended Wife, and the Issue of the Marriage.* *J. S.* died; *B.* and his Wife were living, and had seven Children, and demanded for the Children the 30l. per Annum, with the Arrears thereof from *J. S.*'s Death. Objected, That the 30l. per Annum is to be left to the Heirs of the Body of *M.* by *B.* & *nemo est Hæres Viventis*, so that this 30l. per Annum is not to commence 'till after *M.*'s Death, at which Time all her Children may be dead, consequently it is uncertain whether she will then have any Heir of her Body by *B.* or who will be that Heir. But per Lord Chan. King, The Court of Equity has a much greater Latitude in the Construction of Articles than in the Construction of Limitations of Estates. Thus in the Case of (b) Marriage Articles to settle Lands on the Husband and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Heirs Male of their Bodies, it shall be understood to have been intended the first and every other

(b) Vide 1 Will. Rep. Bale and Cole-

man. Son; so here the Words (*Heirs of the Body of the Niece by her Husband*) shall be construed Children, and the rather because it is just afterwards *and to their Heirs*; whereas if there be a Son of the Marriage, it must be his Heirs alone that must take; and tho' in Case there had been Daughters only, the Words (*their Heirs*) had been proper; yet here are Sons, and it cannot be intended that the Provision was for Daughters only, when not so expressed; and the Proviso that reserves a Power to *J. S.* if he thought fit to give Preference to any of the Children before the rest, shews, that all the Children were to take, unless *J. S.* should think proper to interpose and make an Appointment of the 30l. per Annum to any one of the Children; and that the Preamble to the Articles was, that the Issue should be advanced as well as the Husband and Wife; for which Reason all the Children of *B.* by *M.* that were born at the Time of *J. S.*'s Death, ought to take this 30l. per Annum, and are intitled to the Arrears from the Death of *J. S.* Hil. 1725. Thomas and Bennet, 2 Will. Rep. 341.

(C) Heir and Executor.

1. *A.* By Will *subjected both his real and personal Estate to the Payment of his Debts.* Decreed that the Heir should pay the Debt by such a Time, or in Default thereof the real Estate to be sold, and Liberty given to the Heir to sue for the personal Estate. 23 Feb. 1705. *Stydolph and Langham, Vin. Abr. Tit. Heir, (U) Ca. 16.*

2. If an Heir is forced to pay a Debt of his Ancestor, he shall recover against the Executor as far as personal Affets come to the Executor's Hands. *Vide Hil. 2 Geo. Lucy and Bromley, in Scac', Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 41.*

Vide 2 Will. Rep. 291.

3. If a *Vendee* of Lands of Inheritance dies before all the Purchase Money is paid, the *Vendor* may come against the Executor for the Money, tho' the *Heir* is to have the Benefit of the Purchase. *Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 11 Geo. 1. in the Case of Coppin and Coppin, Select Cases in Chan. 30.*

In the principal Case the same Person was *Vendor*, Heir and Executor to the

4. So if the *Vendee*, after Payment of the Purchase Money, dies, leaving an Executor, and the *Vendor* is Heir at Law, yet the *Vendor* will have the Residue of the Purchase Money against the Executor, tho' it be so much for his Benefit. *Per Lord Chan. King, ibid.*

Vendee, and therefore his Lordship decreed the Residue of the Purchase Money to him, and not to the Legatees. *Ibid. 28, 30.—Vide 2 Will. Rep. 291.*

(a) *Salk. 450. 1 Vern. 436. —Prec. in Chan. 2.—Ibid. 61. Heir of the Mortgagor shall*

5. If a Mortgagor borrows Money, tho' there be no (a) *Covenant in the Mortgage Deed to pay it*, yet his Executor has been decreed to pay the Money, in Discharge of the Land descended to the Heir. *Per Lord Chan. King, in the Case of Blash and Hybam, East. 1728. 2 Will. Rep. 453, 455.*

have the personal Estate applied in the first Place to pay off the Mortgage, tho' no *Covenant in the Mortgage Deed for the Payment of it*, and tho' the personal Estate is devised away by the Mortgagor to his Relations. *Trin. 1696. Meynell and Howard.*—And it was said, that Sir Edward Moor had made such a Mortgage, and afterwards raised a Term in other Lands for Payment of his Debts, and the Mortgage Money was held to be a Debt payable out of that Trust. *Ibid.*

6. If one mortgages Lands and dies, his personal Estate shall go in Ease of the real; but if *A.* seised in Fee mortgages his Land, leaving *B.* his Son and Heir, and *B.* dies, leaving *C.* his Heir, *B.*'s personal Estate shall not be applied to pay this Mortgage, because it was not *B.*'s Debt. So, tho' the Mortgage be transferred in *B.*'s Time, and *B.* covenants to pay the Money, yet the Debt not being originally the Debt of *B.* his Covenant is only a Surety, and the Land the original Debtor, which *C.* shall therefore take *cum onere*. *Per Lord Chan. King, Lord Chief Justice Raymond, and the Master of the Rolls, Hil. 1731. Evelyn and Evelyn, 2 Will. Rep. 596 (b).*

(b) Should be 664.

(D) Of an implied and resulting Trust for the Benefit of the Heir.

1. *J.* *S.* by his Will gives to his Son, the Plaintiff, certain Lands, he paying 100l. to the Testator's Wife, (the Defendant); and all the rest and Residue of his real Estate he deviseth to his Wife and her Heirs, to the Intent to pay all his Debts and Legacies; he further deviseth, that if his Son had a Mind he should exchange Lands of the Value

Value of 100 l. per Annum with the Testator's Wife for other Lands not exceeding that yearly Value, and appointed two Persons to settle the Matter between them; provided, that if the Wife thought fit, she should live in the Capital Messuage during her Life; and made his Wife his Executrix, and died. Evidence was produced for the Defendant (which the Lord Chancellor allowed to be read) to shew that the Testator's Intent was that his Son should have no more than what was expressly given him; and that the Reason of giving his Wife so much was, because that the Devisor talking with the Witness about the Settlement of his Affairs, and telling him, he designed his Heir (the Plaintiff) the same Lands which are given him by the Will; and that he did design other Lands for his younger Son; whereupon the Witness said, that that would be a Means to set the two Sons at Difference, and therefore he had better give them to the Defendant, and depend upon her Generosity to the younger Son; which he then did approve of, and said he would do. The Heir's Bill was to have what was over and above paying the Debts and Legacies, which was 2000 l. For Plaintiff it was said, that in all Cases where Lands are given to a Man for any particular Purpose, when that Purpose is satisfied, the Trust shall result to the Benefit of the Heir at Law. And Sir Thomas Powis cited a Case, which was, A Man devised Lands to his Executors for Payment of Debts, and that it should be sold and turned into Money; yet the Heir at Law exhibited his Bill and prayed, that no more might be sold than would pay the Debts, and that he might have the Overplus; and it was accordingly decreed at the Rolls, and after affirmed in this Court. On the other Side was cited *North v. Crompton*, 1 Chan. Ca. 196 (a). Lord Chancellor: This would at Law certainly have been a Disinheritance of the Heir. Now the Question is, Whether this is not an implied Trust for the Benefit of the Heir? Here would have been an implied Trust for the Benefit of the Heir, after the particular Purpose satisfied, if that Implication had not been destroyed; but it is destroyed, as appears from the Will itself. First, He hath expressly given Lands to the Son, which is a much stronger Case than if he had only given a Rent. Secondly, He has appointed an Exchange to be made, and that is with a most critical Exactness, which is 100 l. per Annum for 100 l. per Annum, and no more, and appointed two Persons to settle it. Now can it be imagined that he would be so nicely exact upon the Exchange, if he designed him to have 100 l. per Annum back again; for there appears to be the Value of 2000 l. over and above paying the Debts and Legacies: So that thereby the Implication is destroyed by the other Part of the Will. But there have been other Matters read, which still make it much plainer; which, I think, may be read to explain any Implication; altho' it is a general Rule, That Matter dehors ought not to be averred. And it was accordingly decreed. Hil. 6 Ann. *Docksey v. Docksey* (b), MS. Rep.

2. Devise of a Rent-charge to his Wife for thirteen Years, In Trust nevertheless for Payment of Debts and Legacies; and then he gives his Wife other Lands in Augmentation of her Jointure. The Surplus of the Rent-charge, after Debts and Legacies paid, is not a beneficial Trust for the Wife, but a resulting Trust to the Heir. May 25, 1712. *Wych and Packington*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (E) Ca. 18.

3. Devise of personal Estate for Payment of Debts and Legacies, and the Overplus to be disposed of as the Testator should by Codicil direct; and further devised Part of his real Estate to be sold for Payment of particular Debts, and the Residue as he should by Codicil direct.

(a) 1 Vol. Abr.
Eq. 272.
Ca. 3.

(b) Vide P.
Ca.

direct. Then by Codicil he directs that the Overplus of such real Estate shall go to his Executors for Performance of his Will, and then adds, "I hope I have made a sufficient Provision for Performance of my Will, and if there be any Overplus of my personal Estate after full Performance, I give it to J.S." Adjudged that the Surplus of such real Estate shall go to J.S. and not result to the Heir. Mar. 11, 1717. *Tyrwith and Trotman, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (E) Ca. 20.*

Where a Devise of Lands is to Trustees and their Heirs, for Payment of Debts and Legacies, there is a resulting Trust for the Heir, and he may properly come into Court and offer to pay the Debts

and Legacies, and pray a Conveyance of the whole Estate to him, for the Devisees are only Trustees for Testator, to pay his Debts and Legacies. *Roper and Radcliff, in Dom. Proc., 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 171.*—This is a Privilege which has always been allowed in Equity to a residuary Legatee, for if he comes into Court and tenders what will be sufficient to discharge all Debts and Legacies, or prays that so much of the Lands, and no more, may be sold, than what will raise Money to discharge them, this is always decreed in his Favour. *Ibid.*

5. A Devise to A. upon special Trust and Confidence, that he should pay all the Testator's just Debts, is a resulting Trust to the Heir, after Debts paid. Mar. 11, 1727. *Kiricke and Bransbey, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (E) in a Note to Ca. 18.*

Cases Temp. Talbot 78.

6. Testator gave all his Lands, &c. to his Sister H. and her Heirs, In Trust nevertheless to sell for the best Price she can for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and gives a Legacy of 500 l. to the Plaintiff his Heir at Law, and then devises, that after his Debts and Legacies paid and subject to the same, his Sister H. should have the Residue of his personal Estate. Decreed that the Surplus Money arising from the Sale of the Land should be looked upon as personal Estate, and go to H. and that there was no resulting Trust. East. 8 Geo. 2. *Mallabar and Mallabar, MS. Notes.*

Vide Tit. Trust, P.

(E) What shall be Assets in the Hands of the Heir (a).

(a) Trust of a Surplus, where

Lands are devised for Payment of Debts, &c. if it be a resulting Trust to the Heir, and is not devised away, is Assets by Descent in the Hands of the Heir, upon the Statute of Frauds. Per Pratt C. J. in the Case of *Roper and Radcliffe, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 190.*

By the 29 Car. 2. c. 3. s. 10. If any Cestuy que Trust shall die leaving a Trust in Fee-

1. IF Cestuy que Trust of an Inheritance binds himself and his Heirs in a Bond, this Trust is not Assets to the Heir, tho' since questioned in Lord Chan. *Hide's Time*; but clearly the Trust of a Lease for Years, is Assets to charge an Executor in Equity. Attorney General

simple to descend to his Heirs, such Trust shall be Assets by Descent, and the Heir shall be chargeable with the Obligation of his Ancestor, as if the Estate in Land had descended to him.—s. 11. provided, that no Heir, that shall be chargeable by reason of any Estate or Trust made Assets by this Law, shall, by reason of any Plea, Confession of the Action, or suffering Judgment by *Nient dedire*, or other Matter, be chargeable to pay the Condemnation out of his own Estate, but Execution shall be sued of the whole Estate so made

General and Sands, East. 21 Car. 2. in Scac', 2 Freem. Rep. 131. Ca. 157.

come after the Writ purchased, in the same Manner as by the Common Law, where the Heir pleading a true Plea, Judgment is prayed against him thereupon.

2. Mortgagor and Mortgagee; the Mortgagor died, and the Heir of the Mortgagor and Mortgagee join in a Sale of those Lands. *Quære*, Whether the Money that comes to the Hands of the Heir by this Sale, shall be Affets to charge him in Equity? And by *Finch* Lord Keeper, it shall not, no more than he shall be charged at Law after Alienation *bona fide*. *Hil. 1673. Anon. 1 Freem. Rep. 303. Ca. 369.*

3. A Term is assigned In Trust for the Husband for Life, and then to Trustees for raising an Annuity for the Wife, and then to the Heirs Male of the Husband, begotten on that Wife. The Husband died, and then the Wife. And Lord Chancellor held, that if this had been a Limitation of an Estate at Law, the Father taking an Estate for Life, the Limitation over to the Heirs Male of his Body would have made an Estate-tail executed in the Father, and the Heirs Male of his Body would have taken by Descent; but being a Trust of a Term, altho' the Father did take an Estate for Life, yet the Heir Male takes by Purchase, and is not Affets. *Trin. 7 Ann. Anon. MS. Rep.*

4. It was insisted in the Case of *Helley and Helley, Trin. 7 Ann.* that a Trust of a Copyhold cannot be Affets in the Hands of the Heir, because the Copyhold itself cannot be Affets; and therefore that being a privileged Estate, the Trust will follow the Nature of it, and will not be Affets. But by Lord Chancellor, A Surrender to one and his Heirs, In Trust for another and his Heirs, breaks the Custom; he said, if a Copyholder in *Borough English* surrenders In Trust for himself and his Heirs, the Trust goes to the Heirs at Law; therefore, he took it, that the Trust in the Hands of the Heir is Affets. *MS. Rep.*

5. The Equity of Redemption of a mortgaged Term is Affets to pay simple contract Debts. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, in the Case of Coleman and Winch, Hil. 1721. 1 Will. Rep. 775.*

6. A. being seised of the Trust of an Advowson in Gros in Fee, dies indebted by Specialty, &c. The Creditors bring a Bill against the Heir at Law and the Trustees of the Advowson, and pray a Sale of the Advowson. Lord Chancellor held, that the Advowson was Affets, and decreed it to be sold, &c. He held that it was a Rule, that all Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, were extendable; and that an Advowson was so in the Case of the King, he cited Sir *William Jones* 24. An Advowson was a Thing valuable, and lay in Tenure, and might be held in Knight Service, &c. He referred to *Fleta* and *Britton*. 23d of *March* following the Decree was affirmed in *Dom. Proc.* *Eyres C. J. of C. B. Price J. and Comyns B.* attended, and being asked their Opinion, Whether an Advowson in Gros was Affets in such Case at Law (a), declared it was; and the House did not divide. *Mich. 1730. Robinson and Tong, Vin. Abr. Tit. Affets, P. 145. Ca. 28. See 3 Will. Rep. 401.*

it so, because that would be to alter the Law. By Lord Chancellor in S. C. *Ibid.*

(F) **Where unreasonable Bargains are obtained from Heirs, in what Cases they are relieved.**

1. *A.*'s Father was Tenant for Life, Remainder to *A.* in Tail, Remainder over. *A.* having incurred his Father's Displeasure, was advised by *B.* (the Defendant) who had been an Attorney, and who pretended great Friendship for him. And after *A.*'s Father had been reconciled to him, and *A.* being in Debt, and the Father offering to give him 1000*l.* for this Reversion, he was dissuaded by *B.* from accepting the Father's Offer, *B.* declaring that this was no valuable Consideration. But in about a Year afterwards, when *A.*'s Father was *ancient* and *sickly*, and in a very declining Life, *B.* bought this Reversion of *A.* for 1050*l.* when the Estate was worth 150*l.* per Annum; and *A.* at this Time was thirty-four Years of Age, and had a Child about ten Years old, who was inheritable to the Intail; and *A.* levied a Fine of this Reversion to *B.* About two Years after, *A.*'s Father died, and upon *A.*'s Bill to set aside this Conveyance, he, in order to gain an Injunction, by the Direction of the Court suffered a Recovery, and declared the Uses of it to the two senior Six Clerks, subject to the Order of the Court. And Lord Chan. Cowper directed *A.* to be relieved on Payment of Principal, Interest, and full Costs; but his Lordship said, he meant *liberal* Costs. *East.* 1716. *Twisleton and Griffith*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 310.

Ibid. 312.
His Lordship said, he grounded his Opinion for Relief chiefly

upon the Case of *Berney and Pitt*, 2 *Vern.* 14. where the Plaintiff's Father was Tenant for Life of a considerable Estate, Remainder in Tail to the Plaintiff, Remainder over, and the Defendant lent Plaintiff the two several Sums of 1000*l.* and 1000*l.* upon which Plaintiff gave two Judgments of 5000*l.* apiece defeazanced, each of them to pay 5000*l.* in Case the Plaintiff should survive his Father, and to pay Interest for the same; but if he should die in the Life-time of his Father, then the Principle was to be lost. This Cause was heard 33 *Car.* 2. by Lord Nottingham, who denied Relief; and after that the then Plaintiff had been constrained to pay the Money, *viz.* 5390*l.* upon the Decree; yet upon the *Rebearing*, *Hil.* 2 *Jac.* 2. Lord Jeffereys did relieve; declaring, that these Bargains were *corrupt* and *fraudulent*, and tended to the Destruction of Heirs sent to Town for their Education, and to the utter Ruin of Families; and that the Relief of the Court ought to be extended to meet with such corrupt Bargains and unconscionable Practices. And accordingly Lord Cowper, in the present Case, said, *this* also was in the Case of an Heir, and who was the less upon his Guard with *B.* as he pretended nothing to him but Friendship, by encouraging him to leave his Father's House, and dissuading him from selling the Reversion to his Father for 1000*l.* which was but 50*l.* less, and that a Year before. That the Reason inducing Lord Jeffereys's Decree, was, (probably) to discourage a growing Practice of devouring an Heir on a Confidence on Lord Nottingham's Decree; but Lord Jeffereys's Decree standing, shewed, that every one thought the same very just; and that there was therefore no Attempt in *Parliament* to reverse it. And his Lordship said, he saw no Inconvenience in the Objection, that at this Rate an Heir, without Difficulty, could not sell a Reversion; for this might force an Heir to go home and submit to his Father, or to bite on the Bridle, and endure some Hardships; and, in the mean Time, he might grow wiser, and be reclaimed.

Ibid. 313.

2. *A.* seventy-two Years of Age, conveyed Lands of 40*l.* a Year for an Annuity for his Life of 20*l.* a Year; *A.* lived but two Years after. The Conveyance was set aside upon a Bill brought by the Heir at Law, it appearing that *A.* was weak, and easily to be imposed upon. *At the Rolls*, *Mich.* 1723. *Clarkson and Hanway et al'*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 203.

3. *J. S.* was Tenant for Life, Remainder to *A.* in Tail, Remainder to *J. S.* in Fee, of an Estate computed worth 7000*l.* *A.* at thirty Years of Age, in the Life-time of *J. S.* articed to sell the Estate for 3300*l.* when he should come into Possession of it, and to have Interest for the same from the Time of the Articles to the Time of his coming in Possession. *J. S.* died within two Years, so that the Interest

terest amounted to little. *A.* on his coming into Possession, completed his Agreement, and brings a Bill to be relieved. Insisted for the Purchaser, That there was a great Difference between defeating an Agreement, and carrying it into Execution. And *Raymond* and *Gilbert*, Lord Commissioners, were of the same Opinion, and said, that had the Bargain been to pay so much down in Ready Money, it would undoubtedly have been good, otherwise there is an End of all Sales of Reversions; and that this is the same as buying the Reversion for present Money, and will be considered as so much Money put out at Interest by himself, and the same as if he had received it, and immediately lent it to the Vendor at Interest; that the Interest might have run to the Value of the Estate, tho' it has happened otherwise, which was a Chance on both Sides; and that it is not consistent with Common Sense, that a *present* Agreement should be varied by *future* Accidents; that it must be considered as it is in itself, without any Thing extrinsic, that *Bargains for Sales of reversionary Estates by Heirs are never set aside but on account of Prodigality*; that nothing of that appeared in the present Case, but the reverse, for it appeared that both the Father and Son were in bad Circumstances. *East. 11 Geo. Dews and Brandt, Select Cases in Chan. 7, 8.*—But had the Bargain been to pay down 3300*l.* when he should come into Possession, this would not have really been a Purchase of the Reversion, but of an Estate in Possession, as the Payment and Possession would be at the same Time; and in that Case, on account of the great Over-value, Chancery would relieve. *Per Lord Commissioners Raymond and Gilbert, ibid. in S. C.*

C A P. LI.

Hypothecation.

1. **I**F a Ship be in the River *Thames*, and Money be laid out there, either in repairing, fitting out, new rigging, or Apparel of the Ship, this is no Charge upon the Ship; but the Person thus employed, or who finds these Necessaries, must resort to the Owner thereof for Payment. And in such a Case, in a Suit in the Admiralty to condemn the Ship for Nonpayment of the Money, the Courts of Law will grant a Prohibition; and therefore if the *Owner*, after Money thus laid out, *mortgages* the Ship, tho' it be to one who has Notice that the Money was so laid out and not paid, yet such *Mortgagee* is well intitled, without being liable to any of the Money thus laid out for the Benefit of the Ship as aforesaid, and the Ship is not liable for this Money (a). Decreed *at the Rolls*, and seemed admitted by the Counsel on the other Side. *Trin.* 1726. *Watkinson* and *Bernadiston*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 367.——But if this be done at Sea, where no *Treaty* or *Contract* can be made with the *Owner*, and the *Master* employs any Person to do Work on the Ship, or to new rig or repair the same, this, for *Necessity*, and *Encouragement of Trade*, is a Lien upon the Ship, and in such Case the *Master*, by the *Maritime Law*, is allowed to *Hypothecate* the Ship. *Ibid.*
- (a) No more than a *Carpenter*, laying out Money in the Building of an *House*, has a *Lien* upon the *House* in respect thereof, tho' by the *Law of Holland* he has; but this not being the *Law of England*, such *Carpenter* must resort to those who employed him, or to the *Owner* of the *House*, for his Money. *Ibid.*

C A P. LII.

Jew.

1. **S** T A T. 1 *Ann. c. 10.* If any *Jewish* Parent, in order to the compelling his Protestant Child to change his Religion, shall refuse to allow such Child a fitting Maintenance suitable to the Ability of such Parent, and the Age and Education of such Child, upon Complaint it shall be lawful for the *Lord Chancellor, &c.* to make such Order for the Maintenance of such Protestant Child as he shall think fit.

2. A *Jew* had a Daughter who turned Protestant; the *Jew* had a very considerable personal Estate, and died, leaving several Legacies to *Charities*, and gave his personal Estate from his Daughter to his Executor. She petitioned Lord Chan. *Parker* for a Maintenance upon the above Statute. Objected, That this Case was not *within* the Act. First, That this Child is above forty Years old, and so the Care of her Education over. Secondly, That she is married, and not now to be called a *Child*, but to be provided for by her Husband. Thirdly, That the Parent being dead, he could not be said to have *refused*, &c. and so the Power given by the Act at an End. But his *Lordship* said, he strongly inclined to think this Case to be *within* the Act, for the several Reasons (a) mentioned in the Margin; and that possibly these *Charities* given by the *Jew's* Will may be under some secret Trust for the Child if she should turn *Jew*; wherefore he directed, that it be inquired into by the Master (b). *Hil. 1718. Vincent and Harmandez, 1 Will. Rep. 524.*

(a) First, For that the Petitioner is a Protestant Child of a *Jewish* Parent, tho' the

Parent be dead. Suppose the Child of a *Jew* turns Protestant, and the *Jew* Parent by Will gives his Estate to Trustees, upon a secret Trust that if the Child turns *Jew* the Child shall have the Estate, and not otherwise; as this would be clearly within the Mischief, so every one must wish it to be within the Meaning of the Act. It is not said the Complaint shall be against the *Father*; that would take this Case out of the Act; neither is it said, that the Order shall be made upon or against the *Father*; so that this Case fits every Word made use of by the Legislature. Suppose a *Suit* or *Petition* had been exhibited, and the *Jew* Parent had died *pending* the *Petition*, and had given all away from his Protestant Child, doubtless the Complaint might be against the *Executor*, and the Order likewise against the *Executor*; every one will allow this to be a hard Case, and if the Words be large enough (as they are) why should they not be construed to extend to it? As to the *Refusal* of the Parent, it is not to be intended that the Parent the *Jew* must make an actual *Refusal in Words*, for by that Construction the Statute might easily be *evaded* and *rendered* useless. If the *Jewish* Father does by Will dispose of all his Estate from his Child, this is in Law a *Refusal*; and unless some other Reason be made appear, it shall be intended, because the Child was a Protestant. The Obligations of Nature plead so strongly on Behalf of a Child, that when such a Case happens, some great Provocation must be supposed to have occasioned it; and if no other Reason be made appear, this Difference in Religion shall be intended the Reason. *Per Lord Chancellor. Ibid. 525, 526.*

(b) Tho' this was the Opinion of the Court, it does not appear that on this *Petition* the Court made any Order; and as nothing further is to be traced in this Matter, it is probable the Parties came to some Agreement. *Ibid. 526.* in a *Note* by the *Editor*.

C A P. LIII.

Incumbrances.

1. **W**HERE there were Articles, and in them a Covenant to covenant in the Conveyance, that the Lands were free from Incumbrances. Lord Chan. *Cowper* said, This is not a Covenant that the Lands are free, but only that in the Conveyance he would covenant so. But in the Case of such a Covenant, if any Incumbrance is discovered between the Executing the Articles and Sealing the Conveyance or Deed of Settlement, whereof the Party had no Notice, that Incumbrance shall be discharged, even before the Sealing the Deed of Settlement, both as the Concealment is a Fraud, and because it would be needless to enter into a Covenant, which, before entering into, is already known to be broken, but against all other Incumbrances discovered afterwards, there is the Party's Covenant only. *Trin. 7 Ann. Vane and Lord Bernard, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 6.*

1 Vol. Abr.
Eq. 399. Ca.
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Vide Tit. Mortgages, P.

C A P. LIV.

Infant,

- (A) How far an Infant is bound or favoured in Equity;—
And here of Allowances, &c. to Infants.
- (B) What Acts of an Infant are good, void or voidable;—
And where the Parol may demur.
- (C) Cases upon the Stat. 7 Ann. c. 19. sect. 1. where an Infant is a Trustee.

(A) How far an Infant is bound or favoured in Equity;—And here of Allowances, &c. to Infants.

1. **A**. Seised of Freehold and Copyhold Lands, surrenders to the Use of his Will, and then devises to his Wife all his Goods, Chattels and Estate whatsoever, on Condition to pay his Debts and Legacies. On a Bill by the Creditors and Legatees for Sale of the Estate, the personal Estate falling short, the Words Goods, &c. with the

the other Circumstances of the Case, would pass the Lands; and decreed a Sale, and the Heir to join when he came of Age; but he being an *Infant*, they gave him a Day to shew Cause after he came of Age. *Mich. 1691. Lumley and May et al', Prec. in Chan. 37.*

2. Lord *Burlington* having a Kindess for Lady *Barrimore*, took her, when an *Infant*, and maintained her; and being seised of Lands, settled them upon her, but kept the Writings himself; and still continued to take the Profits of the Land. Afterwards he made his Will, and thereby devised to her a Portion in Lieu of all other Provisions made to her by the Settlement. Then she married.—Lord *Burlington* died.—And Lady *Barrimore* accepts the Portion devised her. The Question was, Whether the Accepting of the Legacy was a Devesting of the Inheritance vested in her? Lord *Chancellor* asked, if she was of full Age at the Time she accepted the Legacy; for, he said, the Question would turn upon that, it being much more advantageous to her to have the Inheritance than to elect Money in Lieu thereof, for Money may be disposed of by her Husband. The Lord *Burlington* cannot divest the Inheritance given to the Lady *Barrimore*, by devising to her a greater Value in full Satisfaction of all Provisions, yet her Acceptance of this Devise is a tacit Contract, and so a Waiver of her Inheritance *ex Contractu*. *Trin. 7 Ann. Franklin and Barrimore.*

3. Bill to have a Discovery of Defendant's Title to Lands in *B.* mortgaged to Plaintiff, and to have an Account of the Rents and Profits thereof, &c. The Case was, the Defendant's Father having Occasion to borrow 300*l.* the Defendant was employed by his Father to solicit Plaintiff to lend that Sum upon a Mortgage of the Lands in *B.* which the Father made Affidavit of that he was seised in Fee, and that the Lands were free from Incumbrances. The Defendant, being then about the Age of twenty Years, did carry a Feoffment in Fee, and Fine of the Lands of Defendant's Father to Plaintiff's Counsel, and the Title was approved of, and the Money lent, and a Mortgage made to Plaintiff; and the Defendant was a Witness to the Execution of the Mortgage Deed, and also to the Payment of the Money. Defendant's Father, after Defendant came of full Age, took 100*l.* more upon the same Mortgage, and the Defendant was privy to that Transaction, but not a Witness to the Deed or Payment of the Money. Defendant, by his Answer, says, that at the Time of making the original Mortgage he had heard the Lands were settled upon him after his Father's Death, but had never seen the Settlement; and after his Father's Death he refused to pay the Mortgage, and claims the Lands as Remainder Man in Tail, by Virtue of a Settlement by his Grandfather upon the Marriage of his Father, &c. And Cowper C. said, That if an *Infant*, having a Remainder upon an Estate for Life, be a Witness to a Mortgage made by Tenant for Life, he did not think this would bind the *Infant*, because, if he was made a Party to the Deed and sealed it, yet that would not bind him; and that that was a much stronger Case; yet his Lordship was of Opinion in this Case, that the Defendant was liable and ought to make Satisfaction to the Mortgagee, because at the Time of this Transaction he was very near being of full Age, and solicited the Plaintiff to lend the Money, and produced this Feoffment in Fee to his Father (which appears now to be forged) and was principally concerned all along in the Fraud, when he knew at the same Time, as he admits by his Answer, that his Father was but Tenant for Life, with Remainder to himself. If an *Infant* is old and cunning enough to contrive and
carry

(a) This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

carry on a Fraud, his Lordship thought in Equity he ought to make Satisfaction for it. Decreed accord'. Mich. 1 Geo. (a) Watts and Creswell, Vin. Abr. Tit. Infant, (N) Ca. 24.

4. Bill to have a specifick Performance of an Agreement upon this Case. A. during his Minority, by himself and Guardian, enters into Articles with Defendant to lett him a Farm at a certain Rent, &c. Defendant enters upon the Farm, and continues the Possession, and pays the Rent after A. came of full Age. After that A. conveys the Inheritance to the Plaintiff, and then Defendant quits the Farm, insisting that he was only a Tenant at Will, and refuses to accept a Lease or execute a Counterpart, because A. being an Infant at the Time of making the Agreement, was not bound by it, and therefore Defendant ought not to be bound by it. And Harcourt C. decreed, That the Plaintiff should execute a Lease to the Defendant, and the Defendant execute a Counterpart of such Lease to the Plaintiff, in Pursuance of the Articles; and Defendant to pay Costs. Trin. 13 Ann. Clayton and Ashdown, Vin. Ar. Tit. Infant, (G. 4.) Ca. 1.

5. Where there is a Decree *Nisi Causa* against an Infant, he may on his coming of Age, and before the Decree made absolute, put in a new Answer. Mich. 1718. Fountain and Caine et al', 1 Will. Rep. 504.

6. Tho' at Law if one actually lends Money to an Infant, even to pay for *Necessaries*, yet as the Infant in such Case may waste or misapply it, he is therefore not liable according to the Resolution in Salk. 279. Yet it is otherwise in Equity, for if one lends Money to an Infant to pay a Debt for *Necessaries*, and he pays the Debt, here, altho' he be not liable at Law, yet he is in Equity, because in this Case the Lender of the Money stands in the Place of the Person paid (b), viz. the Creditor for *Necessaries*, and shall recover in Equity as the other should have done at Law. Per his Honour, Trin. 1719. Marlow and Pitfield, 2 Will. Rep. 559.

(b) Vide Harris and Lee.

7. 600 l. per Annum was allowed by the Court of Chancery for the Maintenance of an Infant out of her Estate. A Fit of Sicknes cost 143 l. extraordinary, which was allowed above her Quarterly Maintenance. Per Lord Chancellor, Hil. 1720. Lady Shaftsbury's Case, Prec. in Chan. 559.

8. An Infant aggrieved by a Decree not bound to stay 'till he is of Age, but may apply as soon as he thinks fit to reverse it; neither is he bound to proceed by way of Rehearing or Bill of Review, but may impeach the former Decree by an original Bill, in which it will be enough for him to say the Decree was obtained by Fraud and Collusion, or that no Day was given him to shew Cause against it. Held per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Mich. 1721, in the Case of *Richmond et Ux'* and *Tayleur*.—And his Lordship's Secretary acquainted the Court, that Mr. Vernon, in Case of an erroneous Decree against an Infant, used always to advise the bringing of an original Bill to set it aside, but in such Bill to alledge specially the Errors in the former Decree. 1 Will. Rep. 737.

9. On a Bill to set aside a Decree against an Infant, if the same be not fraudulent, tho' in every Respect not so equitable, the Court will not set it aside. Mich. 1721. *Richmond et Ux'* and *Tayleur*, 1 Will. Rep. 734.

10. In all Decrees against Infants, even in the plainest Cases, a Day must be given to shew Cause when they come of Age. Per Lords Commissioners, Hil. 1722. 2 Will. Rep. 120.

11. If an Infant, seised in Fee, upon a Marriage with her Guardian's Consent, should covenant, in Consideration of a Settlement, to convey

convey her Inheritance to her Husband, *Parker C.* said, That Equity would execute the Agreement, if the Consideration was a competent Settlement. *Mich. 1724. in Casu Cannel and Buckle, 2 Will. Rep. 244.*

12. In Cases of Trust *Infants* are always bound by Decrees of this Court; and so they are where the Will of the Ancestor is contested; and there is scarce any Case where an *Infant* has Time to shew Cause against a Decree, but where it is necessary he should join in a Conveyance to compleat the Estate, and where such Conveyance is of the Inheritance, as in Decrees of Foreclosure of Mortgagors, &c. *Per Cur', Hil. 11 Geo. 1. in the Case of Whitchurch and Whitchurch, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 128.*

13. An *Infant* made a Contract, with Consent of Friends, that Interest Money should become Principal, upon Condition that the Creditor would not at that Time extend the Lands of the Debtor, and it was decreed good. Cited *per Lord Chancellor, Mich. 11 Geo. 1. as Lady Betty Cromwell's Case, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 103.*

14. Where an *Infant* in his Bill by Mistake of his *Agent* (or Guardian) submits to any Thing which will be prejudicial to him, this will not be binding, but he will (on paying the Costs of the Day) be allowed to amend. *Mich. 1726. Serle and St. Eloy, at the Rolls, 2 Will. Rep. 386, 387.*

15. An *Infant, when Plaintiff*, is as much bound, and as little privileged, as one of full Age. *Per Lord King, Hil. 1728. in Casu Lord Brook and Lord and Lady Hertford, 2 Will. Rep. 519.*

16. (a) An *Infant's Answer* by his Guardian cannot be received in Evidence against him, and the true Reason is, because in Reality it is not the *Infant's Answer*, but the Guardian's, who is sworn, and not the *Infant*; and the *Infant* may know nothing of the Contents of the Answer put in for him by his Guardian, or may be of those tender Years as not to be able to judge of it. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Hil. 1733. in the Case of Wrottesley and Bendish, 3 Will. Rep. 237.*

making proper Parties. Cites *Carth. 79.* And where an *Infant* is Defendant, the Service of the *Subpœna* to hear Judgment must be on the Guardian, and not on the *Infant*. See *1 Will. Rep. 643. Taylor and Atwood.* But where a Defendant puts in an Answer to a Bill brought by an *Infant* who does not reply to it, in such Case it seems the Answer must be taken to be true, in regard the Defendant, for want of a Replication, is deprived of an Opportunity of examining Witnesses to prove his Answer; and he ought not to suffer for such Omission in the Plaintiff. So ruled at the Rolls, with some Warmth, by Sir J. Jekyll, in the Case of *Thurston and Decbair* an *Infant*, and *Nutton et Ux'*, *Trin. 1733*, in which Mr. P. Williams was of Counsel, and much opposed the reading of the Answer; for that the Plaintiff, being an *Infant*, could admit nothing, and it might be very mischievous, if, by reason of the Neglect of the Plaintiff, the *Infant's* Guardian or *Prochein amy*, in not putting in a Replication to the Answer, such Answer should be read, and admitted to be true, tho' never so detrimental to the *Infant's* Inheritance. *Ideo quære*, says the Editor. *Ibid. in a Note.*

17. If an *Executor, Administrator* or *Trustee for an Infant*, neglects to sue within six Years, the Statute of Limitations shall bind the *Infant*. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Trin. 1734. Wych and East-India Company, 3 Will. Rep. 309.*

18. In a Foreclosure against an *Infant*, tho' the *Infant* has six Months after he comes of Age to shew Cause, &c. yet he cannot ravel into the Accounts, nor even redeem, but only shew any Error in the Decree. This Point was clearly laid down by Lord Chan. Talbot as agreeable to the constant Practice (b). *Hil. 1734. Mallack and Galton, 3 Will. Rep. 352.*

at the Rolls 13 May 1730, this was admitted by Counsel on both Sides, and also *per Cur'*, to be the settled Practice. *Ibid.*

19. An Allowance of Maintenance to a Guardian, must be in regard to what the *Infant* then had, and not to what falls in afterwards. *Trin. 1735. in Casu Chaplin and Chaplin, 3 Will. Rep. 368.*

(a) An *Infant's Answer* by his Guardian is not Evidence against him, because the *Infant* is not sworn; and it is only for

(b) In the Case of *Lyne v. Willis*, heard

(B) What Acts of an Infant are good, void or voidable;—And Where the Parol may demur.

1. **W**HERE an Incroachment of a Water-Course was made in the Infancy of the Ancestor, who after full Age *acquiesced* under it twenty-one Years, tho' such Infancy was urged, yet Lord Chan. *Cowper* took no Notice of it. *Hil. 6 Ann. Guernsey and Rodbridges, Gilb. Rep. in Eq.*

2. The Parol shall *not* demur in prior Incumbrances, *nor* in Trusts for Sale, but in Equities of Redemption only. *East. 7 Ann. in Canc',*

(a) Bill by a *Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 66 (a).*

Bond Creditor

against the Heir and the Executor of the Obligor, to have a Satisfaction of a Debt due upon the Bond out of *personal* and *real* Assets. The Heir insists, that as to him the Parol ought to demur, for that he is an Infant, and the Bill seeks to charge his Inheritance, which came to him by Descent from the Obligor. The Parol shall demur until the Defendant comes to his full Age, as well in this Court as at Law; which was *not* denied by the Attorney General, Counsel *pro Quer'*. Ordered that the Cause should stand *in statu quo* until the Infant Heir come to full Age; but as to the other Defendant the Executor, decreed to account and make a Satisfaction out of the *personal* Assets as far as they would go. *Per King C. Trin. 12 Geo. Hazard and Dixon, Vin. Ab. Tit. Infant, (Q) Ca. 3.*—Lands are given to H. and his Heirs for three Lives. A. dies. His Heir does not take by Descent, so as to have his Age, or to make the Parol demur, but takes as *special* Occupant; tho' had it been in the Case of Lands in Fee descending on an Infant, the Parol should have demurred in Equity as well as at Law. *Trin. 1735. in Casu Chaplin and Chaplin, 3 Will. Rep. 368.*

3. *Cyril Arthington*, the Plaintiff's Father, conveyed the Advowson of the Church of *Addle in Com' Ebor'* to the Defendants, In Trust to present, upon the first Vacancy, such Son of — *Jackson* as should be then qualified to take the same, and in Case he should have two or more Sons qualified, then such one as the Grantor, his Heirs or Assigns should by Writing under his or their Hands and Seals nominate and appoint; and in Case Mr. *Jackson* should not have any Son of an Age capable of being presented, then Upon Trust to present such Person as the Grantor, his Heirs or Assigns should by like Writing under his or their Hands and Seals nominate and appoint, so that such Nominee shall become bound in a Sum to be approved of by the Trustees for his Resignation when Mr. *Jackson* shall have a Son capable of a Presentation; and in Default of such Nomination by the Grantor and his Assigns, that the Trustees should present a Person of their own Chusing, under such Restrictions as aforesaid. The Grantor died, leaving the Plaintiff his Son and Heir, an Infant of six Months old; then the Living becomes vacant, and the eldest Son of Mr. *Jackson* being but fourteen Years of Age, the Guardian of the Plaintiff took him in his Arms and guided his Pen in making his Mark, and sealing a Writing, whereby one *Hitch* was nominated and appointed to the Trustees in order to be presented by them to the Living. The Trustees supposing the Plaintiff as an Infant, unable to make such Appointment, refused to present Mr. *Hitch*, and presented another Person; upon which the Plaintiff brought his Bill against the Trustees to have them execute their Trust in presenting his Nominee, and against the Archbishop, to prevent him from admitting their Presentee, and to compel him to admit Mr. *Hitch*. Upon the coming in of the Answer, the Archbishop claiming nothing but as Ordinary, the Plaintiff had an Injunction to restrain him from admitting the Presentee of the Trustees, and on the Hearing they were decreed to present Mr. *Hitch*. And now on a Petition of Rehearing, it was said for the Defendants, that the Presentation of Clerks to Bishops for Admission to Churches

is an Act that requires Judgment and Discretion, which an Infant is not Master of; and tho' the Law suffers them to present to their own Livings, yet it is of Necessity, because there's nobody else to do it; and if they could not, then a Lapse must incur; for a Presentation to a Living being a Thing of no Value, and therefore not to be accounted for, a Guardian cannot have it; whereas in the present Case, if the Grantor or his Heirs neglect or are incapable of presenting, the Trustees are expressly authorized to present, whose Act will be considered as the Act of the Infant; so that no Injury will be done to any Body; and tho' in Cases of evident Necessity, Equity may square itself by Law, yet where no such Necessity appears, Reason and Common Sense ought to prevail; from whence it was inferred that the Nomination being an Act requiring Discretion and Judgment, was void, and the Trustees intitled to present their own Clerk.——Besides, in Support of the Reason of the Thing, it was argued, that by the whole Tenor of the Deed Judgment and Discretion in the Person who was to name a Clerk to the Trustees, was required, for it was said, in Case *Jackson* had two Sons qualified; now an Infant could not on any reasonable Ground prefer one to the other; an Infant could not take Care that the Person in the present Case should resign at a proper Time.——It was insisted that an Infant could not make any Appointment at all; that if the Case were sent to be tried at Law, the Jury could not find an Appointment to be under his Hand and Seal; and it was considered as a Power which ought to be taken strictly. *Blackaille v. Arscott*, in *C. B. East. 8 W.* One *Roberts* had a Power to make Leases under Hand and Seal, but being afflicted with the Gout, he could not use his Hand to write, so he only sealed the Leases; and tho' it was urged, that Sealing was Signing within the Statute of Frauds, yet the Court held the Leases void, for Power ought to be exactly observed.——Sir *Philip York* Attorney, and *Talbot* Solicitor, *pro Quer'*: If this were a Power, it ought to be construed reasonably; yet it is not a bare Power, but an equitable Estate in the Grantor and his Heirs, and gives them an Interest accordingly; which it is unreasonable an Infant should lose. Equity determines upon Estates of her Creation, as the Law does on legal Estates; and if an Infant may present at Law, or nominate upon a legal Right of Nomination, why may he not nominate upon an equitable one? Infants are in many Cases permitted to act; they may perform a Condition, declare the Uses of a Fine, and, if the Fine be not reversed during the Nonage, the Declaration is good, and Equity will not afterwards interpose.——In the 7 *Ann. c. 19.* Infant Trustees of any Age may be decreed to convey, so that tho' the legal Age of Discretion be not 'till fourteen, yet many Acts done before that Time are good. If an Infant under the Age of Assent, marries and has Children, no Dissent can be afterwards. And in the Case of Presentation, as an Infant just born may present at Law, so the Law does not look on it as an Act which requires Discretion in the Patron, nor indeed is it requisite; for Infants, being supposed to follow the Directions of their Guardians, may be informed by them who is a proper Person, or if they are not, yet a Presentation being only a bare Recommendation of a Clerk to the Bishop, and not an Act which gives any Interest in the Living, and the Bishop being absolute Judge of the Person's Abilities, there does not appear any great Reason why an Infant may not make it as well as a Person of full Age; and it is not of Necessity that they must present, for tho' a Lapse might insue, yet the Presentation of the Minor on the the next Vacancy is reserved, and nothing divested out of him by the Bishop's Collation; so that as to the Infant,

it is the same whether the Bishop collates, or the Trustees present; wherefore they inferred, Equity ought to be bound to the Law, since the Case and Reason of the Thing is alike, for otherwise the greatest Confusion and Uncertainty must follow.—*King* Lord Chancellor: An Infant of one or two Years old may present at Law; then why may they not nominate? Does the putting a Mark and Seal to a Nomination require more Discretion than to a Presentation? The Guardian is supposed to find a fit Person, and the Bishop to confirm his Choice; and if this is permitted at Law, why should a Court of Equity act otherwise in equitable Estates?—Upon hearing the Cause, the Court decreed for the Plaintiff, but without Costs; and now the Defendants prayed to have their Costs allowed them, being Trustees, and not claiming any Interest, because a Right of Presentation is a Thing not saleable. *Sed Cur' contra*: A Presentation is an Honorary Interest, tho' not a Pecuniary one; the Owner of it may oblige a Friend or Relation; and if Costs had been given to the Plaintiff, who was opposed by his Trustees in the very Point in which the Trustees ought to have obeyed him, and especially as the Trustees claimed a Right to present themselves, the Decree would not have been unjust. So the Decree was affirmed in all Points. *Hil. 6 Geo. 2. Arthington and Coverly et al', MS. Rep.*

4. An Infant's Deed is not void, but only voidable; for which Reason an Infant cannot plead *Non est factum* to his Deed, as a *Feme Covert* may. *Said arg' Mich. 1733. in Casu Nightingale et al' and Ferrers, 3 Will. Rep. 208.*

(C) Cases upon the Stat. 7 Ann. c. 19. sect. 1. Where an Infant is a Trustee.

1. **S**TAT. 7 *Ann. c. 19. sect. 1.* says, that it shall be lawful for any Person under the Age of twenty-one, by the Direction of the Court of *Chancery* or *Exchequer*, by an Order made upon hearing all Parties on the Petition of the Person for whom such Infant shall be seised or possessed in Trust, or of the Mortgagor or Guardian of such Infant, or Person intitled to the Monies secured upon any Lands wherof any Infant shall be seised or possessed by way of Mortgage, or of the Person intitled to the Redemption, to convey any such Lands as the Court shall by Order direct; and such Conveyance shall be good in Law.

2. *Seet. 2.* Such Infants being only Trustees or Mortgagees, may be compelled by such Order to make such Conveyances in like Manner as Trustees or Mortgagees of full Age.

3. A Petition upon the 7 *Ann. c. 19.* being exhibited, setting out the Conveyances in Trust to three Persons, and that such an one being the Survivor, was dead, and the Estate in Law devolved upon an Infant, who was in Court; the Declaration of Trust was read, and the Consent of the next Heir at Law to the Infant required; and then an Order was made for the Infant by her *Guardian* to convey over the Trust Estate to the *Cestui que Trust*, and the Conveyance to be settled by the Master. *Trin. 1709. Anon. in Can', Prec. in Chan. 284. Ca. 226.*

4. Upon a Reference to a Master, to examine whether an Infant was a bare Trustee within the 7 *Ann.* the Master reported, that the Father, from whom the Estate descended to the Infant, had frequently acknowledged he was only a bare Trustee, and Proof was read that the

the Purchase Money was paid by *A.* who devised the Estate to the Petitioner, but the Receipt in Writing had been given to the Infant's Father; that the *Cestui que Trust*, and those under him, had been all along in the Possession of the Writings and of the Estate, which was 40 *s. per Annum*, being a Burgage House. Lord Chan. King said, he was satisfied that this was but a resulting Trust, by reason of the Payment of the Money by *A.* the Testator, and it being an Estate of small Value, and it being said that his *Lordship* had made a like Order before for such a Conveyance of a Burgage from *A.*'s Trustees, he ordered that the Infant should convey, since a Decree would cost the Value of the Fee-simple of the House. However, where there is no Declaration of a Trust in Writing, he said, he would, for the future, leave the *Cestui que Trust* to bring his Bill, and have a Decree against the Infant to convey, because these Orders for an Infant Trustee to convey ought to be in the (a) plainest Cases, and not in such as are subject to the Disputes, which Trusts, *without* Writing, may be liable to. *Trin.* 1729. *Ex parte Vernon*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 549.

(a) So held by Lord Talbot in the Case of Goodwyn and Lister, 7 Nov. 1735, *ibid.* Vide this Page, Ca. 7.

5. The Act of the 7 *Ann. c.* 19. is a remedial Law, and extends only to Cases where the Infant is a *bare* Trustee originally, and at the Death of the Testator, not where he is made so by subsequent Acts. *Per Cur.* Vide 3 *Will. Rep.* 389. Cites *Trin. Vac.* 1730, at the Rolls, *Anon.*

See 4 *Geo. 2. c.* 10. whereby

Ideots, Lunatics, &c. or their Committees, by the Direction of the Lord Chancellor, may assign over their Trusts or Mortgages, and be ordered to make such Conveyances in like Manner as Trustees or Mortgagees of *sane* Memory.

6. Where Land is given to an Infant, charged with the Payment of Money, the Infant is in Equity a Trustee for him to whom the Money is payable, but he is not within the Stat. 7 *Ann. c.* 19. because he takes an Interest in the Land; and so it is in all Cases where the Infant claims an Interest. *Per King C. Hil.* 6 *Geo. 2. MS. Rep.*

7. *J. S.* Plaintiff's Father, entered into Articles with *B.* for the Purchase of a Tenement, which *B.* covenanted, for himself and his Heirs, to convey before such a Day, and in Consideration thereof *J. S.* covenanted to pay 705 *l.* *B.* died before any Conveyance was made, and the Tenement descended to *C.* and *D.* (two of *B.*'s Daughters) and *E.* an Infant, the eldest Son of *F.* the third Daughter of *B.* *J. S.* died, and Plaintiff, as his eldest Son and Heir at Law, brought this Bill to have the Estate conveyed according to the Directions of his Father's Will, upon Payment of the Purchase Money by the Executors therein named, and amicable Answers were put in, submitting to the Direction of the Court. The only Question was, Whether the two Daughters of *B.* and *E.* the Heir at Law of the third Daughter, were Trustees within the 7 *Ann. c.* 19. Lord Chan. Talbot took this to be only a *constructive* Trust, and that such Trusts were not within the View of the said Act, which does not make Provisions for Infants to convey in Pursuance of the Decrees of this Court, but only gives Power to make Orders in a Summary Way, in Cases that are originally plain and uncontroverted by the Parties; wherefore this Case seeming to his *Lordship* to be left to the Common Law, as it stood before the making of the Act, it was decreed that *C.* and *D.* should convey immediately, and that a Day should be given for *E.* the Infant Heir to shew Cause within six Months, &c. with Liberty to the Plaintiff to apply to the Court in Case any Precedents should be found where such *constructive* Trusts had been held to be within that Statute. *Mich.* 1735. *Goodwyn and Lister*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 387.

C A P. LV.

Injunction,

(A) Injunctions, in what Cases granted ; — And here of granting perpetual Injunctions.

(B) What shall not be a Breach of an Injunction.

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Lucas's Rep. 1. 1.
Anon. S. C. —
Since this Case
of *Sberman*
and *Earl*
of *Bath*
it has been
taken that af-
ter three Tri-
als had, a
perpetual In-
junction has
been allowed.
Select Cases in
Chan. 13.
May 13,
1725.

CHANCERY will not grant a perpetual Injunction, tho' the Party has had five Verdicts in Ejectments at Law, unless there be *Fraud* or *Trust*, or some *Accident* fell out to give the Court a Jurisdiction. *Per Lord Keeper, Trin. 1706, Earl of Bath and Sherwin, Prec. in Chan. 261.*

2. A Bill was brought by the Plaintiff as Assignee of the Copy of the *Dunciad* against the Defendants, for an Injunction to stay them from printing and selling the *Dunciad*, and to be quieted in the Enjoyment of the sole Printing of that Book for fourteen Years, according to the Stat. 8 *Ann. c. 19.* and upon filing the Bill, and upon an Affidavit that the Plaintiff had purchased, or legally acquired the Copy of that Book, an Injunction was granted *Nisi Causa*. It was shewed for Cause, that the Plaintiff had not set forth a good Title to the sole Printing of this Book, either in the Bill or in the Affidavit, for he only says, that he has purchased or legally acquired the Copy, but does not say of the Author, or who was the Author ; and by the Statute the Author, or the Assignee of the Author, are only intitled to the sole Right of Printing the Book, and no other Person ; and it is not sufficient to say he purchased or legally acquired the Copy, without saying he purchased it of the Author. Lord Chan. King allowed the Cause, and dissolved the Injunction. *Trin. 2 Geo. 2. (a) Gilliver and Snaggs.* — Afterwards, in the same Term, an Injunction was granted in the Case of *Gay*, Author of *The Sequel of the Beggar's Opera*, against the publishing and selling that Book, upon a Bill founded upon the Stat. 8 *Ann. c. 19. Vin. Abr. Tit. Books and Authors, (A) Ca. 4.*

(a) This Case
is misplaced
in Point of
Time.

3. *A.* diverted a Water-Course, which put *B.* to great Expences in laying of Sooths, &c. and the Diversion being a Nuisance to *B.* he brought his Action, and an Injunction was decreed upon a Bill exhibited for that Purpose, it being proved that *B.* did see the Work when it was carrying on, and connived at it, without shewing the least Disagreement, but rather the contrary. *Short v. Taylor*, in Lord Somers's Time, was cited, which was, *Short* built a fine House ; *Taylor* began to build another ; but laid Part of his Foundation upon *Short's* Land. *Short*, seeing this, did not forbid him, but on the contrary very much encouraged it ; and when the House was built, he brought an Action ; and Lord Somers granted an Injunction, and said, It was but just and reasonable ; for, being a Nuisance, every Con-

tinuance

nuisance is a fresh Nuisance, and so he would be perpetually liable to Actions, which would be hard, when he was encouraged by the Party himself. *Mich. 8 Ann. (a) Anon. MS. Rep.*

4. Defendant's Father mortgaged and afterwards sold Land to B. his Brother, the Plaintiff, and upon his Death Defendant set up an old Intail created about two hundred Years since, and got into Possession. The Plaintiff brought an Ejectment, and a Verdict passed for the now Defendant upon producing an old Inquisition finding the Intail; but there was no Deed produced creating this Intail. The Plaintiff at Law brought his Bill, setting forth that the Writings were all in the Defendant's Hands, and praying that they might be produced, and that the Defendant might not set up a Title under any Trust Term; and decreed by Lord *Cowper*, that the Trial should be upon the mere Right in an Ejectment, and that no Trust Term, Mortgage or Lease, shall be set up, but that the Defendant should make Title only under the Intail. Upon such Trial it was found again for Defendant; but the Judge certifying against the Verdict, a third Trial (after two Verdicts for Defendant) was heard at the Bar of the Exchequer; and after that another Trial in *B. R.* in both which the Verdict was for the Plaintiff; and now on the Equity reserved it was prayed that the Plaintiff should have a perpetual Injunction, with Costs. Lord Chan. *Parker* observed that the Plaintiff had no Reason to complain (as he did) of the Inconvenience that there is no End of Trials in Ejectment, the two first having been found against him; but that the two Trials at Bar, by Direction of the Court, being for him, his *Lordship* said, he did not see what this Court had been doing, in directing Trials, and ordering Writings to be produced, unless it should now grant a perpetual Injunction, which really, after so many Trials, seems to be for the Benefit of both Parties; and that the Case in its Nature is such as not to be intitled to any Favour in respect of the Purchase, the long Enjoyment, and the endeavouring to defeat it by an old Intail of above two hundred Years; and that if there was not the clearest Proof imaginable of such an Intail (as possibly there was not) the Jury were in the Right not to find it; but as to the Costs in this Court, the Plaintiff has had Relief by producing the Writing, and preventing the Defendant from setting up any old Terms; and it does not appear that the Defendant (the Heir of an antient Family) has so far misbehaved as that he ought to pay Costs; tho' his *Lordship* said, he should lose his own Costs, the Right appearing against him; but the Plaintiff to have the Costs at Law for all the Trials. *Mich. 1720. Leighton and Leighton, 1 Will. Rep. 671.*

(a) This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

Ibid. 674. says, that this Decree was affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*, with 40 l. Costs, *March 1720.*

5. Bill to be quieted in the Enjoyment of the Right of sole Printing Dr. *Prideaux's* Book called *Directions to Church-Wardens*; and for a perpetual Injunction against the Defendant to prevent his Printing and Publishing the same. The Plaintiffs claim the sole Right of Printing by Grant of the Copy from the Author, *per* the Stat. 8 Ann. The Defendant claims a Title under the original Printer of the Book, to whom the Author first delivered the Copy to be printed. And *per Macclesfield C.* the bare Delivery of the Copy by the Author to be printed, doth not devert the Right of the Copy out of the Author, but is only an Authority to the Printer to print that Edition, and the Author may afterwards grant the Right of the Copy to another Person. And a perpetual Injunction was granted against the Defendant not to print and publish the said Book. *Mich. 9 Geo. Knaplock and Tonson and Curle, Vin. Abr. Tit. Books and Authors, (A) Ca. 3.*

6. Plaintiff prayed an Injunction to stay Defendant's Proceedings at Law upon this Case. Duke *Hamilton* brought an Ejectment in his own and his Wife's Name, for certain Lands that descended to the Dutcheſs during the Coverture, and employed the Defendant Mr. *Inclendon* as his Attorney. The Duke died pending the Suit, and the Dutcheſs continued Mr. *Inclendon* Attorney, to prosecute the Suit. Mr. *Inclendon* brought his Action for all the Money expended in that Suit, as well in the Duke's Time as in the Dutcheſs's, against the Dutcheſs, and recovered a Verdict at Law. And *Lord Chief Baron* said, That this Bill is not brought to be relieved against the Verdict, but against the Action. In Actions that found in Damages, if the Party makes Defence at Law, he cannot afterwards have Relief in Equity. The only Question is, Whether at Law he can recover this against the Dutcheſs? This is proper to be determined at Law, and it has been there debated and determined. If the Judge who tried the Cause had been mistaken in his Opinion, you would have had a new Trial. The Dutcheſs has the Benefit of what was done before the Duke's Death. We are not now determining the Cause, but only, Whether we shall stop their Proceedings; and, I think, we ought not to stop them. All Attorneys Bills are Matters of Account, and the proper Method is to have them taxed; and Defendant does not submit to Account. B. *Price* went away before the Court gave their Opinions, but told his Brethren, he was of Opinion against an Injunction. B. *Montague* said, That if this was the Case of a Common Tradesman, who delivered Goods after the Husband's Death, he could not recover what was due before; or, suppose the Dutcheſs had never employed Mr. *Inclendon* after the Duke's Death, then he could not have recovered against her; and desiring him to go on, is a separate Contract. This is a Charge all in her own Right, and he having recovered more than is confessed to be due in her Time, he has recovered so much wrongfully, and therefore, in Conscience, ought to stay Execution. B. *Page* thought there ought not to be an Injunction. It is often a good Rule, that when more is recovered than ought to be, this Court will stay Proceedings at Law. If there has been Dealings which cannot be discovered at the Trial, it is proper for to be examined in a Court of Equity; but here is nothing in this Case but what was proper for a Defence at Law; but here is no Dispute whether paid or received, but only who is chargeable; and this has been determined by the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and agreed to by the whole Court, for otherwise a new Trial would have been granted; and shall we condemn their Judgment upon a Motion? As to the Question, Whether she is chargeable; Suppose it had been a Suit upon a Bond made to the Dutcheſs before Marriage, would that not survive to her, and she have the Benefit? Then ought not she, in Conscience, to pay the Charges? She by her Act has made it her Debt; it was commenced for their joint Benefit. Suppose the Duke had bought a Piece of Silk for a Gown for the Dutcheſs, and sent it to the Maker's, must not she pay for the Making before she can have it, yet it was originally the Duke's Debt? Defendant has submitted only to the stating of it in his Answer. No Injunction was granted. *Dutcheſs of Hamilton and Inclendon, in Scac'*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Baron and Feme, (Z) Ca. 20.* but does not say what Term and Year.

7. A Bill of Exchange was drawn upon the Plaintiff at *Leghorn*, which he accepted, but by the Law there, if a Bill be accepted, and the Drawer fails, and the Acceptor hath not sufficient Effects of the Drawer in his Hands at the Time of Acceptance, the Acceptance becomes

becomes void. And this happening to be the Plaintiff's Case, in order to discharge himself from this Acceptance, he instituted a Suit at *Leghorn*, and his Acceptance was thereupon vacated by a Sentence in that Court. Afterwards the Plaintiff returned to *England*, and was sued here at Law upon this Bill, and thereupon he exhibited his Bill in this Court for an Injunction and Relief. *King* Lord Chancellor was clearly of Opinion, that this Cause was to be determined according to the local Laws of the Place where the Bill was negotiated; and the Plaintiff's Acceptance of the Bill having been vacated and declared void by a competent Jurisdiction, he thought that Sentence was conclusive, and bound the Court of Chancery here. And to this Purpose he instanced the Case of one *Hutchinson*, in 29 of *Car. 2.* and is mentioned in *Show* 6. where *Hutchinson* having killed a Person in *Spain*, was there prosecuted, tried and acquitted of the *Murder*; and afterwards returning to *England*, he was indicted again for the same *Murder* here, to which Indictment he pleaded his Acquittal in *Spain* in Bar, and the Plea was allowed to be a good Bar to any Proceedings here. And upon the *Attorney General's* insisting that the Plaintiff might have taken Advantage of this upon a Trial at Law, and therefore not relievable in a Court of Equity, the *Chancellor* declared, that if he was to try the Cause at Law, he would allow the Plaintiff the Benefit of this Matter upon the Trial; but as other Judges might be of a different Opinion, he would not put the Plaintiff upon the Difficulty and Hazard of a Trial; and he said, he remembered a Case which came before him in the Lord Mayor's Court, when he was Recorder of the City of *London*, where a Mariner sued in the Admiralty Court for his Wages, and there being a Sentence against him there, he afterwards brought his Action in the Mayor's Court for the same Wages; and his Lordship, as Recorder, being doubtful whether he should allow the Defendant to give the Sentence in the Admiralty Court in Evidence upon *Non Assumpsit*, asked the Opinion of Chief Justice *Holt*, who said, that whatever defeated the Promise might be given in Evidence on *Non Assumpsit*, and that the Sentence in the Admiralty Court would be good Evidence; and in this Case a perpetual Injunction was granted to enjoin the Defendant from suing upon this Bill. *In Canc'*, 22 Nov. 1726. *Burrows* and *Femino*, *MS. Rep.*

8. In an Injunction the Words *pro defectu Placiti*, &c. are intended of an issuable Plea; and the Words *Judicium intrare* are intended of a final Judgment; therefore, if the Defendant be an Executor, and pleads *plene Administavit*, and the Plaintiff at Law enters Judgment *de bonis Testatoris cum Acciderint*, he may proceed to a *Scire Facias* to enquire of Assets, and enter Judgment thereupon; for the Meaning of the Injunction is, that the Defendant may proceed so far as that nothing shall remain but to take out Execution after the Injunction is dissolved. *Mich.* 1732. *Vide* 3 *Will. Rep.* 146.

9. Plaintiff obtained an Injunction on Defendant's praying Time to answer, but before the Injunction served, Defendant's Answer came in, and Defendant obtained a Verdict at Law, and sued out a *Scire Facias* on the Judgment *quando Assets Acciderint*; after the Verdict, Plaintiff served the Injunction; and on a Motion to discharge it absolutely, *King C.* said, It is an Abuse of the Process of the Court to keep it in a Man's Pocket thus, I must discharge this Injunction, and let Plaintiff move for an Injunction on the Merits. *Anon. MS. Notes.* *Quere Term and Year.*

10. Plaintiff's Testator *Cotton*, gave Defendant *Catlyn* a promissory Note for 250 *l.* payable six Months after Date; Defendant *Catlyn* indorsed it to *Woodcock* for 250 *l.* and he indorsed it to *Miller*. (two

other Defendants) for 250*l.* as a Payment for some Goods that *Miller* sold him. A Bill was brought setting forth, that the Note was obtained without any Consideration, to discover it, and to have an Injunction. Defendant *Catlyn* by her Answer set forth, that *Cotton* courted her Mistress, and married her, to his great Advantage; and by her good Offices, and for her Assistance, as a Recompence for her Services, the Day before he married he gave her this Note. As to her, Lord Chan. *Talbot* was clearly of Opinion that this Note was in Nature of a Marriage-Brochage Bond, and tho' it was not charged in the Bill, but came out upon her Answer, yet as an equitable Consideration, this Court would have enjoined her from taking any Advantage of it. Defendant *Miller* sets forth, that he sold *Woodcock* some Yarn at a Market Price for 250*l.* and towards Payment he indorsed this Note to him; but as it does not appear that he had delivered the Goods, and if the Bill comes before, there is no Harm done him, and that it is not to be supposed that he would sell his Goods at a Market Price, and take a Note of this Kind (which had been due six Weeks) without making any Enquiry, and that he actually arrested the Party without making any Demand upon him for it, it seems plainly to have been indorsed to him on Purpose to arrest him, and by that Means to elude the Equity, it would have been attended with in the Hands of the Indorser, but, however, he thought there was Reason enough to continue the Injunction 'till the Hearing of the Cause. *The Executors of Cotton v. Catlyn et al'*, *Trin. 9 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.*

11. *John Duke of Buckingham*, in 1720, having made his Will, and thereby devised a Legacy to the Dutches, and some other pecuniary Legacies, gave the Residue of his personal Estate to the Defendants the Trustees, to be laid out in a Purchase of Lands, to be settled upon the Dutches, Duke *Edmund* and Mr. *Sheffield*, in Remainder one after another. In 1721 the Plaintiffs brought their respective Bills against the Defendants for an Account of the personal Estate, and to have it laid out in Pursuance of the Will; and there being some Lands devised by the Will, to have it proved. Before this Suit the Will was proved in common Form in the Ecclesiastical Court, and the Dutches upon her Answer expressed herself well satisfied with the Will, and acknowledged the Duke had made such Will, and submitted to have the several Trusts contained in it carried into Execution. Upon the coming in of the Dutches's Answer, and the rest of the Defendants, the Parties proceeded to prove the Duke's Will; and upon the Hearing of the Cause the Will was declared to be well proved; and in Pursuance of the Decree the Dutches received her Legacy, and near 70,000*l.* was laid out in Land, which the Dutches has enjoyed ever since the Purchase. In 1735 Duke *Edmund* died, and the Dutches taking out Administration to him, appealed against the Decree to the House of Lords, where the Decree was confirmed. And being inclined to dispute the Duke's Will, she now applied to the Spiritual Court, and cited the Executors of Duke *John* to prove his Will there *per Testes*; whereupon Mr. *Sheffield* moved this Court for an Injunction to stay her Proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court; and it was alledged for the Dutches, against the Injunction, that the Cause here was closed by the Decree; that no such Injunction therefore could be granted, because there was no Suit before the Court; that the Decree of this Court, declaring the Will of Duke *John* to be well proved, could be no Impediment to the Proceedings of the Dutches, which were only to try the Effect of the Will as to the personal Estate, over which
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this Court had no Jurisdiction; that the Validity of the Probate only was in Question, which this Court could not determine; that the Answers in the former Causes, and the Decrees therein, were founded only on a Presumption that the Probate was good; that if the Dutcheſs had diſcovered any new Light, that might help to deſtroy that Presumption, it was highly reaſonable that ſhe ſhould have an Opportunity to enquire into it, which ſhe could do only in the Eccleſiaſtical Court; and therefore, as after a Decree confirmed in the Houſe of Lords, a Bill of Review with Supplemental Matter may be proper, if any Thing new ariſes, that may vary the former Decree; ſo this Suit inſtituted in the Eccleſiaſtical Court was as reaſonable, it not being poſſible to bring any ſuch new Bills of Review, tho' the Parties were able to diſtinguiſh their Caſe, unleſs the Dutcheſs could obtain a Repeal of the Probate, which muſt be the Foundation of ſuch Supplemental Matter. *Hardwick* Lord C. I don't think myſelf authorized to grant an Injunction in this Caſe; that cannot be done, as I know, without a Bill for that Purpoſe; the Suit is certainly at an End. It is likewiſe certain that the Court has nothing to do with the Probate of Wills of perſonal Eſtates; this belongs to another Jurisdiction; and the Declaration made in the former Cauſes that the Will was well proved, refers only to the Land. It is alſo true that the Answers and Decrees are founded upon the presumptive Strength of the Probate; and if that had been repealed, no ſuch Decree would have been made; and I won't ſay, but that ſtill the Probate may be vacated, which might of Conſequence alter the Nature of the Eſtates purchaſed and convert them into Perſonalty. But then a Conſideration ariſes what Equity there is in this Caſe to hinder ſuch a Proceeding, or at leaſt to ſuſpend it till this Court is informed and ſatiſfied of the Reaſon of commencing it; for any Thing that appears now on the Side of the Dutcheſs, the Will ſtands unimpeached; and conſidering her Grace's Submiſſion to it by her Answers, the Decree of this Court to perform the Trusts, and an actual Performance of that Decree, by inveſting the Money in Land, her Acquieſcence in the Will, her Acceptance of her Legacy, and her Enjoyment of theſe Lands according to the Trust of the Will; I ſay, conſidering all theſe Circumſtances, it would appear exceeding ſtrange if this Court, without any Reaſon aſſigned, ſhould ſit ſtill and overlook a Proceeding in another Court that tends directly to defeat its own Decrees. It is ſaid we have nothing to do with Probates, and ſo the Validity of this Will, for any Thing done here, remains quite untried; it is true. But this of itſelf ſeems to be an Argument of very little Weight in Favour of the Dutcheſs, who by her own Answer has confeſs'd the Validity of the Will, and thereby drawn the Court in to make ſuch a Decree. In the Caſe of *Vernon* and *Acherley*, which aroſe upon the Will of Mr. *Vernon*, where the Queſtion was, Whether ſome Fee-Farm Rents paſſed by the Will, this Court held they did, and decreed the Truſtees to convey; accordingly upon an Appeal to the Houſe of Lords, this Decree was confirmed; and afterwards Mr. *Acherley*, having a Mind to try the Opinion of the Judges of the Common Law, took a Diſtreſs for Nonpayment of theſe Rents; and tho' this was a Proceeding that by Law he might commence, yet this Queſtion having been before determined here, upon an Application for an Injunction, as in the preſent Caſe, tho' my Lord *King* thought himſelf not warranted in awarding an Injunction without a Bill, yet he would not endure to ſee the Juſtice of this Court queſtioned, but made an Order to ſtay the Proceedings at Law till a Bill was brought for a perpetual Injunction. And my
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The Question was, Whether a Codicil amounted to the Publication of a Will? And it having been decreed so in Chancery, and in the House of Lords upon an Appeal, and an Ejectment being afterwards brought for the same Thing, Lord Talbot granted a perpetual Injunction. And so I think, in the present Case, here appears Reason enough to stay the Dutcheſs's Proceedings by such an Order; and then, if her Grace upon a Bill filed, can lay before the Court sufficient Objections why a perpetual Injunction should not be granted, she may then be permitted to proceed in her Suit. And so such an Order was made. 3 Mar. 1737. *The Duke of Buckingham and the Dutcheſs of Buckingham, a Legatee, and Others Executors and Trustees of John Duke of Buckingham, MS. Rep.*

Lords upon an Appeal, and an Ejectment being afterwards brought for the same Thing, Lord Talbot granted a perpetual Injunction. *Vernon and Acherley*. But there must be a Bill on Purpose for such an Injunction. As where the Dutcheſs of *Buckingham* had submitted to the Will of her Husband, which was proved in Chancery, and the Decree affirmed by the Lords; and afterwards the Duke her Son dying, she cited Mr. *Sheffield*, the Remainder Man, for whose Benefit the personal Estate was to be vested in Land, to prove the Will *per Testes* in the Ecclesiastical Court, and he prayed an Injunction, which the Court would not grant on such Motion, but made an Order to stay the Proceedings in the Ecclesiastical Court 'till a Bill should be brought here for a perpetual Injunction. And so it was done in the Case of *Acherley and Vernon supra. Sheffield and The Dutcheſs of Buckingham*, in another MS. Rep. of this Case.

12. A Man devised to the now Defendant by the Name of *his youngest Son John, and his Heirs, all his Estates in W. and in Case his Son should not live to attain twenty-one, leaving no Issue lawfully begotten, he devised the Estates to the Plaintiff E. his eldest Daughter and the Heirs Males of her Body, with like Limitations over to his other Daughters; and in Case his Son should attain twenty-one, then he devised the Estates to be sold, and the Money arising therefrom he devised amongst all his Daughters as an Augmentation to their Fortunes.* There was a great deal of Timber upon the Estate, which *John* the Son was cutting down; and now they moved for an Injunction to stay him. And Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* was of Opinion that he ought to grant an Injunction; his *Lordship* said, he thought *John* was to be considered as a Trustee of the Inheritance for the Benefit of the Daughters, and that it was the Intention of the Testator, he thought, to give him the beneficial Interest, but that it would be strange if he was to take away under such a Devise the greater Part perhaps of the Estate. His *Lordship* said, that tho' there had been no Case determined where this Court had granted an Injunction to stay Waste for an Infant *in Ventre ſa mere*, yet he should not scruple to do it, if such a Case should happen; and that he should be inclined to restrain an Heir at Law in Case of an *executory Devise*. Injunction granted, and made perpetual (a). 19 Dec. 1744. *Robinson and Lytton at Lincoln's Inn Hall, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (W. e.) Ca. 16.*

(a) The particular Reason upon which

his *Lordship* founded his Judgment he declared to be, because he looked upon the Devisee *John* as a Trustee by the Intention of the Testator. *Ibid.*

(B) What shall not be a Breach of an Injunction.

1. IF a Person is not Plaintiff to a Suit, nor acquired any Right *pendente lite* from any one as Party, but is only exercising an antecedent Right, inasmuch as he is not Party, this is no Breach of an Injunction. *Bootle and Stanley, MS. Notes.*

Quære Term and Year.

2. Plaintiff obtained an Injunction to Defendant's Proceedings at Law, but with Leave to proceed to Judgment, with Stay of Execution; and Defendant took out a *Scire Facias quare executio non, &c.* which was held no Breach, for this was only proceeding to Judgment.

Quære Term and Year. *Hankey and Morris, MS. Notes,*

3. Plaintiff before filing his Bill was arrested, and gave Bail to the Sheriff; then he obtained an Injunction on a *Dedimus*. It was moved to extend the Injunction to the Proceedings against the Bail, Plaintiff having taken an Assignment of the Bail Bond. *King C.* If a Declaration is delivered, the Party may proceed to Judgment, notwithstanding an Injunction, and Execution is only stayed; but if no Declaration delivered, all Proceedings at Law are stayed. This is the Practice, and the Construction that has been always put on the Words in the latter End of the Writ. So the Motion was granted. *Anon. (a) 1731. (a) Quare Terms MS. Notes.*

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Interest Money.

- (A) What Debts, &c. shall carry Interest, and from what Time and in what Cases Interest shall be made Principal.
- (B) Where the Interest may exceed the Penalty.
- (C) What Interest a Debt contracted in a Foreign Country shall carry here.
- (D) In what Case Interest shall be applied to sink the Principal.

(A) What Debts, &c. shall carry Interest, and from what Time and in what Cases Interest shall be made Principal (b).

with a Covenant for making the Interest Principal, and to carry Interest, Equity relieves against it. *Sir George Meres and Lord Sturton*, and again in the Case of *Broadway and Moorcroft*.—*Quare Terms and Years.*

1. **I** NTEREST to be made Principal from the Time of stating the Account. 28 Feb. 1707. *Kelley and Lord Bellew, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) in a Note to Ca. 4.*

2. When a Trust Term is raised to pay Debts *equally*, Lord Chan. *Harcourt* declared, that the simple Contract Debts became as Debts due by Mortgage, and should carry Interest as well as Debts secured by Bond. *Trin. 1713. Car and The Countess of Burlington, 1 Will. Rep. 228.*

3. Where by a *general* and *national* Calamity nothing is made out of Lands which are assigned for Payment of Interest, it ought not to run on during the Time of such Calamity. 25 June 1715. *Basil and Acheson, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 7.*

4. Stated Accounts shall carry Interest, especially in the Case of Mortgages, and more strongly when settled by a Master pursuant to any Order. 25 Feb. 1717. *Stroud and Moor, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) by way of Note to Ca. 4.*

5. *A.* entered into a Recognizance to pay 100*l.* a Year Annuity to a third Person. The Annuity was in Arrear several Years, and Lord Chan. Cowper decreed, that the Recognizance being in Nature of a Bond, the Arrears were a Debt secured thereby, and so must carry Interest from the Time they became respectively due. *Mich. 3 Geo. 1. Legate and Sherwell, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 142.*

6. Defendant insisted on 800*l.* to be due to him, but upon the Master's Report only 180*l.* appearing due, the Court ordered Interest for that Sum from the Time of confirming the Report and not before, because 'till then it was not any liquidated Sum. *Trin. 1717. Attorney General, at the Relation of Iffington Overseers, and The Brewers Company, 1 Will. Rep. 376, 377.*

7. No Interest to be allowed for Costs. 6 Feb. 1719. *Butler and Burk, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 9.*

8. *J. S.* married *B.* (with whom he had no Portion, but an Expectation of a real Estate), and having no Issue by her, devised 500*l.* a Year to her for her Life, issuing out of all his Estate, and subject to this Annuity gave his real Estate (which was a very large one) to the Plaintiff, and made *B.* his Executrix and residuary Legatee, and soon after died. Plaintiff the Devisee upon the Representation (as was said) of *B.*'s Father, that the personal Estate was very considerable, entered into Articles with *B.* that on her renouncing the Executorship, and delivering over the personal Estate to the Plaintiff, he, in Consideration thereof, would indemnify *B.* from all the Testator's Debts, and pay her an additional Annuity of 40*l.* per Annum; the Annuity of 540*l.* a Year was to be paid free from Taxes, and *B.* agreed to accept of a Security for the 540*l.* per Annum out of Part of the Estate only. And it appearing by the Master's Report, that the Arrears of the 540*l.* a Year amounted to 820*l.* Lord Chan. Cowper decreed Interest from the very Day of Payment. Upon an Appeal to Lord Chan. Parker it was insisted, that according to the Rule of the Court, in Case of an Annuity, tho' granted for a Jointure, the Interest should be computed only from the Day when the subsequent Payment, after the Arrears incurred, became due; but Lord Parker said, that Interest is a Thing pretty much in the Discretion of the Court, and that since Lord Cowper, (that great Master of Equity), who heard the Circumstances and Merits of the Cause, appointed Payment from the very Day that it became due, and since this appears to be the Widow's Bread, the Decree shall stand. But his Lordship added, that he did not approve of the Diversity that the Interest should only be carried from the half Year after the Default of Payment; for supposing the Payment were but yearly, should it carry Interest but from a Year after the Expiration of the Year, when what became due for this Annuity was all the Widow had to subsist upon (a)? *Trin. 1719. Litton and Litton, 1 Will. Rep. 541.*

(a) The Reporter adds a Quære as to

this, and says, it seems the Arrears should carry Interest only from the first Day of Payment next after the Arrears of the Annuity became due; if payable Half-yearly, then from the next Half-year Day; if Quarterly, then from the next Quarter Day; and so has been the common Rule in these Cases; but the Hardship of the principal Case (tho' untruly suggested) and the Weight of Lord Cowper's Decree, before whom the whole Merits of the Cause were heard, seemed to influence the Court in this Matter. *Ibid. 544.*

9. A Master's Report, computing Interest, makes that Interest Principal, and to carry (b) Interest; for a Report is as the Judgment of the Court, and appoints a Day for the Payment, carrying on Interest to that Day; and the Party's Disobedience to the Court, in not complying with the Time of Payment, ought to subject him to Interest. Per Lord Chan. Parker. — But where a Mortgagor signs an Account, whereby

whereby he owns so much due for Interest, his *Lordship* said, he questioned whether this will make the Interest Principal, because of itself it does not shew any Agreement or Intent to alter the Interest, or the Nature of that Part of the Debt, or turn it into Principal; neither does it appear to have been ever so determined. That to make Interest on a Mortgage Principal, it is requisite there should be a Writing signed by the Parties, forasmuch as the Estate in the Land is to be charged therewith. *Trin. 1720. in the Case of Brown and Barkham, 1 Will. Rep. 653.*

10. By Marriage Articles the Lady's Father was to pay several Sums at several Times for discharging the Husband's Incumbrances; he advances Money to the Son-in-Law, and maintains the Wife and Children for two Years; such Money and Allowance for Maintenance shall be added to the Foot of the Account, and not carry Interest. 1721. *Kirwin and Blake, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 10.*

11. Interest was allowed from the Time of Calculation of the Report, to the Time of confirming it. 1721. *Kirwin and Blake, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (D) by way of Note to Ca. 1.*

12. If a Man devises his Lands for the Payment of his Debts, this Devise makes the Land as a Security or Mortgage for all the Testator's Debts, as well those by simple Contract or otherwise, and the simple Contract Debts shall carry Interest, as the Land, which is the Fund, yields annual Profits. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, who said that this was the daily Practice. Trin. 1722. in Casu Maxwell and Wettenhall, 2 Will. Rep. 26, 27.*

13. Where excessive Rates are allowed for Work in respect of slow Payment, there should be no Interest allowed; for Interest is only allowed to supply the Want of prompt Payments. 27 Feb. 1723. *Dutchess of Marlborough and Strong, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 11.*

14. J. S. devised an Annuity of 20 *l. per Annum* out of his personal Estate to A. for his Life, payable Quarterly. The Annuity being three Years in Arrears, it was insisted for the Annuitant, that these Arrears should carry Interest. But the Court said, that this is only done where there are great Arrears, but that it is not usual to compute Interest for so small a Sum. *Trin. 1723. Batton and Earnley, at the Rolls, 2 Will. Rep. 163.*

15. Money was due to the Testatrix which was out at Interest; the Executor laid out considerable Sums of his own Money in Payment of the Testatrix's Debts before any Money came to his Hands out of her Estate, as he suggested. And King C. decreed him his Money, and all just Allowances (a). *Mich. 1725. Macarte and Gibson, Select Cases in Chan. 50.*

(a) It being
insisted that
he should

have Interest for the Money so laid out, but his *Lordship* said, if Interest be a just Allowance, the Master will allow it, but if not (and he allows it) except to his Report. Tho' his *Lordship* said, he would not say, that in no Case an Executor should have Interest allowed, yet he should be extremely cautious of doing it for Money expended before he receives it out of the Estate, the Consequence whereof, he said, he very well saw. But the Master informing the Court, that he never allowed Interest unless a particular Order was for that Purpose, the Court referred the Consideration of Interest and Costs 'till after the Report. *Ibid.*

16. A Jointure was made of Lands and Houses, leased out at 17 *l.* a Year for five Years to come, but worth 108 *l.* a Year. The Husband covenanted that she (the Jointress) should be paid 22 *l.* 10 *s.* Quarterly to make up the present Rent 108 *l. per Annum*, in Case of his dying within the five Years. On a Bill for Payment of several Quarters Rent and Interest, it was insisted that the Intent was to put the Jointress in as good Condition before the Rent advanced, as if it actually

was

was advanced, but not in a better; and that therefore she should allow Taxes for the Quarterly Payments. But *King C.* said, he knew nothing what was the Intent; but he saw here a Specialty, whereby a Man obliges himself to pay so much Quarterly, for which he did not find he paid any Taxes, and so could allow none; and this being a personal Covenant for Payment of a Sum in Gross, Interest must be allowed from the Time each respective Sum became due. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Lysons and Vernon, Select Cases in Chan. 25.*

17. Interest was decreed for the yearly Ballance of a renewing Account. 1 Mar. 1726. *Ashton and Smith, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 14.*

18. Judgment Debts carry Interest. 28 Ap. 1726. *Parker and Harvey, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 15.*

19. *A.* was the Devisee for Life of a Church Lease for twenty-one Years, with Remainders over. *A.* after the Death of the Testator, and after ten Years of the twenty-one were expired, renewed the Lease, and paid 36*l.* for a Fine, and a Guinea for the Lease. It was insisted that *A.*'s Executrix should have Interest for such Fine. But Lord Chan. *King* denied this, in regard *A.* was to have her Life in the renewed Lease by Virtue of the Will; and tho' she perhaps might not out-live the first Year of the Lease, yet she had her Chance for it; and so the Court denied Interest for the Fine, but allowed the Charges of the Renewal. *East. 1728. Addis and Clement, 2 Will. Rep. 456, 459.*

20. Interest was allowed upon Demands due by Covenant, tho' objected that they were *not liquidated*, and *only found in Damages*. 28 April 1729. *Parker and Harvey, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (C) Ca. 16.*

21. The Arrears of an Annuity or Rent-charge are never decreed to be paid with Interest, but where the Sum is certain and fixed; and also where there is either a Clause of Entry, or *Nomine Pœnæ*, or some Penalty upon the Grantor, which he must undergo if the Grantee sued at Law, and which would oblige him to come into this Court for Relief, which the Court will not grant but upon equal Terms, and those can be no other but decreeing the Arrears with Interest. *Per Talbot C. Mich. 1733. in Casu Lady Ferrers and Lord Ferrers, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 2.*

22. A Widow by Settlement and Will of *B.* her late Husband was intitled to a Jointure of 1000*l. per Annum*, but was kept out of Possession by the Heir at Law, (*B.*'s Son by a former *Venter*) and therefore insisted upon the Arrears and Interest from her Husband's Death. But *per Talbot C.* Interest for the Rents and Profits of an Estate was never yet decreed, the Sum being uncertain (a). *Mich. 1735. Lady Ferrers and Lord Ferrers, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 2.*

(a) And tho' it may be said, that the Lady is intitled to an Estate of 1000*l. per Annum*, yet that is not sufficiently certain, being only the Perception of the Profits of an Estate, which are not to be paid at any one certain Time, but only as the Tenants of the Land bring them in, some at one Time and some at another. *Per his Lordship. Ibid.*

23. If a Woman before Marriage assigns her personal Estate In Trust, with a Power, if she die without Issue, to give 1500*l.* by Will or Deed, and after the Marriage by Deed in due Form executed, she limits 1500*l.* to a Trustee to pay the same to *A.* at her Age of twenty-one or Marriage, the Money being payable by Virtue of a Power, which, when executed, draws the Money out of the first Trustee in such a Manner as if it had never been comprised in the Trust; therefore the whole Capital Money being in the Hands of the Trustee for the

the Benefit of the *Cestuy que Trust*, draws the Interest along with it, and *A.* shall have that immediately. *Mansell and Price, Trin. 9 Geo.*

2. and this confirmed on Appeal to Lord Talbot. *MS. Rep.*

24. Where the Party prays his Satisfaction for a simple Contract Debt meerly out of personal Assets, a Court of Equity will of Course direct the Debt to be paid with Interest, to be computed for one Year after Testator's Death. *Per Lord Chancellor.*—But where a real Estate is charged with the Payment of Debts, as well as the personal, his *Lordship* said he did not know that it was absolutely fixed that simple Contract Debts should carry Interest from that Time. *Mich. 1740. Lloyd and Williams, Barnard. Chan. Rep. 229.*

(B) Where the Interest may exceed the Penalty.

1. **W**HERE Advantage is made of the Money, Interest shall be carried beyond the Penalty. 8 Feb. 1720. *Lord Dunsaney and Plunket, Vin. Abr. Tit. Interest, (E) Ca. 3.*

2. Equity will never carry Interest beyond the Penalty, where there has been no Demand for many Years. 29 April 1721. *Galway and Ruffel, ibid. (E) Ca. 4.*

3. Where a Bond is only collateral Security, Interest may be carried beyond the Principal. 1721. *Kerwin and Blake, ibid. (E) Ca. 4.*

(C) What Interest a Debt contracted in a Foreign Country shall carry here.

1. **P**LAINTIFF was possessed of a Ship, and the *East-India* Company's Agent bought the Ship and the Cargo in her in the *Indies*, of the Commander, who had no Power to sell her; and there was some Proof of the Treachery of the Commander, and of some indirect Practices of the Agent; but this seemed to have been done without the Privity of the Company, tho' for their Use and Benefit. Plaintiff brings his Bill to have an Account of the Ship and Cargo from the Company, who were decreed to account for the same; and upon an Issue directed, the Value of the Ship and Cargo (at the Time they came to the Hands of the Company's Agent) was found to be 3600 *l.* and now upon the Equity reserved it was insisted that the Plaintiff ought to have *Indian* Interest, which was about 12 *l. per Cent.* It was objected, That the Value of the Ship and Cargo being uncertain, it could not, in the Nature of it, carry Interest but from the Time it was ascertained by the Jury: That the Plaintiff had at this Time rested thirteen Years upon his own Bill, and therefore to allow him *Indian* Interest would be to make him a Gainer by his own Delay. But Lord Chan. *Cowper* decreed the Company to pay *Indian* Interest (a), and the Master to see what was the Interest of Money during these Years in the *Indies*, and what is the Charge of returning Money from the *Indies* to England, and he to allow *Indian* Interest, deducting out of it the Charge of returning, it being to be paid here. *Hil. 1717. Ekins and The East-India Company, 1 Will. Rep. 395.*

(a) *Ibid. 396.*
This Affair being transacted in the *Indies*, where the Person, who acted by Authority under the

Company, and for their Use, must be presumed to have made the common Advantage that Money yields there, the Company must therefore answer the Interest of that Country. *Per his Lordship.*

2. If a Man has my Money by way of Loan, he ought to answer Interest; but if he detains my Money from me wrongfully, he ought *a fortiori* to answer Interest; and it is still stronger, where one by Wrong takes from me either my Money, or my Goods, which I am trading with, in order to turn them into Money. . *Per* Lord Chan. Parker, Hil. 1717. in the Case of *Ekins* and *The East-India Company*, 2 Will. Rep. 396.

(D) In what Case Interest shall be applied to sink the Principal.

1. PLAINTIFFS as Assignees of Messrs. *Samuel* and *John Cotton*, Bankrupts, brought their Bill to be relieved against several Bonds, amounting to 5990*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* made to Sir *Francis Dashwood*, and to be paid the Sum of 5000*l.* which was charged to be overpaid by receiving 10*l. per Cent.* from the Year 1710 to 1724; and it appearing in the Cause that the Bonds were originally taken at 6*l. per Cent.* and that the Interest had been afterwards raised to 10*l.* and so paid for many Years, Sir *Joseph Jekyll* Master of the Rolls decreed that an Account should be taken of what had been paid for Interest, and that so much as was really overpaid above the legal Interest should be applied to sink the Principal; and that if Defendants were overpaid, they should refund; or if any Thing due to them, that upon Payment of it the Bonds should be delivered up. And upon Appeal to Lord *Talbot*, the Decree was affirmed. *Mich.* 8 *Geo.* 2. *Bosanquet, &c.* and *The Executors of Sir Francis Dashwood*, MS. Rep.

Vide Tit. Legacy, P.

C A P. LVII.

Jointenants and Tenants in Common.

(A) What shall be a Jointenancy, and what a Tenancy in Common.

(B) Of Severance of a Jointenancy.

(C) Where one Jointenant is bound by the Act of the others

(A) What shall be a Jointenancy, and What a Tenancy in Common.

1. **T**HERE is no Diversity betwixt a Grant to two and their Heirs, and a Grant to two and their respective Heirs, or to two and their Heirs *respectively*, since the Limitation must be to both their Heirs, or they cannot both take a Fee-simple; and if the Fee enures to both their Heirs, it must be to both their Heirs *respectively*. *Per Holt C. J. to which Turton and Gould J. agreed. Hil. 1700. in Casu Fisher and Wigg, 1 Will. Rep. 18.*

2. J. S. assigns a Term to Trustees, *In Trust* to permit himself to receive the Profits thereof during his Life, and after his Death, *In Trust* to permit his two Daughters B. and C. their Executors and Administrators, to receive the Profits during the Residue of the Term, *equally to be divided between them*, they paying two certain Sums within two Years to his two other Daughters. B. dies. C. mortgages to D. And the only Doubt was, Whether these two Sisters were Jointenants or Tenants in Common? And his Honour held, that this be a Trust of a personal Thing, they were Tenants in Common; and that the Father's Intention appears so in the Consideration, which was, to make several and distinct Provisions for his two Daughters, and the paying of the Sums appointed to their two Sisters makes them Purchasers. *East. 1701. Hamell and Hunt, Prec. in Chan. 163.*

3. J. S. by Will bequeathed a Debt of 20,000 l. [due to him from the Crown] to his five Grandchildren, *Share and Share alike, equally to be divided between them, and if any of them died, then his Share to go to the Survivors and Survivor of them.* Lord Chan. Cowper, on Debate, held and decreed that the Grandchildren were Tenants in Common and not Jointenants; so that if one died, his Share should go to his Executors, and not to the Survivors; and his Lordship said, the Reasons on which he grounded his Opinion were, that by the first Words [*Share and Share alike*] it was very plain the Legatees were Tenants in Common, and by the subsequent Words [*that if any of them died, his Share should go to the Survivor*] it must be intended if any of them should die *in the Life-time of the Testator*, for by that Construction every Word of the Will would have its Effect and Operation; for were

it not for this Clause, if any of the Grandchildren had died in the Life-time of the Testator, that Grandchild's fifth Part would have been a

(a) See the Case of *Blackwell and Day*. (a) *lapsed Legacy*, and have gone to the Executor as undisposed of by the Will; but by this Devise over, if it should so happen that any of the Grandchildren should die *in the Life-time of the Testator*, such Share would go to the Survivors. That the Will was *inchoate* tho' not *consummate* from the Execution of it, and that to many Purposes

(b) *Salk. 237*. in Law it did relate to the (b) Time of the Making, and the Words [if any of my Grandchildren die] must not be taken *indefinitely*, for it is most certain that they and all others must die; and to understand it thus, (*viz.*) if any of my Grandchildren should die before the Receipt of the Money, that was entirely *dehors*, there being nothing in the Will tending to justify such Construction. *Trin. 1707. Lord Bindon and Lord Suffolk* (c), 1 *Will. Rep.* 96.—This Decree was reversed by the Lords, tho' the Reporter says *Quære* Whether in the Case of *Strainger and Phillips* (d), which was decreed at the Rolls *Mich. 1730*, Lord *Cowper's* Opinion be not adhered to? *Ibid.* 97.

(c) The Word (Survivor) must signify something; and therefore it shall be construed, if any of them die before the Money received. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Jointenants*, (K) by way of Note to the Abridgment of this Case of *Lord Bindon and Lord Suffolk*; and cites it from a MS. Table as S.C. and says, the Debt bequeathed is there stated to have been a separate Debt.

(d) 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 292. *Ca. 11.*

4. J. S. devises his Lands to be sold for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and the Surplus to be vested in Lands, *to be settled on A. and B. and the Survivor of them, and their Heirs, equally to be divided between them Share and Share alike.* A. dies in the Testator's Life-time, and then the Testator dies, leaving P. Wife of T. his Heir at Law. The Question was, Whether A.'s Moiety should descend as a *lapsed Legacy*, and undisposed of, to the Testator's Heir at Law, or go to B. the surviving Devisee the Plaintiff? This Cause was argued before the Lords Commissioners *Gilbert and Raymond*, who adjourning it over for it's Difficulty, it was the first Cause that came before Lord Chan. King, who held that the first Part of the Devise being to two and the Survivor of them, makes them plainly Jointenants for Life, and therefore they shall be so taken; and that as to the Words [and to their Heirs, equally to be divided between them Share and Share alike] these are plainly Words importing a Tenancy in Common, and shall operate accordingly, so as to make them Tenants in Common of the Inheritance, by which Construction of the Will every Word takes Effect, and A. dying in the Life-time of the Testator, B. became intitled to the whole for Life, and the Inheritance being devised in Common, the one Moiety having lapsed by A.'s Death in the Testator's Life-time, B. shall take all for Life, and a Moiety of the Inheritance shall descend to the Testator's Heir at Law expectant on B.'s Death, and the other Moiety of the Fee to B.'s Heir. *East. 1725. Barker and Giles, 2 Will. Rep.* 280, 283.

His Lordship said, that if the Bar were not satisfied with this Opinion, he would take Time to consider of it 'till next Morning; but his Lordship delivered his Thoughts with so much Clearness that both Sides acquiesced, and thereupon it was decreed as above. *Ibid.* And this Decree was affirmed by the Lords. *Ibid.*—2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 157. S.C.

5. Devise to Trustees and their Heirs, *In Trust* for A. for Life, Remainder to her Children by her then Husband, *In Trust* that they shall receive the Profits thereof when they come of Age. A. had then one Child; and four Years afterwards the Testator made a Codicil, by which he changed one of the Trustees in the Will, and confirmed all the Devises therein; and then A. had two Children more, who died. The Children had an Estate in Fee as Tenants in Common. 11 *Geo.*

(e) *Vide P. Ca.* 1. *Bateman and Roach* (e), 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 104.

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6. *A.* being seised of a Term, and having three Daughters, did by Indenture assign the same to *J. S.* his Executors and Administrators, *Upon Trust* that he and they should permit *A.* to take the Profits during her Life, and after her Decease, *Upon Trust* for the Use and Benefit of her three Daughters *equally amongst them*, and *the Survivors and Survivor of them, her and their Executors, Administrators and Assigns.* And the Question was, If the Daughters took as Jointenants or Tenants in Common? Lord Chan. King held that the Words *equally amongst them* being coupled with the subsequent Words *and to the Survivors and Survivor of them*, made them Jointenants, and consequently the whole must go to the surviving Sister. And decreed accordingly. *Mich. 6 Geo. 2. Oakley and Young, MS. Rep.*

7. *J. S.* had three Sons and two Daughters *A.* and *B.* and devised three Fourths of his *personal* Estate to his *three Sons equally*, and the other Fourth he devised to the Sons, *In Trust only for his two Daughters*, and by their Approbation to be put out at Interest in the Name of his three Sons, and the Interest to be paid to his two Daughters respectively during their natural Lives, and afterwards to their or either of their Child or Children; and for Default of such Issue, he devised it to his three Sons equally, &c. *B.* dies, leaving a Son. *A.* died without Issue. His Honour decreed the Moiety of *B.* to her Son, and the Moiety of *A.* to the Testator's three Sons. And upon a Rehearing the Question was, Who should have the Moiety of *A.* And Lord Chan. Talbot held that tho' the Sons had the absolute Property in the three Fourths, yet *A.* and *B.* had not the absolute Property in the other Fourth, but only *in the Interest, which was to be paid to them respectively during their Lives*, and that by this Word (*respectively*) they are Tenants in Common, and that the next Limitation vests the whole Property in the Children, and they take as Purchasers according to *Wild's Case*, 6 Rep. 16. a. And that he saw no Reason why they must take respectively as well as their Mothers, there being no Words of Division in the Devise to them, but the whole is to go over either to their Child or Children, and that wherever the Testator intended a Tenancy in Common he expressed it, as by the Words (*respectively*) in the Case of the Daughters, and the Words (*equally to be divided*) in Case of the Sons; and his Lordship declared that *J. S.*'s Intention was that any Child of either *A.* or *B.* should take the whole of this fourth Part, and no Part to go over to the three Sons 'till Failure of such Issue. And decreed accordingly. *East. 1734. Stephens and Hide, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 27.*

(B) Of Severance of a Jointenancy.

1. A Right of Survivorship is as good as a Right by Descent, neither is there any Thing *unreasonable* or *unequal* in the Law of Jointenancy, each having an equal Chance to survive; and the Duration of all Lives being uncertain, if either Party has an ill Opinion of his own Life, he may *sever* the Jointenancy by a Deed *granting over a Moiety in Trust for himself*, so that Survivorship can be no Hardship where either Side may at Pleasure prevent it. *Trin. 1729. Per his Honour, in the Case of Cray and Willis, 2 Will. Rep. 529.*

2. It is plain that at Law in Case of a Grant of a Term for Years to two, the Thing granted must survive, if the Jointenancy be not *severed*. *Per his Honour, in the above Case, ibid.*

3. Upon a *Severance* of the Jointenancy in Land, the Estate does *not* continue during the Life of each Donee, but determines upon the Death of one, for his Moiety. *Per his Honour. Mich. 1734. in the Case of Cowper and Cowper. Cites Dyer 67. a. and 1 Inst. 197. a. 2 Will. Rep. 672.*

4. If *A.* and *B.* jointly purchase a Lease, and convey it to *C.* without any Consideration, so that *C.* is in Equity a Trustee for them, but no Declaration of Trust is made, the Survivor shall have this Trust, and the Assignment is no *Severance* of the Jointenancy. *Rex and Williams, in Scac', Hil. 9 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.*

(C) Where one Jointenant is bound by the Act of the other.

1. **T**WO Jointenants of the Office of Fines for original Writs in *Wales*, commit the Custody of the Seal of the Office to *B.* Both of them commence a Suit against *B.* in Equity for an Account; one releases all Actions and Accounts to *B.* On this the other Jointenant brings the Bill against his Companion and *B.* surmising the Release to be obtained by Fraud; *B.* pleads the Release, and held a good Plea, tho' the Bill seeks Relief against it; for a general Allegation of Combination is not sufficient, without specifying some Fraud in particular, or Combination in particular, in obtaining it; and the Release here is good at Law, and no Fault in *B.* to get it; and if Plaintiff has Remedy, 'tis only against his Companion. *Hardr. 168.*

2. Several named Defendants; one is not served nor did appear; and yet Costs taxed for him with the others by Mistake; he releases, this shall not bar the others. *Hardr. 183.*

C A P. LVIII.

Legacies,

- (A) Of vested and lapsed Legacies, being to be paid at a future Time or certain Age, to which the Legatees never arrive;—Of lapsed Legacies by the Legatees dying in the Life-time of the Testator;—And here in what Cases a lapsed Legacy shall survive to the other Legatees.
- (B) Of specifick and pecuniary Legacies;—And here of abating and refunding by Legatees;—And in what Cases Security shall be given for the Payment of a Legacy.
- (C) Of the Time of Payment of a Legacy.
- (D) Concerning residuary Legatees.
- (E) What Legatees shall have Interest and Maintenance.
- (F) Ademption of a Legacy.
- (G) In what Case a Legacy given by a Codicil shall not be construed in Satisfaction of a Legacy given by a Will, &c. —In what Case a Legacy by a Will shall not be in Satisfaction of an Annuity.
- (H) Of joint Bequests.
- (I) Remedy for Legatees, in what Cases, and in what Court, &c. *Vide* (B) P.
- (K) Donatio Causâ Mortis.

- (A) Of vested and lapsed (a) Legacies, being to be paid at a future Time or certain Age, to which the Legatees never arrive;—Of lapsed Legacies by the Legatees dying in the Life-time of the Testator;—And here in what Cases a lapsed Legacy shall survive to the other Legatees.

an uncertain Event, which may or may not happen, and the Party dies before it comes, the Legacy is lapsed. *Harvey and Aston* (b), *MS. Rep.*—If a Legacy be limited to A. In Trust for B. to be laid out by the Direction of C. tho' A. and C. die in the Testator's Life-time, yet the Legacy is good. *MS. Notes.*—Testator devised the Residue of his Estate among his Children equally, but they were to pay their Shares equally among their Children. If any of the Children die without having Issue, yet their Share is not lapsed, but shall go among their Representatives; such a Gift being to be looked upon as beneficial to the Children, with a contingent Limitation to determine their Interest on the Birth of a Child. *Salt and Chambers* (c), *MS. Rep.*—A Legacy given at twenty-one or Marriage, is contingent; and if the Legatee die before, the Legacy is lapsed, for the Contingency can never exist. *MS. Notes.*

(a) Where a Devise is to one, payable at a Time which must some Time or other come, there the Legacy is immediately a vested Legacy; but if devised upon

(b) *Quære* Term and Year.

1. *A.* GIVES to *B.* 500*l.* when he shall attain the Age of twenty-one or be married, which shall first happen, to be paid with Interest. *A.* dies; and *B.* dies before twenty-one or Marriage. Resolved, That the Executor of *B.* should have the Legacy; *this Case* that the Executor, being of full Age, should have it presently, for the Designation of the Payment of it at the Age of twenty-one Years

2 Freem. Rep. 24. S C. in totidem verbis, says, that it was ruled in this Case that the Executor,

Years was by gacy ; for this is a *present Duty*, tho' the *Solvendum* be *in futuro* ; and Reason of the it is not a *contingent Gift*, as it would have been, if the Words, *to be Incapacity of paid with Interest*, had been omitted, for now it is all one as if he the Legatee before that had said, *I give B. 500 l. to be paid with Interest when he shall attain Time to manage it, which the Age of twenty-one Years or be married* ; which, without Question, Reason ceases had vested in B. and his Executor should have had it if he had died. in the Execu- *Trin. 1677. Cloberry and Lampen, MS. Rep.* tor ; and when

it is to be paid with Interest, it is the same Thing to the Executor, for it will be no Advantage to him to keep it in his Hands, so long as he pays Interest for it. *Ibid. 25.*—2 *Chan. Cases* 155. *Lampen and Cloberry, Mich. 35 Car. 2.* decreed that the Legacy belonged to B.'s Administrator, says, Lord Keep. *North* once pronounced a *Reversal* of the Decree, but being much pressed that Testator's Intention would be clear in the Proofs, he suspended it to hear the Proofs.—2 *Vern. 199.* S. C. cited and says, that it was decreed that B.'s Administrator should have the Legacy, but that he must wait and expect for it 'till B. should have been twenty-one ; and that this was confirmed on an Appeal to the Lords, tho' Lord *Nottingham* for some Time doubted if it should not be paid presently.—2 *Vent. 342.* S. C.

Vern. 255. 2. A. devised to B. 20 l. to put him out Apprentice when he should come to the Age of seventeen Years, and he died before that Age ; *Mich. 1684.* and resolved, That his Administrator should have it. *Mich. 1684.* *Barlow and Grant, S. C.* accord'. *Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 89.*

3. A Devise of a Legacy to a Mother for Maintenance of her Child ; tho' the Child die, the Mother shall have the Legacy. *Per Lord Keeper, East. 1703.* in the Case of *Busbnell and Parsons, Prec. in Chan. 219.*

4. Where A. gives a Legacy to B. his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, if, in such Case, the Legatee dies in the Life-time of the Testator, tho' the Executors are named, yet the Legacy is lost ; for the Words [*Executors, Administrators and Assigns*] are void, being but *Surplusage*, and *expressio eorum, &c.* and they are by *Supposition of Law* named only to take in *Succession*, and by way of *Representation*, as an Heir represents the Ancestor in Case of an Inheritance. Agreed *per Cur'* and Counsel on both Sides (a). *Mich. 1705.* in the Case of *Elliot and Davenport, 1 Will. Rep. 84.*

(a) But it was held that a Will may be

so penned, as that, tho' the Legatee died in the Life-time of the Testator, yet his Executors should have the Legacy ; but then it ought to appear in the Will plainly and by direct Words that this was the Testator's Intention. *Ibid. 85.*

Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 11. S. C. —*Prec. in Chan. 267.* S. C.—*2 Vern. 617.* S. C.

5. A. devises his Lands to his eldest Son B. in Fee, and adds, *“ But my Will and Mind nevertheless is, that B. shall pay out of the Lands so devised to him, the Sum of 600 l. viz. to my Daughter M. 200 l. at her Age of twenty-one Years, and to my Son J. 200 l. at his Age of twenty-one, and to my Son N. 200 l. at his Age of twenty-one ; and if my Son B. shall die before he attain the Age of twenty-one Years, then my Will is, that my Son J. shall not have the 200 l. settled on him, but that it shall be paid to my Daughter M. and Son N. to be added to their Portions, and J. to have all the Estate given to B. paying the 600 l. as before expressed ; and my said Children shall be allowed 4 l. per Annum Maintenance for every 100 l. 'till their several Portions are paid.”* B. dies before twenty-one. Plaintiff married M. and has Issue by her. M. died two Months before her Age of twenty-one. And the Question was, Whether this was not a subsisting Charge upon the Land, and an Interest so vested in M. as to intitle the Plaintiff, as her Administrator, to the Legacies ? But Lord *Chan. Cowper* dismissed the Bill as to both Demands, because there were no Words in the Will which vested any Interest in those Legacies before the Age of twenty-one Years ; and as to the other 100 l. that was governed by the other Legacies. *Mich. 1708. Carter and Bletsoe, MS. Rep.*

6. A Man devises all his Lands to his Executors for ten Years, and that after the ten Years 100 *l.* should be paid out of them to *H.* and *A.* provided, that if neither of them were living, then nothing was to be raised. *H.* dies before the ten Years are expired; his Executors or Administrators shall have nothing, for the Legacy is lapsed; but *A.* shall have her Portion. *Per Lord Chan. Cowper, Mich. 6 Ann. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (B. d.) Ca. 19. P. 389.*

7. Lord Chancellor held in the Case of *Langley and Oates, Trin. 7 Ann.* that if Lands are devised in Fee, In Trust to raise 300 *l.* to be paid for a Portion to *J. S.* at twenty-one or Marriage, and the Legatee dies before twenty-one or Marriage, it sinks into the real Estate. *MS. Rep.*

8. *A.* possessed of a personal Estate, devised it to Defendant, In Trust to pay his three Grandchildren 300 *l.* each at twenty-one, or Time of Marriage, which should first happen, directing, that if any of them died before twenty-one, or Marriage, that the Legacy of the Deceased should survive. One died before the Testator, unmarried, and under Age; another died after the Testator unmarried. Defendant paid the Survivor his 300 *l.* upon his attaining twenty-one, and also 300 *l.* for the Child that died after the Testator, but refused to pay the 300 *l.* for that which died before the Testator. The Survivor preferred his Bill for the Payment of that Legacy. *Lord Chancellor: A Will in a hundred Cases speaks before Death; and his Lordship put a Case of a Devise of a personal Estate to A. when he comes to the Age of twenty-one, and if A. does not attain that Age, then over to B. A. dies before twenty-one in the Life of the Testator; (by his Opinion) the Devise to B. is good, and he shall take as the primary Legatee, and not by way of Remainder. The same in Case of such Devise of Lands; as if a Manor is devised to A. and his Heirs, if he attain the Age of twenty-one, if not, then over to B. A. dies before that Age in the Life of the Devisor; the Devise to B. is good. Decreed for Plaintiff. Trin. 7 Ann. Hickman and Stroud, MS. Rep.*

9. In Case of a Devise of 1000 *l.* which the Devisor had upon a Mortgage on a College Lease, to be paid when the Devisee comes of full Age, First Question was, Whether this was a vested Legacy? And held it was. Secondly, Whether this Legacy carried Interest from the Devisor's Death? And by *Lord Chancellor*, It will not, but only from the Time the Devisee comes of Age. If a Mortgagee doth devise his Principal, the Interest doth not pass, because it is a different Thing; and here the Devise is not of the Mortgage but of 1000 *l.* to be raised out of the Profits. His *Lordship* said the Executor is to receive the Profits, and to give Security for what he shall receive. Thirdly, Whether this is a specifick Legacy, and only chargeable upon the Mortgage, and not upon the Residue of the Testator's personal Estate? And his *Lordship* held it to be a Legacy chargeable upon the Mortgage. *East. 8 Ann. Chambers and Jeoffery, MS. Rep.*

10. If a Legacy be devised to one, generally to be paid or payable at the Age of twenty-one, or any other Age, and the Legatee die before that Age, yet this is such an Interest vested in the Legatee, that his Executors or Administrators may sue for and recover it; and with this agrees the Law of the Spiritual Court, as was reported by Dr. *Akberry, 1 Leon. 177. Godb. 182.* for this is *Debitum in præfenti*, tho' *Solvendum in futuro*.—But if a Legacy be devised to one, at twenty-
Prec. in Chan. 317. Mich. 1711. Stapleton and Cheales, S. C. in totidem verbis, and says, it was so argued by one, Counsel, and

agreed *per Cur'*.—But that if such Legacy were to arise out of Lands, or a Term for Years, tho' it were limited to the Party generally to be paid, or payable at such an Age, there for the Benefit of the Heir the Legacy should sink, and not go to the Representatives of the Party so dying. *Ibid. 318.*



one, or if or when he shall attain the Age of twenty-one, and the Legatee die before that Age, in this Case the Legacy is lapsed, and shall not go to his Executors or Administrators.——But if in that Case the Testator had added, that in the mean Time, or 'till the Legatee attains that Age, that he shall have Interest for the said Legacy, at such a Rate, from the Time of his the Testator's Decease, this subsequent Clause explains the Intent of the Testator, so as to make the Legacy, which was the Principal, an Interest vested which shall go to his Executor or Administrator, tho' the Legatee die before that Age; because, if the Principal were not due presently upon the Testator's Decease, there could be no Interest accrue to the Legatee. And this has been settled in *Cloberry's Case*, 2 Vent. and *Yates and Fettiplace*, Mich. 1711. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

(a) The Reporter here puts a *Quære*, for (says he) a Devise over to two or more, is a joint Devise of Course, unless there be Words to sever the Jointenancy.

(b) Vide Lord Bindon and Lord Suffolk, and Northey and Strangcr.

11. J. S. the Defendant's Father, had two Sons *A.* and *B.* and two Daughters *C.* and *D.* and by Will gave 1500*l.* to *B.* and 1000*l.* apiece to *C.* and *D.* and directed, that if any of the said three younger Children should die before twenty-one or Marriage, then the Portion of the Child so dying should go over to the Survivors; and gave his real Estate to *A.* his eldest Son, chargeable with these Portions. *C.* died within Age, and before Marriage; afterwards *B.* died also within Age, and before Marriage, in the Life-time of the Testator; afterwards the Testator had another Son, whom he named *B.* and afterwards wrote a Codicil at the Bottom of his Will, by which he confirmed the Will, thereby taking Notice that since the last it had pleased God to give him another Son, and gave 500*l.* apiece to his Son *B.* and his surviving Daughter, over and above what he had given them by his said Will. Upon this Cause coming on before Lord Chan. *Harcourt*, the Question was, Whether upon the Death of *B.* the Share of the deceased Daughter that was vested in *B.* should survive with *B.*'s Portion? And his Lordship decreed it should not; because the Portion of the deceased Daughter became vested in distinct Shares in the surviving Children, and there were no Words for creating a Jointenancy of these Shares (a). Afterwards, upon arguing the other Points reserved before Lord Cowper, it was objected, That by the Death of *B.* in the Life-time of the Testator the 1500*l.* given to him became a lapsed Legacy, and should sink into the Estate. But his Lordship said, It was improper to call this a lapsed Legacy; that it was a Portion given over (b), and should take Effect; that the making of the Codicil was a Republication of the Will, and did amount to a substituting the second *B.* in the Place of the first *B.* as if the Testator had made his Will anew, and had wrote it over again, by which new Will the second *B.* must take; and that the fixed Intention of the Testator appeared to be, that *B.* should have more than his Daughter; whereas, if the 1500*l.* Legacy should be taken to be a lapsed Legacy, then the surviving Daughter should have twice as much as *B.* *Hil.* 1714. *Perkins and Micklethwaite*, 1 Will. Rep. 274.

12. J. S. having a Wife and three Daughters, *A.* *B.* and *C.* and being possessed of a personal Estate, devised all to his Wife, upon Condition that she would immediately after his Death pay 900*l.* into the Hands of *D.* In Trust to lay out the same at Interest, and pay the Interest thereof to his Wife for her Life, if she continued so long a Widow, and after her Death or Marriage, In Trust that *D.* should divide the 900*l.* equally among his three Daughters at their respective Ages of twenty-one or Marriage, provided, that if all his three Daughters should die before their Legacies should become payable, then the Mother, whom the Testator also made Executrix, should have the whole 900*l.* The Wife pays the 900*l.* to *D.* and marries Defendant. *A.*

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and *B.* die under Age and unmarried, and *C.* attains to twenty-one. And *per* Lord *Macclesfield*, *C.* is intitled to the whole 900 *l.* by Virtue of the Clause in the Will which says, “ If all the three Daughters shall die before their Age of twenty-one or Marriage, then the Wife shall have the whole 900 *l.*” For this plainly excludes the Mother from having the 900 *l.* or any Part of it, unless these Contingencies had happened; and the Share of 300 *l.* apiece did not vest absolutely in any of the three under Age so as to be subject to the Statute of Distributions, in regard it was possible all the three Daughters might die before their Ages of twenty-one or Marriage, in which Case the whole 900 *l.* is devised over to the Mother. And so decreed the whole to belong to the surviving Daughter. *Trin.* 1722. *Scott and Bargeman*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 69.

13. It is a standing Rule in the Court of Chancery, that where a Portion or Legacy is to be paid out of an Estate *in Lands*, at *such a Time or at such an Age*, there, in Favour of the Heir at Law, if the Legatee dies *before* the Day, the Legacy or Portion is sunk and gone; but 'tis otherwise if the Legacy is to be paid out of the *personal* Estate, for there it vests immediately, and not to be divested, tho' the Legatee die before the Day appointed for the Payment. *Mich.* 11 *Geo.* *Per Cur'*, in the Case of *Bateman and Roach*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 106.

14. A Legacy devised to *J. S.* to be paid at twenty-one or Marriage, which shall first happen, so as such Marriage be *with* the Consent of *B.* if not, devised over. *J. S.* marries in the Life-time of *B.* *without* his Consent, and dies before twenty-one, leaving Issue. The Legacy is gone. *Trin.* 11 *Geo.* 1. *Piggot and Morris*, *Select Cases in Chan.* 26.

15. *J. S.* has two Sons *A.* and *B.* and three Daughters *C. D.* and *E.* and devises his Lands to be sold to pay his Debts; and as to the Monies arising by Sale after Debts paid, he gives 200 *l.* thereout to his eldest Son *A.* at twenty-one, the Residue to said *B. C. D.* and *E.* equally, at their respective Ages of twenty-one or Marriage. *A.* died before twenty-one, without having been ever married. And Sir *J. Jekyll* at first inclined to think that this 200 *l.* would *not* go to the younger Children, because only the Residue of the Money arising by Sale is given to them, which seemed to have excluded the 200 *l.* Legacy; so that his present Opinion was that the 200 *l.* belonged to the Heir; and afterwards (on looking into Precedents) decreed, that the 200 *l.* should be construed as Land, and descend to the Heir; for that it was the same as if so much Land as was of the Value of 200 *l.* was *not* directed to be sold, but suffered to descend. *Mich.* 1727. *Cruse et al'* and *Barley and Banfon*, at the Rolls, 3 *Will. Rep.* 20.

16. *J. S.* by Will in 1715 (*int' al'*) devised to *A.* and *B.* an Annuity of 200 *l.* a Year, issuing out of the Exchequer, In Trust that they should pay the same from Time to Time unto *C.* his Sister Wife of Defendant, for her Life, and after her Decease that they should assign the same unto and for the Use of all the Children of the said *C.* equally to be divided amongst them; and if she should leave but one Child, then that they should assign all to that one Child; and declared the said Annuity for *his* separate Use; and Testator likewise devised another Exchequer Annuity of 50 *l.* a Year to the same Trustees, In Trust to apply the same to the Maintenance and Education of *D.* his Niece until she should arrive at her Age of twenty-one; and after she should arrive at that Age, then In Trust to assign the said Annuity to said *D.* her Executors and Administrators. Testator made the said Trustees *A.* and *B.* Executors,

Executors, and said *A.* and *C.* his Sister residuary Legatees. Testator died; and *D.* died before twenty-one intestate; and *C.* the Testator's Sister likewise died, without leaving any Child at her Death; and having never had but one Child, *viz.* *D.* the Legatee of the 50 *l.* a Year, and who died an Infant as before, two Questions were made, First, Whether the 50 *l.* a Year Annuity given in Trust to *D.* vested in her so as to go to her Representative, or was lapsed by her Death and fell in to the *Residuum* of Testator's Estate? And, Secondly, As to the 200 *l.* a Year Annuity given In Trust for *C.* whether the reversionary Interest in that after *C.*'s Decease vested in *D.* the Daughter during *C.* the Mother's Life, or was likewise lapsed into the residuary Estate upon *C.*'s leaving *no* Child at her Death? As to the first Question, upon the 50 *l.* a Year to *D.* it was very little debated, and given up, that it was a vested Legacy in respect of the Profits given for the Maintenance, &c. of the Legatee during her Infancy, &c. and compared to the Case of a Legacy given at twenty-one, and Interest given in the mean Time. But the other Question upon the 200 *l.* was much debated; and his Honour, after Argument, held, that it was lapsed, and did not vest in *D.* the Daughter, but was merely contingent during *C.* the Mother's Life, and that the Time of her Death was the Time when the Children were to take; for that the Will is clear that the Testator intended *C.* his Sister's Children, if more than one, should take as Tenants in Common, and if but one at her Death, then that one to have all; whereas if this were to vest in the Children that might be in the Mother's Life-time, then it would follow, that their Shares would go to their Representatives, in Case they died before their Mother; when yet if there was but one living at the Death of the Mother, that Child was to have the whole, and therefore the Division must be at the Death of the Mother amongst the Children as they should then happen to be; and that is making the Words of the Will consistent in every Part. That the Expression of leaving Children, &c. has always been understood leaving at the Death of the Party, and not to leaving generally. That there is no possible Way to preserve a Tenancy in Common to all, and yet the whole to go to one Child only that should survive the Mother. And therefore held that no Child was to take but such as was living at the Death of the Mother; and in this Case there being none, the remaining Interest in the Annuity is to be considered as undisposed of, and to fall into the *Residuum* of the Testator's Estate. Held the Annuity here being given to Trustees, makes no Difference. *Dec. 7, 1729.*

That a reversionary Interest may vest

Smith and Vaughan, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. c.) Ca. 32. P. 381. immediately and be transmissible to Representatives, was cited, *Corbet and Palmer, 26 Feb. 1734,* before Lord Talbot, where the Case was, that *J. C.* by his Will gave several specifick Legacies, and the Residue of his personal Estate to his Wife for her Life, and directed, that after her Decease, and the other Legatees paid, the Residue should be divided amongst six Persons, named in his Will; and two of them died after the Testator in the Life-time of the Wife. And Lord Chan. Talbot held, that the Shares of those two belonged to their Representatives; and declared, that if a Legacy is given at twenty-one or Marriage, and the Legatees die before, in that Case the Legacy is gone, because the Condition can never exist. Otherwise where upon a Condition that may exist after the Death of the Legatee; as in the Case in *2 Vern. 347. Anon.* a Legacy to *J. S.* at twenty-one, and if he die before, then to *A. B.* and *J. N.* and they both die before *J. S.* and who likewise dies before twenty-one; and decreed the Legacy to the Representative of the Survivor of *A. B.* and *J. N.* *Ibid.*

17. *J. S.* makes his Will, and gives 600 *l.* to his Son *A.* to be paid with all convenient Speed, and gives 500 *l.* to his Son *B.* to be paid in convenient Time, and appoints his real Estate to come in Aid of the personal; and goes on, and says, But in Case either of his said Sons should happen to die before they have received all or any Part of their Legacy, then the remaining Sum or Sums of Money should go and be paid to the Survivor. *A.* died in the Testator's Life-time, and a Bill is brought by *B.* the Survivor for the Legacy left to *A.* In this Case there was no Difference.

Difference. The *Attorney General* said, it had been frequently determined, that if a Legatee dies in the Life-time of the Testator, and there be a Survivor created, it shall *not* be considered a lapsed Legacy, because there was a Survivor created, but be looked on as an immediate Devise, and the Survivor shall receive both. And so it was decreed. *Per King C. Trin. 2 Geo. 2. Hornsley and Hornsley, Select Cases in Chan. 73.*

18. If a Legacy is payable at *twenty-one, or Marriage with Consent of A. testified in Writing under his Hand, but not otherwise*; at twenty-one the Legacy is payable at all Events, tho' the Marriage is without Consent, but not sooner, unless the Marriage is *with* Consent. 13 June 1730. *Dobbins and Bland, cor' Lord Chan. King, MS. Rep.*

19. J. H. devised to Plaintiff his Granddaughter the annual Sum of 100 l. for five Years, to commence from and after her Marriage with Consent of his Executors and Trustees, testified in Writing; the first of which annual Payments shall begin to be made unto the Plaintiff at the Expiration of the first Year after Marriage with such Consent. The Plaintiff married *without* Consent, and it was insisted for Defendant that this was not merely a Devise in *terrorem*, but a Condition precedent of a Limitation of the Time when the Annuity should commence. And King Lord Chancellor was inclined to be of that Opinion, but the residuary Legatee, who was an Infant, not being before the Court, he ordered it to stand over. (Refers to 2 Vern. 293, 333, 572.) 13 June 1730. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

20. A Legacy out of a personal Estate payable to an Infant at twenty-five, if the Infant dies before twenty-five, his Representatives may have it, it being a vested Legacy. Otherwise if the Legacy is charged upon a real Estate, for then it shall sink into the Land for the Benefit of the Heir. *East. 1731. Duke of Chandos and Talbot, cor' Lord Chan. King, 2 Will. Rep. 601.*

MS. Rep. S. C. says, upon the Master's Report the Question was, If a Sum is devised to A. payable at twenty-one, and Testator

charges his real and personal Estate with the Payment of it, and the personal falls short, and A. dies before twenty-one, whether, in such Case, it is lapsed, and shall sink for the Benefit of the Heir? Per Mr. Solicitor General, If this was a Legacy to come out of the personal Estate, it would be vested, and ought according to the Practice of the Ecclesiastical Courts to be raised for the Benefit of the Representatives of the Legatee; but when charged on the Land, if the Legatee dies before the Time of Payment, it shall never be raised. And of this Opinion was Lord Chan. King, and decreed accord'. Vide 2 Vent. Pawlett and Pawlett.——2 Vern. 92, 248, 416, 457.——1 Vern. 72.——Dy. 59. Pl. 15. b.——1 Salk. 415.

21. Devise of Lands to Trustees in Fee, In Trust within six Years after the Testator's Death to raise and pay 1500 l. to his Daughter A. A. dies within the six Years; the 1500 l. shall go to her Administrator; here being no certain Time limited when, but only the ultimate Time within which it shall be raised. *Hil. 1731. Cowper and Scot et al', 3 Will. Rep. 119.*

22. (a) A. devised 300 l. to M. 300 l. to A. and 100 l. to B. all Infants, payable at twenty-one, and if any of them died before twenty-one, his Share to go to the Survivors. A. died in Testator's Life-time. And the Question was, If this was a lapsed Legacy? King C. A Legacy can never be lapsed where it can take Effect according to the Will; if Lands are devised to A. for Life, Remainder to B. tho' A. dies in the Life-time of the Testator, yet B. shall take; and so decreed the Legacy should go to the other Legatees. (Refers to 2 Vern. 207, 467, 611.) June 21, 1731. *Willing and Baine, MS. Rep.—Quære If*

(a) 3 Will. Rep. 113. Trin. 1731. S. C. states it thus: A. devised 300 l. apiece to his Children, payable at their respective Ages of twenty-one, and if any of them died before twenty-

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one, then the Legacy given to the Person so dying to go over to the surviving Children. A. devised the Residue of his personal Estate to A. B. and C. (being three of his Children) and having made them Executors, died. One of the Children died in the Testator's Life-time, and after the Testator's Death one of the Executors and residuary Legatee died. Upon this two Questions arose; First, Whether the Legacy of the Child that died in the Life of the Testator should go to the surviving Children, or should be a lapsed Legacy and sink into the Surplus? Secondly, Whether, when one of the Executors and residuary Legatees died, his Share of the

the *Residuum* the Legacy shall carry Interest from the Time of the Testator's belonged to Death? *Ibid.*

his Executor,

or to the surviving residuary Legatees? *Resolved per Cur'*, That the Rule is, that *where the Legatee dies in the Life-time of the Testator, his Legacy lapses*, i. e. it lapses as to the Legatee so dying; but that in this Case the Legacy was well given over to the surviving Children. As to the second Point, it was held *per Cur'*, That there might be a joint Legacy, as well as a joint Grant; and that as the *Executorship* survived, there was the same why Reason the Devise of the *Residuum* should do so too; wherefore it was decreed (b), that the surviving Devisees of the *Residuum* should have the Benefit of such Surplus, except as to what had been received and divided. *Ibid.* 115.

(P. Ca.) but more particularly that of *Cray and Willis*, (P. Ca.) both in 2 *Will. Rep.* 347 and 529, and Sir *Joseph Jekyll's* Argument on this Point.

23. Testator devised out of Lands a Legacy of 500 *l.* to his Niece, provided, that she should not marry in the Life-time of his Wife without her Consent, and if she did, the Legacy to sink into the Estate for the Benefit of the Devisee of the Land. The Niece married in the Wife's Life-time directly against her Consent; and it was insisted, that there being no Limitation over, the Direction that it should sink not amounting to one, (refers to 2 *Vern.* 293.) this Proviso was only *in terrorem*, and did not forfeit the Legacy. Sir *Joseph Jekyll*: This is a Devise out of Lands, which is different from personal Legacies; the Legacy is become forfeited; and so the Plaintiff's Bill must be dismissed. (Refers to 1 *Mod.* 300. 2 *Vern.* 333. 1 *Roll. Abr.* 418. Pl. 6.) Dec. 2, 1731. *Sheriff and Morlock*, MS. Rep.

24. A. by Will duly executed, devised to his Wife *Elizabeth* 3000 *l.* to be paid in six Months after his Death, in Case she should in that Time at the Charges of his Executors, and by such Deed as they and their Counsel should advise, release all Right of Dower and Claim whatsoever that she might have out of any Estate he died seised or possessed of; and by his Will charged all his Estate, real and personal, with the Payment of this Legacy. The Testator died; and before any Release was tendered to the Widow by the Executors, or any Refusal or Declaration on her Part that she would not execute a Release, or accept of the Legacy given by the Will in Satisfaction of her Dower or other Claim out of her Husband's Estate, she died, within the six Months, which was the Time limited by the Will for Payment of the Legacy and for her executing the Release. A Bill was brought by the Representative of the Wife, and the Question before the *Master of the Rolls* was, Whether this was a Legacy vested in the Wife so as to pass to her Representatives? The *Attorney General pro Quer'* insisted, That it was a vested Legacy, it being given to the Wife by express Words, altho' payable at a future Day, and comes within the Reason of those Cases which are determined every Day in this Court, where Legacies are given payable at a future Day; and altho' it may be objected, that he hath charged his real Estate with the Payment, and therefore the Legatee dying before the Day on which it is appointed to be paid, it shall sink into the Land, yet in this Case the Devisee is not merely a Volunteer; she is in the Nature of a Purchaser; and so the Legacy is given to her in Consideration that she relinquish her Dower and all other Claims which she hath out of his Estate; and it is not the Fault of her that the Release is not yet executed; she hath never refused, and the Executors were to do the first Act; for she was to execute such Deed or Release as they should advise, and it was their Duty to have prepared a Release, and tendered to her. There was no other Way to forfeit or lose the Legacy, but refusing to comply with Terms imposed by the Will, which she hath not done. Sir *Joseph Jekyll* Master of the Rolls:

The Question in this Case is, Whether this is a Legacy payable at all Events or not? Which plainly it is not; for it was in her Power whether she would comply with the Terms on which the Legacy was given; she might have refused to execute a Release of her Dower, and then to be sure the Legacy never vested. It is no more than an Overture of the Husband to buy out her Dower, for it is given in Lieu and Compensation of it. I think the Condition is annexed to the Body of the Devise; and altho' the Executors were to do the first Act, by preparing a Release and tendering it to her to be executed, yet it was in her Power to have refused, and she had her Election either to take the Legacy or stick to her Dower; if the Executors had not prepared the Release, and six Months had elapsed without any Act done by the Executor, or Request made by them within that Time, and the Widow had survived that Time, I should have thought that at the End of the six Months the Legacy had vested. It was insisted by the *Attorney General*, that altho' the real Estate was charged as well as the personal with the Legacy, yet to take off from the Objection that the Legacies arising out of Land, and the Legatee's dying before the Time of Payment, that it should not be raised, he said, the personal Estate was also liable; and therefore if it was a vested Legacy, it ought to be answered out of the personal Estate as far as the same could extend. But the Court declaring it not to be a vested Legacy, this Distinction was not considered. 9 July 1731. *Wheddon and Oxenham, at the Rolls, MS. Rep.*

25. J. S. by his Will devised, that all his just Debts and pecuniary Legacies should be paid by his Executor out of his personal Estate as far as the same would extend, and in Default of that Fund, by and out of his real Estate; for which Purpose he willed that his Executor within twelve Months after his Decease, should raise out of the personal Estate not otherwise specifically devised, and in Default of such Fund and in Aid thereof, by and out of his real Estate, or by Mortgage or Sale of such Part thereof as might be sufficient, the Sum of 1000 l. which Sum of 1000 l. he thereby gave to A. to be paid him by his Executor immediately after the same should be raised, and charged all his real Estate with the Payment of the said Legacy, in Case the personal should prove deficient. The personal Estate was not sufficient to raise this 1000 l. And A. died within the Year. A's Executor brings a Bill for the 1000 l. And Lord Chan. King decreed that the Legacy should be raised with Interest from the End of the Year, and the Land being devised to B. for Life only, Remainder to C. in Fee, the Court would not direct the Legacy to be raised out of the annual Profits, for that might wholly defeat the Estate for Life; but that the Tenant for Life should keep down the Interest, and that the 1000 l. should be raised by a Sale of so much as would be sufficient to pay the same with Interest and Costs. Hil. 1732. *Wilson and Spencer, 3 Will. Rep. 172.* The Reporter says by way of Note, That the Master of the Rolls was present in Court when this Cause was heard, and declared himself of the same (a) Opinion. *Ibid. 175.*

quently before she had any Occasion for a Portion. But that in the present Case, the Legacies were all vested by the first Words of the Will, whereby the Testator devised that all his Legacies should be paid by his Executors out of the personal Estate, if sufficient, or else out of the Land, and that the subsequent Direction that they should be paid within twelve Months after the Testator's Death, was saying no more than a Court of Equity would say without these Words, mere *Surplusage*, and therefore could make no Alteration. His Lordship said, the Case of *Jackson and Farrant, 2 Vern. 424.* and *Prec. in Chan. 109.* was a strong Case to this Purpose. *Ibid. 174.*

(a) His Honour made the like Determination in the Case of *Cowper and Scot ante. Ibid. 119. Vide P. Ca. of this Work.*

26. This Cause came by Appeal from the Rolls, where the Plaintiff's Bill was dismissed with Costs. And the Case was, that *Thornton*, Mrs. *Berry*'s Uncle, after devising the Interest of his personal to Defendant's Mother for her Life, and some Legacies, had these Words in his Will: "*And then as to the Residue, I give the same to my Niece, provided she marry with the Advice and Consent of Mr. Lyddell and Mr. Clark, and if she married otherwise, he devised the same to the Plaintiff Painter.*" *Clark* died in 1717; and afterwards in 1729 Mrs. *Berry* intermarried without any previous Application made to Mr. *Lyddell* the Survivor, and this Bill was brought to have the Residue paid to the Plaintiff. For the Plaintiff was cited 1 *Vent.* 199. and *Berty v. Falkland*, 2 *Vern.* that this was a Condition precedent; and tho' the Lady could not have the joint Consent of both Persons by reason of *Clark*'s Death, yet the Consent was a Condition precedent, and it was her Uncle's Intent to give them the Care over her, which she ought to have performed as near as she could. King Lord Chancellor: On the Death of the Defendant's Mother the Residue of the Testator's personal Estate vested in the Defendant, and could not go over to the Plaintiff, but in Case of her Marriage contrary to the Direction of the Will, if the Residue did not vest, the Testator as to this must be said to die intestate; the Proviso therefore is a Condition subsequent, and to divest an Interest; but the Death of Mr. *Clark* made the joint Consent impossible, and such Consent is not as was said an Interest that can survive, but a naked Power; and there can be no Doubt but a Condition subsequent becoming impossible by the Act of God, must be dispensed with. So the Decree was affirmed as to the principal Matter, and reversed only as to the Costs. May 6, 1732. *Painter and Berry et Ux' et al' Administrators of Thornton*, MS. Rep.

27. *Joseph Corbett* devised his personal Estate to his Wife for her Life, and gives several particular Legacies after her Death, and then declares that the Residue at her Decease, and after the Legacies paid, shall be divided among his Relations, viz. *A. B. C.* and *D.*——— *A.* and *B.* died in the Life-time of the Wife, and after her Decease the Administrator of *A.* and *B.* had a Decree for their Shares; for, by Talbot Lord C. the Time of Payment was future, but the Right to the Legacies vested upon the Death of the Testator. *Corbett and Palmer et Ux'*, East. 8 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.

28. "*I give to A. B. and C. 1000 l. apiece of my Capital Stock in the East-India Company, and the Interest thereof to them for their Use, and if any die, then to the Survivors or Survivor Share and Share alike; and my Meaning is, that the Interest shall be paid to their Father, to be improved for their Use.*" *C.* died an Infant, by which his Share survived to *A.* and *B.* Afterwards *B.* died. His Honour held, that the Share which *B.* took upon *C.*'s Death does not survive to *A.* but will go to *B.*'s Administrator, which was her Father; and his Honour said, had they not been distinct Legacies, it might have been another Question; but being entirely distinct, and not even so much as Tenants in Common, the Case is the same as that of *Barnes and Ballard*, before King C. June 1, 1727, where it was decreed for the Administrators, and agreed with Lord Chief Justice *Holt*'s Opinion, cited in the Case of *Woodward and Glasbrook*, 2 *Vern.* 388. And his Honour said, that this Share goes to the Administrator, by the Words *Share and Share alike*, which are tantamount to the Words *equally to be divided*. Trin. 1735. *Rudge and Barker*, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 124.

29. *John Cox* made his Will 23 Dec. 1729, and thereby (amongst other Things) devised as follows: *I give and bequeath to my Nephew Charles Cox, his Heirs and Assigns, all my Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in the Parish of Oddington in the County of Gloucester,* and (reciting that he had promised to give to his Niece — *Whaley* 500 *l.* to be paid to her within six Months after his Decease) he goes on, and says, *And my Will is, that my said Estate at Oddington shall stand charged with the said Sum of 500 l. to be paid at the Time aforesaid; and I have devised the said Estate to my Nephew Charles Cox, his Heirs and Assigns, upon Condition he pay the said Sum of 500 l. at the Time aforesaid.* He also gave to *Richard Plummer*, Gent. 300 *l.* to be paid within three Years next after the Testator's Death In Trust that he place the same out at Interest by the Direction of his Executor, and that the said *Plummer* should apply the Interest thereof to the separate Use of his said Niece — *Whaley*, for her Life, and after her Decease he gave 200 *l.* Part of the said 300 *l.* to *John Whaley*, Son of *Peter Whaley*, and the remaining Sum of 100 *l.* to another Son of the said *Peter Whaley*. Then the Will goes on, *And I do hereby charge all my said Messuages, Lands and Tenements, in Oddington, with the Payment of all and every the afore-mentioned Legacies, Annuities and Sums of Money, at the Times they are respectively given and appointed to be paid by this my Will;* and charges all his Messuages, Lands and Tenements, with and for the Payment thereof; and made the said *Charles Cox* (the Defendant) his Executor and residuary Legatee. The Testator died 14 Feb. 1730, and the Executor proved the Will. Mrs. *Whaley*, the Testator's Niece, and *John Whaley* the Plaintiff's Son, died before the three Years expired; and now *Peter Whaley*, the Father, as Administrator to his Son *John*, brings his Bill against the Defendant *Charles Cox*, to have the Legacy of 300 *l.* raised, and insists by the Bill, First, That the 500 *l.* was charged on the real Estate in the first Place, to which the Defendant is intitled as Heir at Law to the Testator; and that the 200 *l.* Legacy ought to be charged on the personal Estate in the first Place; and if that be not sufficient, then on the real Estate. Defendant *Cox*, by his Answer, says, he has paid the 500 *l.* to the Plaintiff; but with regard to the 200 *l.* he insists, as the Legatee died before the Time of Payment, it was a lapsed Legacy, and ought to sink into the Lands for the Benefit of the Defendant, who had not personal Assets to answer it. At the Hearing there were two Questions made, *First*, Whether this 500 *l.* was charged upon the real or personal Estate in the first Place? *Secondly*, Whether, if this 200 *l.* (the Plaintiff's Demand) is charged upon the personal Estate in the first Place, the real Estate shall be charged, as there is a Necessity to resort to the Land? Sir *Joseph Jekyll* Master of the Rolls, (after taking Time to consider of it): *First*, I am of Opinion the 500 *l.* ought to be taken as a Charge upon the Lands at *Oddington* in the first Place; and I believe that both the real and personal Estate is given to the same Person, subject to this Charge; and that the personal Estate will not be exempt, but come in Aid of the real Estate, according to the Case of *Doleman* and *Smith*, 2 *Vern.* 740. and *Prec. in Chan.* 156. The Testator doth not only charge his Lands at *Oddington* with this 500 *l.* as he doth with several Legacies and Annuities, but he distinguishes this 500 *l.* by devising these Lands to the Defendant in Fee, on Condition that he pay the 500 *l.* Now tho' this is a void Condition, as the Devisee is Heir at Law, and none but the Heir can take Advantage of a Condition, and so indeed is the Devise void for the

same Reason, and the Lands descend to the Defendant as Heir at Law; yet this *Particularity* in the Will serves to shew the Intention of the Testator that these Lands at *Oddington* should be appointed to the *Payment* of this 500 *l.* in the first Place, and not the personal Estate.

—As there will not be personal Assets to satisfy the Plaintiff's whole Demand, it makes it necessary to consider, *Secondly*, Whether the Plaintiff's Demand of 200 *l.* (it being necessary to resort to the Land) shall be a Charge upon the Land, or sink in the Land for the Benefit of the Heir? This is *primarily* a vested Interest; the 300 *l.* being given to *Richard Plummer* to be paid within three Years after the Testator's Death, vested an immediate Interest in him, for the Time of Payment is certain; the Length of Time before the Legacy is to be paid is not material, but the Certainty or Incertainty with respect to the Payment of it will determine whether it is a vested Interest or not. When the Day of Payment is certain, the Legacy is due at the Time of the Death of the Testator, tho' it is not to be paid before the Day comes, and if the Legatee dies before the Day of Payment, it will go to his Executors or Administrators. If a Legacy of 100 *l.* be given to be paid the Party at the Day of Marriage, there, the Time is uncertain; and there, if the Legatee dies before he is married, the Legacy shall not go to his Executors or Administrators. But if 100 *l.* is bequeathed to be paid at a certain Day to come, (*viz.*) next *Easter*, or next *Easter* three Years, there, it is a vested Interest, and shall go to the Representatives of the Party, tho' he dies before the Day of Payment. *Swinburne* 463. So that the Legacy vested in *Richard Plummer*, and he or his Representatives might, after three Years, have sued for the Legacy either in this or the Spiritual Court, tho' he was a Trustee for a Trustee, and may recover for the Benefit of the *Cestui que Trust*; the equitable Interest is in the *Cestui que Trust* as the legal Interest is in the Trustee. The Case of *Powlett* and *Powlett* was the Case of a Portion, which as it arose out of a real Estate, payable at a future Day, and the Child dying before the Time appointed, *viz.* at eight Years old, before the Portion was wanted, the Opinion of the Court was, that it should sink into the Land. But there is a material Difference between a Portion and a Legacy given by a Stranger or a collateral Relation; the first arises from a natural Obligation the Parent lies under to make a Provision for his Child, but the Legacy is a meer Act of Bounty. He relied upon the Case of *Wilson* and *Spencer*, and decreed the Legacy to be raised with *Interest* and *Costs*. 8 Mar. 1736-7. *Whaley* and *Cox*, MS. Rep.

30. *M. T.* by Will gives to *S. T.* and his Heirs, his Moiety of the Manor of *J.* and the Advowson and Right of Presentation, subject to the Settlement made on the Marriage of his Wife, so as the said *S. T.* and his Heirs do, within one Year next after the said Manor and Premises shall come into Possession, pay divers Sums to divers Persons therein named, and particularly to his Executors, and to *E. O.* and others, 100 *l.* each, and directs that the said *Manor and Premises* shall be charged with the Payment of the same; and after giving divers pecuniary Legacies, gives the Residue of his *real* and *personal* Estates (his Debts and Legacies being first thereout paid and discharged) to *T. T.* and the said *S. T.* whom he makes his Executors. *E. O.* died in the Life-time of the Testator's Wife the Jointress, who died in and Plaintiff, as Representative of *E. O.* brings her Bill against *T. T.* and *S. T.* to have *E. O.*'s Legacy given to her by the Will, and they admit Assets, but insist that this was not to be paid out of the personal Estate, and *S. T.* insists that this Sum of Money is not to be raised at

all, *E. O.* dying in the Life-time of the Jointress, and before the Premises came into his Possession. *Lord Chancellor* dismissed the Bill, saying, that the Direction of the Payment is the Gift, and the Time of Payment is annexed to the Gift; and the Party dying before, it is lapsed, and so here is no Gift (a). *Mich. 12 Geo. 2. Hall and Terry, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. c.) Ca. 36. P. 383.*

(a) It is plain the 100*l.* cannot take Place on this Will, for the Money is not made payable out of the personal

Estate, but chargeable only on the real. As to the Distinction between Annexing the Time to the Substance of a Legacy and the Payment of it, it is *not* allowed on Legacies charged on Land; but if there was any Thing in that Distinction, the Words of the Will will not bear it, for *here* is no Gift of the Money, but only a Direction to the Devisee to pay this Money when he shall be in Possession of the Premises; so that this is not like the Case of an original Gift of a Sum of Money, and where the Time of Payment is postponed, which is *Debitum in presenti Solvendum in futuro*; and if a Testator should direct an Executor to pay a Legacy, as this is, out of the personal Estate, and the Legatee should die before, his *Lordship* said, he should make no Doubt but that it would have been transmissible. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.*

31. Where a Sum of Money is given by Will to be paid out of the real Estate, and the Legatee dies *before* the Time of Payment, it shall sink into the Inheritance; and this is so whether the Money is given as a Portion, or not. *Per Lord Chancellor*, who said, that this is the general Rule of this Court. *Ibid.*

32. Where a Legacy is charged on Land and personal Estate, it shall so far partake of the Nature of a Sum of Money issuing out of Land, that if the Legatee dies *before* the Time of Payment, it shall not be raised. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.* who cited 2 *Vern. 416. Jennings and Rock, Duke of Chandos and Talbot, and Prouse and Abington.*

33. *A. B.* Plaintiff's Grandfather, had by his Will given 400*l.* among his younger Children, payable at twenty-one, and had subjected his real and personal Estate for the Payment of it; the personal Estate was sufficient. And the Question was, Whether the Legacy being to be raised out of a mixed Fund, and one of the Children dying before she came of Age, whether her Part of the Legacy was to sink for the Benefit of the real Estate, or was transmissible for the Benefit of the other Children? *Lord Chan. Hardwicke*: As there has been no Case cited, that where a Legacy has been made payable out of both personal and real Estate, and the personal sufficient, that the Legacy has been lost, I will not make such a Case, and indeed the Authorities are to the contrary; and cited 2 *Will. Rep. 276, 601. Mich. Vac. 1744. Anon. MS. Rep.*

Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (B. d.) Ca. 26. P. 391. cor' Lord Hardwicke in Lincoln's Inn, Dec. 19, 1744. S. C. in totidem verbis, and adds, that his Lordship said, if we were to determine otherwise, we must go into the Ecclesiastical Court for it,

(a) There are two Sorts of specifick Legacies, First, Where a certain individual Thing is given, as a

particular Horse. Secondly, Where a Thing of particular Species is given, without referring to any Individual of that Species, as a Horse in general. If the Testator has not the first Sort at his Death, the Legacy is lapsed; or if he has devised the same Thing to two Persons, without any Intention to revoke the first Bequest, they must hold it jointly; but in the latter Case, if the Testator was not possessed of what he has devised, the Executor must procure it.——If *A.* devises 5000 *l.* *South-Sea* Stock to *B.* and 5000 *l.* *South-Sea* Stock to *C.* and dies, leaving Assets, and but one 5000 *l.* Stock in Specie, the Executor shall purchase as much as will make up both the Legacies; said in *Partridge* and *Partridge* (b), by Lord *Talbot*; but resolved otherwise by Sir *J. Fajyl* in *Pearse* and *Snablin* (c); which Decree was reversed, on Appeal to Lord *Harwicke*; for in this Case he does not point out any particular Stock he then had, but only describes the Quantity of Stock which he then had, and would give to each Legatee. *MS. Notes.*

(b) *Quære* Term and Year.

(c) *Quære* Term and Year.

(B) Of specifick and pecuniary (a) Legacies;—
And here of abating and refunding by Legatees;—And in what Cases Security shall be given for the Payment of a Legacy.

1. **T**HE Suit was for a Legacy; the Defendants demanded Allowances for their own Legacies first; but it was denied, and ordered, that an Account be taken of the whole Estate, and the Defendants and Plaintiffs to abate *equally* and proportionably for what the Estate falls short; and so *not* like the Case where Executors pay their own Debts first at Common Law, or him that first sues his Debt in *equal* Degree, before the other. 1670. *Butler*, and *Wallis* and *Coole*, *Executors of Bowyer*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 134.

2. *J. S.* devised *all his personal Estate to his Wife for Life, and what she has left at the Time of her Death, it is my Will, and I do desire her that it may be equally divided between my own Kindred and hers.* Testator died; and the Widow married again. If the Estate be so small that she cannot live upon it without spending the Stock, it seems she shall *not* be obliged to give Security, *otherwise* she shall. *East.* 1697. *Cooper* and *Williams*, *cor' the Master of the Rolls*, *Prec. in Chan.* 71.

3. *A.* having pawned a Jewel for a Sum of Money, devised the Jewel to *B.* and made *C.* his Executor, and gave him all his Goods, Chattels and personal Estate, after his Debts and Legacies paid. And the Question was, Whether *B.* should pay the Debt for which the Jewel was pawned, or whether it should be paid out of the *personal* Estate by the Executor? And decreed that it should be paid out of the *personal* Estate, and that the Legatee should have the Jewel discharged of it. This Decree was affirmed in *Dom. Proc'*, as the Reporter says he was informed by Mr. *Crawford*, who was of Counsel in it. This was a *Scotch* Cause. *Hil.* 1703. *Anon.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 272. *Ca.* 341.

4. An Estate being considerably mortgaged, was devised to *A.* and several *specifick* Legacies were left to others. The Overplus is not sufficient to discharge the Debt. *Quære*, Whether the *specifick* Legacies shall contribute towards Discharging the Mortgage before the mortgaged Premises shall be affected? For the Covenant to pay the Money makes it a *personal* Estate, and the *real Estate* shall never be put in Average with the *personal*. 1706. *Warner* and *Hayes*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (A. e.) *Ca.* 5. *P.* 442.

Ibid. in *S. C.* says, that all the *specifick* Legacies shall contribute. *Ibid.*

His Lordship said, It was of some Weight, that these Annuities were

5. *A.* devises 3400 *l.* to be laid out by his Executor in Exchequer Annuities for ninety-nine Years Term, and to be enjoyed by his Wife for
to go to the Children after the Wife's Death, but especially as the Wife is a Purchaser of the Annuities for her Life by her releasing her Dower; and for that Money ordered by Will, or articulated to be laid out in an Annuity, is

for her Life, she releasing her Dower, and afterwards to go equally to his two Daughters B. and C. and bequeaths 1000 l. apiece to B. and C. payable, &c. And per Lord Chan. Cowper, The 3400 l. shall have the Preference, and if there be not Assets enough to pay the other Legacies, they must be lost. *Trin. 1710. Burrige and Bradyl, 1 Will. Rep. 127.*

is in Equity looked upon as an Annuity or Land, and consequently to take for a specifick Devise, and not a pecuniary

Legacy; and it is therefore to be preferred before a pecuniary Legacy (a). *Ibid.*

(a) Note; The Authority of this Decree was questioned by Lord Chan. Parker, *Trin. 1719.* in the Case of *Hinton and Pinke*, his Lordship saying, he could not come into Lord Cowper's Resolution. *Vide 1 Will. Rep. 541.*—The Legatee of 1500 l. to be laid out in the Purchase of Lands, has not a Right to the 1500 l. in Specie; indeed if the Money in such a Hand were devised, this would be a specifick Legacy. A specifick Legacy is where by the Assent of the Executor the Property of the Legacy would vest. Per Lord C. Parker, *Trin. 1719.* in the Case of *Hinton and Pinke*, 1 *Will. Rep. 540.* and his Lordship asked if it were possible, supposing there were 1500 l. of the Testator's Money lying upon the Table, that the Plaintiff the Legatee should say, *I have a Right to this very Money in Specie*; and if not, then it is no specifick Legacy. *Ibid.*

6. The Case may so happen, that a specifick Legacy shall be chargeable with the Payment of a pecuniary Legacy; as if a Man devises his personal Estate at D. to B. and his personal Estate at E. to C. and then gives 300 l. Legacy out of his personal Estate, and dies, leaving no other personal Estate than at D. and E. the 300 l. must come out of the Estate at large in both Places. Per Lord Chancellor (a), *Mich. 1714.* in the Case of *Sayer and Sayer* (b), *Prec. in Chan. 393.*

(a) But pecuniary Legatees shall have no

Aid of the specifick Legatees, especially if the pecuniary Legacies are devised generally and at large, without saying out of his personal Estate, and the Testator dies leaving no other personal, or out of all his personal Estate whatsoever, or Words to that Effect. *Ibid.*

(b) *Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 200. Ca. 9.*

7. If a Man by his Will gives several specifick Legacies, and devises the Residue of his Estate to B. and his Circumstances vary so that the residuary Part becomes very inconsiderable, yet the residuary Legatee must content himself with it, and shall have no Assistance from the specifick Legatees. Per Lord Chan. Cowper, (who said it had been so held several Times in this Court). *East. 1715.* in the Case of *Linguen and Souray*, *Prec. in Chan. 401.*

8. J. S. had a Wife and three Sons, and having a personal Estate of 20,000 l. by Will gave 3000 l. apiece to his two younger Sons, and the Surplus to his eldest, and made his Wife Executrix and Guardian to his Children, who were then all Infants. The Bulk of his personal Estate consisted in Stocks. Afterwards the Wife married L. who converted great Part of this Estate, and went beyond Sea; and the two younger Sons brought a Bill for their 3000 l. Legacies. And Lord Chan. Cowper directed the Master to take an Account of what was the clear personal Estate of the Testator at his Death, and it consisting but of few Items, his Lordship was of Opinion that the Testator must at the making of his Will know what his Surplus would amount unto after his Debts and Legacies paid, and that he meant the Surplus as a Legacy to his eldest Son; wherefore his Lordship declared that it ought to be looked upon as such, and directed the Master to compute Interest as well for what was the Surplus of the Testator's personal Estate at his Death, for the eldest Son, as for the two Legacies of 3000 l. apiece to the younger Sons, and if any of the three Sons had received any Part of their Father's personal Estate, the other two were in the first Place to receive as much, so as to put them all upon an equal Foot; and afterwards all the three Sons were to receive *Pari Passu* in respect of the Value of the Surplus given to the eldest, which was to be taken as a Legacy, and in regard to the Legacies of 3000 l. each to the two younger Sons. *Hil. 1715. Dyose and Dyose, 1 Will. Rep. 305.*

9. If the Executors of a Freeman of *London* prove insolvent, so that a Loss happen to the Estate, it shall be born out of the *Testamentary* Part only. *Per* Lord Chan. *Cowper*, *Trin.* 1715. in the Case of *Read and Duck*, *Prec. in Chan.* 409.

10. *J. S.* gives Legacies by his *Will*, and other Legacies by his *Codicil*, and the Lands are charged with the Legacies in the *Will* only, the *Codicil* not being attested by any Witness. His *Honour* decreed that the Legatees in the *Will* should be paid out of the real Estate, and if that should be deficient, they must as to the Surplus come in Average with the Legatees in the *Codicil*, to be paid out of the *personal* Estate; and there being admitted to be a Deficiency, that the Land should be forthwith sold to prevent a greater Deficiency; but that the *specifick* Legacies must be all paid, and not (a) abate in Proportion. But that *Charities* devised, tho' preferred by the *Civil* Law, ought to abate in Proportion; for they are but Legacies. *East.* 1718. *Masters and Masters*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 421, 422.

(a) *Vide Hinton and Pinke.*

The Testatrix having bequeathed

200 *l.* for a Monument for her Mother, it was objected, That that ought not to abate in Proportion, this being a Debt of *Piety* for the Memory of her Mother, from whom the Testatrix received the greatest Part of her Estate. And to this the *Court* inclined, but however reserved that Point. *Ibid.* 423.

11. As all the Legatees are on a Deficiency of Assets to be paid in Proportion, so if the Executor pays one of the Legatees, yet the rest shall make him refund in Proportion; nay, if one of the Legatees get a Decree for his Legacy, and is paid, and afterwards a Deficiency happens, the Legatee who recovered shall refund notwithstanding, in Imitation of the Spiritual Court, where a Legatee recovering his Legacy, is made to give Security to refund in Proportion, if, &c. (b) *Per* Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, *Mich.* 1718. *Anon.* 1 *Will. Rep.* 495.

(b) *Vide*
1 *Vern.* 26
and 93.

12. But if the Executor had at first enough to pay all the Legacies, and afterwards by his wasting the Assets, occasions a Deficiency, the Legatee who has recovered his Legacy has certainly the Advantage of his legal Diligence, which the other Legatees neglected by not bringing their Suit in Time, before the Wasting of the Executor; whereas, if they had commenced their Suit, they might have met with the like Success. *Et Vigilantibus non Dormientibus jura subveniunt.* *Ibid.*

13. Bill by an Executor against a Legatee to refund a Legacy voluntarily paid him by the Executor, the Assets falling short to satisfy the Testator's Debts. Decreed that the Defendant should refund to the Plaintiff, and that an Executor may bring a Bill against a Legatee to refund a Legacy voluntarily paid, as well as a Creditor; for the Executor paying a Debt of the Testator out of his own Pocket, stands in the Place of the Creditor, and has the same Equity against the Legatee, to compel him to refund, contrary to the Opinion in 2 *Vent.* 358. *Noell and Robinson*, and 2 *Vent.* 360. *Hodges and Waddington.* *Per* Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, *East.* 4 *Geo. Davis and Davis*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise*, (Q. d.) *Ca.* 35. *P.* 423.

14. As there is a Benefit one Way to a *specifick* Legatee, as that he shall not contribute to the Loss of a *pecuniary* Legatee, so there is an Hazard the other Way; for if such *specifick* Legacy (being a Lease) be evicted, or (being Goods) be lost or burnt, or (being a Debt) be lost by the Insolvency of the Debtor, in all these Cases such *specifick* Legatee shall have no Contribution from the other Legatees, and therefore shall pay no Contribution towards them. *Per* Lord Chan. *Parker*, in the Case of *Hinton and Pinke*, *Trin.* 1719. 1 *Will. Rep.* 540.

15. If a Freeman of *London* dies without Issue, his Wife is intitled by the Custom to the Moiety of her Husband's personal Estate *in Value*, but not *in Specie*. If such a Freeman makes his Will, and disposes of his whole Estate, without any Notice of the Custom, and gives several *specifick* Legacies and several *pecuniary* Legacies, and devises the *Residuum* to *A.* and the Widow waives her Legacy, and claims a Moiety of his *personal* Estate by the Custom, if the *Residuum* be sufficient to answer her Moiety, her Share shall be taken out of the *Residuum*; but if that fall short, then the *pecuniary* Legatees shall abate in Proportion; and if the *Residuum* and *pecuniary* Legacies be sufficient to answer her Moiety, the *specifick* Legatees shall *not* be brought in to contribute, but enjoy their Legacies entire. *Per Parker C. Trin. 5 Geo. Kitson and Robins, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. d.) Ca. 37. P. 423.*

16. *J. S.* bequeathed several *pecuniary* Legacies, and (*int' al'*) gave 1500*l.* to his eldest Son, *In Trust* to lay it out in a Purchase of Lands in Fee, and to grant a Rent-charge of 50*l. per Annum* thereout to *M.* his Daughter for her *separate Use*; but that if the Testatrix's eldest Son should refuse or neglect to lay out 1500*l.* in the Purchase of Lands, and grant this Rent-charge, then he to have but 500*l.* of the Money, and the remaining 1000*l.* to be laid out in the Purchase of an Annuity, as far as it would go, for the separate Use of *M.* There being a Deficiency of Assets, the Question was, Whether the 1500*l.* Legacy, or at least the 50*l.* a Year Annuity, should abate in Proportion? Lord Chan. *Parker* agreed that this 1500*l.* Legacy should be taken as Land, but that the Legatee of the 1500*l.* cannot say he has a Right to the 1500*l.* in *Specie*; if the Money *in such a Hand* were devised, this would be a *specifick* Legacy. A *specifick* Legacy is where by the Assent of the Executor the Property of the Legacy would vest; and if upon Supposition that 1500*l.* of the Testator's Money was lying on the Table the Legatee cannot say, *I have a Right to this very Money in Specie*, it is no *specifick* Legacy. That the Will saying, that in Case of the Son's refusing or neglecting to make this Purchase, then he is to have but 500*l.* of the 1500*l.* and *M.* the remaining 1000*l.* therefore his Lordship took *M.* to be a Legatee for 1000*l.* which is to abate in Proportion, and as far as it will go to be laid out in an Annuity for *M.* for her Life, and for her separate Use. And his Lordship said, that he could not come into the Resolution of Lord Chan. *Cowper*, in the Case of *Burridge and Bradyl (a)*. *Trin. 1719. Hinton and Pinke, 1 Will. Rep. 539.*

(a) Vide P. 552. Ca. 5.

17. (b) *J. S.* seized in Fee of Lands, and also of some Copyholds, which he had *not* surrendered to the Use of his Will, and being indebted by Bond, in which his Heirs were bound, by his Will devised his Freehold Lands to *B.* in Fee, without charging them with his Debts and Legacies, and gave his Copyhold Lands to *C.* in Fee, *In Trust* to sell to pay his Debts and Legacies; and having given a Legacy of 500*l.* to *D.* died, leaving *E.* his Executor. *D.* brought his Bill for his Legacy. And Lord *Harcourt* decreed that as to so much of the *personal* Estate as was exhausted by the Bond Debt, *D.* should stand in the Place of the Bond Creditor against the Land, and that the Freehold Estate should be liable, in Default of personal Assets, to pay the Legacy. But upon Appeal, Lord *Parker* (having taken Time

(a) It is a Rule, that if one gives a *specifick* Legacy of an Horse or a Diamond, and also a *pecuniary* Legacy of 500*l.* to *B.* and there are not Assets to pay both, still the *specifick* Legatee shall be preferred, to and have his whole Le-

gacy; for were the Executor to make him contribute towards the *pecuniary* Legacy, this would be *pro tanto* to make such *specifick* Legatee buy his Legacy, against the manifest Intention of the Testator; and if a *specifick* personal Legatee shall not contribute towards a *pecuniary* Legacy, much less shall a *specifick* Devisee of Land. That in the present Case, the Testator had appointed a Fund for the Payment of the Legacies, *viz.* the

the Copyhold Estate, and tho' that had failed for want of a Surrender, the Consequence would be, that the Fund failing, the Legacy must also fail. Indeed the Bond Creditor might elect to have his Debt out of the Assets in the Hands of the Heir or Rep. 678.

to consider of it) *reversed* that Part of the Decree; for tho' Equity will *marshal Assets in Favour of a Legatee* as well as of a simple *Contract Creditor*, yet every *Devisee of Land is a specifick Legatee*, and shall not be broken in upon, or made to contribute towards a *pecuniary Legacy*; and had the Testator devised the 500 *l.* to *A.* and a Term of five hundred Years to *B.* without leaving Assets to pay the 500 *l.* still the *specifick Legatee* of the Lease ought to prevail, without contributing towards the *pecuniary Legatee*; and if such *pecuniary Legatee* shall not break in upon a *specifick Legatee* of a Term, *a fortiori* he shall not disappoint the Will as to a Devise in Fee, which is more to be favoured than a Devise of a Term, in regard it is with *more Difficulty* that a Court of Equity in any Case *breaks in upon*, or *charges, a real Estate (a).* *Mich. 1720. Clifton and Burt, 1 Will. Rep. 678.*

of the Devisee, but in such Case the Heir or Devisee should have Relief, *viz.* to stand in the Place of the Bond Creditor, and reimburse himself out of the personal Estate. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, ibid. 679, 680.*

(a) *Note*; The Decretal Order in the Case of *Hern and Merrick (b)* was produced, whereby it appeared that Lord Harcourt did not then determine *this Point*, but reserved it for farther Consideration. *Ibid. 681.*

(b) *1 Will. Rep. 201.*

18. The Testator having two Sons and a Daughter, by Will gives 2000 *l.* apiece to his Sons, and 2000 *l.* to his Daughter, payable at twenty-one, or Marriage, *Proviso*, That if Assets shall fall short, still the Daughter shall be paid her full Legacy, and that the Abatement shall be born proportionably out of the Sons Legacies only. The Testator leaves Assets to pay all the Legacies, but the Executrix (the Testator's Wife) wasted them, and by that Means a Deficiency happened. Decreed *per* his Honour, that in this Case the Daughter ought to abate in Proportion. But on Appeal to Lord Chan. Parker this Decree was reversed; and decreed the Daughter to have her full Portion, and the Abatement (on Account of the Deficiency of Assets) to be made out of the Sons Legacies. *Mich. 1720. Marsh and Evans, 1 Will. Rep. 668.*

19. J. S. seised of an Estate in Fee, which he had mortgaged for 500 *l.* and possessed of a Leasehold, devised the *former* to his eldest Son in Fee, and the *latter* to M. his Wife, and died, leaving Debts, which would exhaust all his *personal Estate*, except the Leasehold given to M. The Question was, Whether there being (as usual) a Covenant to pay the Mortgage Monies, the Leasehold Premises devised to M. should be liable to discharge the Mortgage? His Honour (after taking Time to consider of it, and being attended with Precedents) decreed that as the Testator had charged his *real Estate* by this Mortgage, and also *specifically* bequeathed the Leasehold to his Wife, the Heir shall not disappoint her Legacy, by laying the Mortgage Debt upon it, as he might have done had it *not* been *specifically* devised; and tho' the mortgaged Premises were also *specifically* given to the Heir, yet he must take them *cum onere*, as probably they were intended; and that by this Construction (c) each Devise would take Effect. And that this Resolution did not in the least interfere with that of *Clifton and Birt*, because in the *latter* there was *no Mortgage*. *Hil. 1720. Oneale and Meade, 1 Will. Rep. 693.*

(c) *Vide Long and Short, 1 Will. Rep. 403.*

1 Will. Rep. 700. Trin. 1721. S. C. but differently stated. Vide P. Ca. of this Work.

20. A. devises his real and personal Estate to his four Daughters, and *their Heirs, Executors and Administrators*. One of the Daughters died. Decreed that her Share shall go in the same Manner as a *real Estate* to the surviving Daughters. *Per Lord Chancellor*, who cites it as the Case of *Blackwell and Dry, Trin. 1721. Prec. in Chan. 567.*

21. J. S. gave 60*l.* apiece to his Executors for their Care and Pains, and 3*l.* apiece to the Poor of three several Parishes, and 5*l.* apiece to his Servants, and at the End of the Will, apprehending, as he said, there would be a considerable Surplus of his personal Estate, gives further Legacies. After this he makes a Codicil, whereby he gave several other Legacies, and provided thereby that if a Deficiency should happen, then 200*l.* given by his Will for rebuilding a Chapel for St. John's College in Cambridge should not take Effect, but only so much as should be thought necessary should be laid out in beautifying the old Chapel there. There happened to be a great Deficiency of Assets by reason of the Fall of *South-Sea* Stocks. Upon which it was decreed *per* his Honour, that the Legacies given at the latter End of the Will being upon a Presumption that there would be a Surplus, and there happening to be none, the former Legacies in the Will should be preferred, and those in the latter End should be lost, and also the Legacies in the Codicil should abate in Proportion; and that the Charity Legacies (a), being but Legacies, must abate in Proportion, notwithstanding that by the Civil Law Charity Legacies have the Preference to all others. But with respect to the 3*l.* given to the Poor, &c. these the Court looked upon as Part of the Funeral, and as *Doles* at the Funeral, and therefore held that no Abatement ought to be made out of them; but the Legacies of 5*l.* apiece given to the Servants were to abate in Proportion. *East.* 1722. *Attorney General and Robins*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 23.

(a) *Vide Attorney General and Hudson, Tate and Austin, and Masters and Masters.*

22. Where several Legacies are given out of Bonds, Securities, &c. and these fall deficient, there shall be an Abatement amongst them only, and not affect other Legatees; where there are several pecuniary Legatees they must abate in Proportion; but no specifick Legatee, except in Case of his Legacy. *Per* his Honour, *Hil. Vac.* 1723. *Anon. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. d.) Ca.* 39. *P.* 424.

23. Specifick Legacies were left to A. to be paid him after the Death of B. the Executrix. Decreed *per Cur'*, That B. should give Security that the specifick Legacies should be paid after her Death. *East.* 10 *Geo.* 1. *Burdett and Young*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 93. — Affirmed in *Dom. Proc.* *Ibid.* 94.

24. The Testator devised several specifick Legacies to several Persons, and in particular he devised specifick Legacies to each of his Grandchildren, to be paid at their respective Ages of twenty-one, or Days of Marriage; and by a subsequent Clause in his Will, he appoints that all the Legacies thereby devised, should be paid within one Year after his Decease. The Grandchildren, tho' under Age and unmarried, exhibited their Bill, and insisted, That by Virtue of this last Clause their Legacies ought to be paid within a Year after the Death of the Testator. *Per Cur'*, The subsequent Clause in this Will, which seemingly contradicts the Payment of the Legacies to the Grandchildren in Point of Time, must be construed so as it may not be repugnant to any former Clause in the same Will; and therefore that last Clause must only relate to the other specifick Legacies given to the other Legatees, and not to the Legacies devised to the Grandchildren. *Trin.* 11 *Geo.* 1. *Adams and Clarke*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 154.

25. J. S. possessed of a Term for Years, and a Fortune in Money, made his Will, and left all his Children pecuniary Legacies, payable at different Times; and after the Decease of his Wife, he devised one Moiety of the Term to his Son B. and the other Moiety to his Son C. And then came this Clause: "And if any of my Children die before their Portion becomes payable, then that to fall equally between my Wife and

“*the surviving Children.*” *B.* died in the Life-time of the Wife. The Question was, Whether his Moiety of the Term should be divided among the Wife and the surviving Children? It was *resolved* by Lord Chan. King, That as in common Parlace Portion is not said of a Term, and there being *pecuniary* Legacies on which it may operate, the Word (*payable*) shall be applicable to and be confined to that; this Contingency of the Wife’s dying, might happen when the Sons were very old, and long after the Money became payable; and the Sons, by this Contingency hanging over them, could not dispose of their Interest for the Advantage, or perhaps the Necessities of their Families, which would therefore be to their Prejudice, which could not be supposed to be done by a Father. *East. 11 Geo. 1. Richards and Cock, Select Cases in Chan. 12.*

In this Case the Executor by his Cross Bill prayed to

be repaid the Legacies which thro’ *Misrepresentation* he had paid, *the Assets being beyond Sea.* But Lord King taking Notice that no *Fraud* or *Misrepresentation* appearing to have been made Use of by the Legatees, to whom these Payments had been made, and there being much more Reason to think that the Executor was better informed concerning the Testator’s Circumstances than the Legatees, his *Lordship* would order no Refunding or Costs on either Side, it being a hard Case. *Ibid. 296, 297.*

27. *J. S.* on the Marriage of *M.* his Niece with *B.* by Articles agreed, that he would at the Time of his Death leave 30 *l.* a Year in Lands to the Heirs of the Body of the said *M.* by *B.* and to their Heirs, provided, that if there should be more than one Child of the Marriage, then *J. S.* should be at Liberty to dispose of this 30 *l. per Annum* to such of the Children of *M.* as he should think fit; and in the Beginning of the Articles it was said, to be for the better Advancement of the said *B.* and *M.* his intended Wife, and the Issue of the Marriage. Afterwards *J. S.* makes his Will, and thereby devises an Estate to his younger Niece *D.* and adds, “*That if the Estate given to D. should prove of greater Value than what he had before given to his Niece M. then so much should be taken from his Niece D. and be refunded to M. as should make them equal.*” Objected, That what *M.*’s Children were intitled to by the Marriage Articles could not be taken as given to *M.* But Lord Chan. King held clearly, that what by the Marriage Articles was provided for the Children of *M.* ought to be looked upon as Part of the Provision for *M.* and as done for her, since it was doing that for her Children, which otherwise she or her Husband would have been obliged to do themselves. *Hil. 1725. Thomas and Bennet, 2 Will. Rep. 341, 343.*

3 Will. Rep. 384. S. C. on an Appeal from a Decree at the Rolls, and says, his Lordship observed, First, That tho’ specific Legacies have in some Respects the Advan-

tage of those that are *pecuniary*, so as to be paid *in toto*, and not in Average, on a Deficiency of Assets; yet in other Respects they are distinguished to their (a) Disadvantage from *pecuniary* Legacies; as suppose they shall have been *lost* or *aliened* by the Testator in his Life-time, they must then fail *in toto.* *Ibid. 385.*
(a) *Vide* the Case of *Hinton and Pinke, P. 554. Ca. 14.*

29. *A.* bequeathed 500 *l.* Bank Stock to *B.* and 500 *l.* Bank Stock to *C.* whereas he had only 500 *l.* Bank Stock in the whole. It was insisted that the Testator probably intended to buy another 500 *l.* Bank Stock,

Stock, and that there being Affets left sufficient over and above all Debts and Legacies to answer both 500 *l.* both ought to be made good out of the Estate. And Lord *Hardwicke* was either of the same Opinion, or decreed accordingly. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Q. d.)* by way of *Note* to *Ca. 1. P. 418.*

Mr. *Viner* says, he thinks that he was

informed that this was *first* at the *Rolls*, and after that Lord *Hardwicke* held or decreed accordingly; and that this was about *Michaelmas* or *Trinity Term 1738.* *Ibid.*

30. Where a Legacy is given to Executors for Care and Pains, it is wrong that that Case should receive a different Determination from the Case of a Legacy being given to Executors generally, in which it is admitted that the Executors ought to abate in Proportion with the other Legatees; and where a Legacy is given to Executors generally, it is understood to be for their Care and Pains; and when these Words are expressed in the Will, *declaring that the Legacy is given for their Care and Pains*, they are rather the Words of the Drawer of the Will, than the Maker of it; for which Reason, the making a Difference between one Case and the other, would be to make a Distinction on too slight a Foundation; and tho' the Bequest is expressed *to be for Care and Pains*, yet still it is but a Legacy which must proceed from the Bounty of the Testator. It is not to be considered as a Debt or Contract, for the *Care and Trouble of the Executor* is only the Motive on which the Testator exercises his Bounty by way of Legacy; and let the Motive or the Bounty be what it will, whether past and executed, or *future* and *executory*, it is all the same; an Executor, when he proves the Will, may be supposed in some Measure to know the State of the Testator's Affairs; and if he does prove the Will, he takes the Legacy subject to the Contingency of abating, in Case the Estate proves deficient. *East. 1741. Herne and Herne, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 435, 436.*

(C) Of the Time of Payment of a Legacy.

1. IF a Legacy be given to an Infant to be paid at his Age of twenty-one, and the Executor to pay Interest for it until it become payable; if the Infant die *before* twenty-one, it is due presently to the Executor or Administrator of the Infant; but if no Interest was to be paid for it, then it shall *not* be paid until such Time as the Infant would have come to twenty-one in Case he had lived, because there it is a Benefit the Testator intended to the Executor by keeping it in his Hands; but in the other Case it could be none, when Interest was payable. *Hil. 1680. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 64.*

2. If a Legacy be given to a young Girl *when she marries*, and she marries before she is *Viri Potens*, she shall *not* have it, for it must be intended a compleat Marriage. *Per Wright Lord Keeper, Hil. 1700. in the Case of Yates and Fettyplace, 2 Freem. Rep. 244.*

3. A *personal* Legacy shall be paid presently, tho' the Child dies before the appointed Time. *Per Lord Keep. Wright, East. 1702. in the Case of Brewen and Brewen, Prec. in Chan. 196.*

4. J. S. by Will gives certain Lands to be sold for the Payment of his Debts, and the Residue he gives to M. his Wife for Life, and after her Death to T. his Son, his Heirs and Assigns for ever; provided, that if T. should depart this Life without Issue of his Body, then he gave to his two God-Daughters (the Plaintiffs) 200 *l.* to be equally divided between them, and paid out of the Estate last mentioned within six Months

¹ Will. Rep. 198.
² Vern. 686.

Months after the Decease of the Survivor of his said Wife and his Son T. by such Person as should inherit or enjoy the same; and for Non-payment thereof he gave the Estate to his said God-Daughters for Payment thereof. The Testator dies, and his Widow dies. T. enters upon the Lands last mentioned, and levies a Fine, and settles the Lands upon his Wife for a Jointure, and his Heirs by her; and for want of such Issue, to his own right Heir; and he having one Child, a Daughter, by that Marriage, he by Will gives the Estate to his Wife S. and her Heirs, after the Death of his said Daughter, and then dies, leaving his Wife and one Daughter living; and then the Daughter dies. And S. the Widow, having the Land for her Life by the Settlement, and the Inheritance thereof by the Will of T. she afterwards marries Defendant, by whom she had Children, and then she dies, and the Defendant enjoys the Land by the Curtesy of England. The Bill was for a Satisfaction of the 200 l. And the Question was, *Whether the Legacy was payable by reason T. left Issue at his Death, or whether it did not become payable at any Time upon the Failure of Issue of T.?* And Lord Keep. Harcourt was of Opinion, That the Legacy was *not* payable; taking the Meaning of the Words of the Will to be, that if T. should have no Issue living at his Death, then to be paid; for that the Testator having limited it to be paid in six Months after the Death of the Survivor, which, if it should be interpreted to be paid upon the Failure of Issue of T. that might be many Years after; but told the Plaintiffs, that as the Estate was devised for Payment of the Debts, they might and should have the Liberty to bring an Ejectment and try it, and he would retain the Bill in the mean Time. An Ejectment was brought to try it at the Assizes, but the Plaintiffs would not pro-

(a) This Decree was afterwards reversed in *Dom. Proc.* *Ibid.* *East. 11 Ann. Nicholls et al' and Hooper, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (G. d.) Ca. 29. P. 402. cites it as from a MS. Rep.*

5. "I give all my personal Estate to my Wife, and to both my Grandchildren 100 l. apiece if they arrive at the Age of twenty-one Years, or Marriage." These Legacies are payable at twenty-one, or Marriage, and is *not* to wait the Death of the Wife. *East. 10 Geo. 1. Burdet and Young, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 93.*

6. J. S. bequeathed 100 l. to A. payable at twenty-one, and in the mean Time A. to have the yearly Sum of ———, which did not amount to the Interest of the Legacy given to him. A. died before twenty-one, and the Question was, Whether the Executors of A. should be paid this Legacy presently, or wait until such Time as A. would, if he had lived, have attained twenty-one? And Lord Chief Justice Raymond, Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, and Lord Chief Justice Eyre, held *unanimously* (after Time taken to consider of

(b) *Vide 2 Will. Rep. 478. Laundy and Williams, and the Distinction there taken between the Executors or Administrators of a Legatee dying before the Day of Payment and the Devise over.* it) That the Executors of A. should (b) wait for their Legacy 'till such Time as their Testator should, in Case he had lived, have attained twenty-one, it being unreasonable that A.'s Executors, standing in his Place, should be in a better Condition than A. himself would have been, had he been living; and that it was to be presumed that J. S. had made a Computation of his Estate, and considered when the same would best bear and allow of the Payment of this Legacy; and that there could be no Reason given why an *uncertain* Accident should accelerate the Payment of this Legacy before the Time which was at first intended for that Purpose (c). *Hil. 1725. Chester and Painter, upon an Appeal to the King in Council from a Decree in the Court*

(c) See of *Chancery* in the Island of *Antigua*, 2 *Will. Rep. 335, 337.*

Resolution 2 *Vern. 94, 199. but 1 Lev. 277. Lady Lodge's Case cont.*

7. A Devise was *In Trust* that the Devisees shall have the Profits of the Land when they come of Age; they have a Right to it in their Minority, at least to so much thereof as may be sufficient for their Support and Maintenance; and what is not then paid, shall go to their Administrators. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Bateman and Roach, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 104.*

8. J. S. devised several *specifick* Legacies to several Persons, and in particular he devised *specifick* Legacies to each of his Grandchildren, *to be paid at their respective Ages of twenty-one, or Days of Marriage*, which should first happen; and by a subsequent Clause appoints, that all the Legacies thereby devised, shall be paid within one Year after his Decease (a). *Per Cur'*, The subsequent Clause in the Will, which seemingly contradicts the Payment of the Legacies to the Grandchildren in Point of Time, must be construed so as it may not be repugnant to any former Clause in the same Will; and therefore that *last Clause* must only relate to the other *specifick* Legacies given to the other Legatees, and not to the Legacies devised to the Grandchildren. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Adams and Clerke, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 154.*

(a) The Grandchildren, tho' under twenty-one, and unmarried, brought their Bill, and insisted, that by the last Clause their Legacies ought to be paid within one Year, &c.

9. A. by Will gives a Legacy to his Son B. at twenty-one, and if he died before, then to go over to C. and D. (two other Children).—Testator dies, and B. dies before twenty-one. And the Bill is brought by C. and D. (who are also Infants) for this Legacy. And the Question was, Whether this Legacy should wait 'till B. would have been twenty-one (if he had lived), or should be paid immediately? *Lord Chancellor* at the first Hearing declared, that if this had been a *substantive* vested Legacy, and no Clause of Survivorship or Limitation over, it must according to the late Authorities have waited 'till B. the Legatee would have been twenty-one, and would not have been recoverable sooner by the Executors, because that would be to accelerate the Payment sooner than the Donor intended it; and it seems here C. and D. are substituted only in the Place of the Executors of B. His *Lordship* thought, that tho' the Legacy is given to B. at twenty-one, yet it is a vested Legacy, and the same as if it had been given to be paid at twenty-one, all the Legacies to the other Children being given in that Manner; and this small varying of the Expression does not sufficiently shew that the Testator intended any Difference. But *Note*; And it seems this Point is not material to the main Question as to Time of Payment over; for whether vested or not, it was plainly to go over upon the Legatee's dying before twenty-one, which happened. At another Day his *Lordship* declared, that tho' he could see no real Difference between a *Devisee over* and an *Executor or Administrator*, yet as there was a modern Precedent to the contrary, and that the *Devisee over* should be paid presently, and that the Executor should wait, &c. he thought he was bound by that Precedent; and said, that so long ago as the Time of E. 6. in *And. Rep.* such a *Devisee over* maintained an Action, &c. And 25 July 1728 his *Lordship* decreed that the Legacy should be paid immediately, without waiting 'till B. should have been twenty-one. And cited *Papworth and Moor, 2 Vern. 283.*

Mr. Solicitor General pro *Quer'*, cited 2 *Vern.* 347. *Leon.* 278. and argued, that the Difference was between an *Executor* and a *Devisee over*,

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for that in Case of such a Legacy *vested*, and the Legatee died before twenty-one, there the Executor should wait, and not be paid the Legacy 'till the Legatee would have been twenty-one, if he had lived; because the Executor claiming under the Legatee, can be in no better Condition than the Legatee himself would have been, &c. And that the Executor should thus expect, was lately resolved in a Plantation (b) Cause before the Lords of the Council, upon a Reference to the two Chief Justices and the Master of the Rolls. But it is otherwise in Case of a *Devise over*, for the *Devisee over* does not claim or come in under the Legatee, but his Right accrues immediately upon the Contingency happening, viz. the Death of the first Legatee before twenty-one. *Ibid.*

(b) Viz. the Case of *Chester and Chester, P. Ca.*

(a) 2 Will. (which was in Point), and 1 And. 33. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (G. d.)*
Rep. 478. Landy and Williams (a), Ca. 35. P. 404.

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Williams, Trin. 1728. S. C. states it, that J. S. gave to A. 230 l. to B. 210 l. to C. (yet an Infant) 210 l. and to D. 150 l. all payable at their respective Ages of twenty-one, Proviso, that if any of the Legatees should die before his, her, or their respective Ages of twenty-one, then the Legacy or Legacies of him, her or them, so dying, should be paid to the Survivors or Survivor of such Legatees. D. and A. attained to twenty-one, and were paid their Legacies. B. died an Infant, and A. and D. who had attained their Ages of twenty-one, brought their Bill against the Testator's Widow and Executrix, to have their two Thirds of B.'s 210 l. paid over to them, C. being yet an Infant of about twelve Years old. Lord Chan. King, on the Authorities cited *pro Quer'*, viz. 2 Vern. 199. 1 And. 33. 2 Vern. 283. *Papworth and Moor*, and the Case of *Chester and Painter*, (P. Ca.) varied the Decree which he had before pronounced, and ordered two Thirds of this 210 l. to be paid to Plaintiffs (the Brother and Sister of the deceased Legatee) and gave Interest for their two Thirds from the Death of the Infant Legatee; for tho' it was objected, That this being a new Legacy, the Executrix ought to have a Year's Time for the Payment of it; yet the Court held, That must be intended to be from the Death of the Testator; whereas in this Case the Testator had been dead several Years. *Ibid. 481.* The Reporter adds, by way of Note, That the Rule in Equity seems by this Resolution to be settled accordingly. *Ibid. 481.*—1 Vol. *Abr. Eq. 299. Trin. 1728. Ca. 3. S. C.* (as a MS. Case) but not so fully reported.

10. Lord Dover by Will dated 14 Jan. 1707, devised several Houses, Ground Rents, &c. both in Possession and Reversion, to *Folkes et al'*, Upon Trust that they and the Survivor of them should (as soon as conveniently they might or could) sell and dispose of all the said Houses and Premises to them devised, both in Possession and Reversion, for the best Price that could be got for the same, and out of the Monies arising by such Sale, or by the Rents and Profits in the mean Time, should pay several Legacies thereby given to several Persons, which are directed to be paid within six Months after his Death; and after Payment of the said Legacies, and reimbursing the said Trustees their Charges, to put all the Remainder of the Monies to be raised by Sale of the Premises into five equal Parts or Shares, and out of the first fifth Part to pay unto the four youngest Daughters of his Niece Lady D'Avers 1000 l. apiece at their respective Ages of twenty-one, or Days of Marriage, which should first happen; and to pay the Residue of the said fifth Part to the proper Hands of Lady D'Avers, or as she should direct, for her own proper Use, and her Receipt alone to be sufficient for the same. And to pay another fifth Part to his Niece Lady D'Ewes, after Payment thereof of 1000 l. apiece to her younger Children, in like Manner. And to pay the three other Fifths to his three other Nieces, in like Manner. And if any of his said Nieces should happen to die before any Dividend should be made of the Sum or Sums of Money to be raised by Sale or Sales, he appoints, that all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which should or ought to have come and been paid to his said Nieces, in Case they had lived, should, in Case of their dying, be paid by his Trustees to and amongst all and every the younger Children of his said Nieces Sons and Daughters, in equal Proportions, which should be alive at the Time the Dividends are or ought to be paid by the Intent of this his Will; the Sums so to be divided to be paid as soon as they are raised. In which Distribution of the Sums of Money intended for his said Nieces, Care is to be taken that the younger Children of his said Nieces do only claim and take the Share and Part intended for their own Mother, in Case she had lived, and no more; and that after so much Money was raised as would pay the Legacies given by him, which were precedent in Point of Payment to the Legacies intended for his Nieces and their Children, that then and so often as 1000 l. was raised by Virtue of the Trust aforesaid, that the said Money should from Time to Time be put out at Interest upon Land Security by his Trustees, or the Survivor of them, and the Monies which arise and come from the Interest thereof should be added to the Principal, to the Increase of the Sums intended for his said Nieces and their Children

Children respectively. Lord *Dover* died 5 *April* 1708. Lady *D'Ewes* died soon after, *before any Sale made, or Bill brought for Execution of the Trust*, leaving two Sons and four Daughters, *A. B. C. D. E. and F.* all Infants. Soon after the Death of Lady *D'Ewes*, Sir *R. D'Avers* and *D.* his Lady, one of the Nieces of Lord *Dover*, and all her younger Children then living, together with the younger Children of Lady *D'Ewes* and others, exhibited their Bill in this Court against the Trustees to have the Trust Estate sold, and that the Money arising thereby might be divided according to the Directions of the Will. And it was decreed (a), that the Estate devised to be sold, should be sold (a) 28 July 1709. to the best Purchaser, and the Money to be divided and paid in such Manner and to such Persons, and subject to such Contingencies, as the Will directs. Pursuant to the said Decree, several Parts of the Trust Estate were sold, and the several Legacies by the Will given and directed to be paid in six Months, and also the several Legacies of 1000 *l.* apiece given to the Daughters of the Testator's Nieces were all paid. Lady *D'Avers* died intestate, leaving eight Children, *scil'*, three Sons and five Daughters; a great Part of the Trust Estate still remaining unsold. The younger Children of Lady *D'Avers* exhibited (b) their Bill against (b) East. 1726; *Folkes* the surviving Trustee, and the younger Children of the other Nieces of the Testator, to revive the former Suit and Proceedings. And it was decreed (c), that it be referred to the Master to take an Account of the several Contracts made for the Sale of the Trust Estate, (c) 9 July 1727. pursuant to the former Decree, since the Death of Lady *D'Avers*, and of the Times when such Contracts were made, and for what Sums respectively, and what younger Children of Lady *D'Avers* and Lady *D'Ewes* respectively were alive at the making of the Contracts for such Sales, and that one fifth Part of the Money arising by such Contracts respectively be paid to the younger Children of Lady *D'Avers* who were living at the Time of making such Contracts, and if any of them are since dead, to their Representatives; and that one other fifth Part of the Monies arising by such Contracts respectively be paid to the younger Children of Lady *D'Ewes* who were then living, and if any of them are since dead, to their Representatives; and that the Trust Estate remaining unsold be forthwith sold according to the former Decree; and that one fifth Part of the Monies arising thereby be paid equally to the younger Children of Lady *D'Avers* as shall be living at the Time of such Sale, and that the other fifth Part be paid to the Defendants the younger Children of Lady *D'Ewes*, or to such of them as shall be living at the Time of such Sale; the other Fifths arising by such Sale to be paid according to the Will of Lord *Dover*.—*H.* married *F.* one of the Daughters of Lady *D'Ewes*. She attained her Age of twenty-one 6 July 1721, and died in April 1725, leaving Issue one Son; and *H.* took out Administration to her, and thinking himself aggrieved by the said Decree, petitioned to have the Case reheard, and insisted that his Wife's Right was a vested Interest by the Death of her Mother Lady *D'Ewes*, and that he in Right and as Representative of his Wife, is intitled by Virtue of the Will and former Decree, to his Wife's Proportion of her Mother's Share of the Monies arising and to arise by Sale of the Trust Estate. This Cause was solemnly argued before King C. assisted by *Raymond C. J.* and *Mr. B. Comyns*. The Question did arise on the Clause of *Survivorship* in the Will, *scil'*, “ *If any of my said Nieces shall happen to die before any* “ *Dividend can be made of the Sum or Sums of Money to be raised by* “ *Sale or Sales of the Houses and Premises directed to be sold, I appoint* “ *that all and every the Sum and Sums of Money which should or ought* “ 22

“ to have come and been paid to my said Nieces in Case they had lived,
 “ shall, in such Case of their dying, be paid by my said Trustees to and
 “ amongst all and every the younger Children of my said Nieces, Sons
 “ and Daughters, in equal Portions, which shall be alive at the Time
 “ the Dividends are or ought to be made, by the Intent of this my Will;
 “ and the Sums so to be divided to be paid as soon as they are raised.”

(a) Per Mr.
 B. Conyns,
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 Question
 arises upon
 the Clause of
 Survivorship,
 yet the whole

(a) Decreed that the Monies raised or to be raised by the Sale of the Trust Estate to be equally divided between the younger Children of Lady D'Avers and Lady D'Ewes respectively, or their Representatives, pursuant to the Directions of the Will. *Trin. 3 Geo. 2. D'Avers et al' and Folkes et al', and Helmes and D'Avers, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (G. d.) Ca. 36. P. 405.*

Will ought to be taken into Consideration. Lord Dover directs the Trust Estate both in Possession and Reversion to be sold so soon as conveniently it might or could; so it is plain he intended the Reversion should be sold, and not to defer the Sale 'till it came into Possession, which did not happen 'till the Death of Lady Dover, who died in 1726, and tho' it may be difficult to tie up the Sale on any precise and certain Time, no certain Time being fixed by the Testator, yet the Court must fix some reasonable Time or other for the Sale, or set some Bounds to the Trustees for a Sale, which they ought not to exceed; and he thought the utmost Period of the Time for the Sale cannot exceed the Time that the Daughters of the Nieces Lady D'Avers and Lady D'Ewes should marry or attain their Age of twenty-one, for then their several Legacies of 1000*l.* apiece grow due to be paid out of their Mothers Shares. If it were discretionary in the Trustees not to sell 'till they thought fit, by delaying the Sale they might totally frustrate the Will, and not sell at all. The Children are to take who shall be alive at the Time the Dividends are, or ought to be made; by the Intent of this Will there is certainly a Difference between the Words (*are*) and (*ought*), and the Testator meant some Difference between them, and therefore not necessary that the younger Children should be alive at the Time the Dividends were actually made, it is enough if they be living at the Time they ought to be made; and he thought the Estate ought to have been sold sooner, and consequently the Dividends ought to have been made sooner, for they are directed to be made as soon as the Money raised by Sale. He thought Mrs. Helmes being of Age before her Death, and a Party to the Bill in 1708 for an Execution of the Trusts in Lord Dover's Will, by that Bill she puts in her Claim to her Share, or her Mother's Share; under the Will, and that an Interest was vested in her, and consequently Mr. Helmes, as her Representative, is intitled to her Share.—Raymond C. J. said, the Will was dark and obscure, but he thought the Testator intended the Trust Estate both in Possession and Reversion should be sold in a reasonable Time, and such Time was long since lapsed and passed, and he did not think it necessary, in the *present* Case, to determine or fix any precise or determinate Point of Time; he was sure a reasonable Time was already past. Whensoever the Sale ought to have been made by the Intent of the Testator, that was the Time the Dividends ought to have been made; and from that Time became a vested Interest in the younger Children of the Testator's Nieces.—And Lord Chan. King was of the same Opinion, that the Interest attached in the younger Children at the Time the Trust Estate ought to have been sold by the Intent of the Testator; wherefore decreed *ut supra. Ibid.*

Vide Tit.
 Devise, P.

(D) Concerning residuary Legatees.

1. **D**EVICE of the Residue of his *real* and *personal* Estate to his Daughters, *their Heirs, Executors and Administrators*. One of the Daughters dies *in the Life-time of the Testator*; her Share of the *Residuum* shall go to the three surviving Daughters, as undisposed of. *Per Parker C. Trin. 7 Geo. Backwell and Dry, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (C. e.) Ca. 10. P. 416.*

(b) Vide Tit.
 Interest, P.

(E) What Legatees shall have Interest (b) and Maintenance.

1. **I**N Case of a Legacy, it was admitted that Interest was not due 'till demanded, and that the Executor or Administrator should pay Interest but from the Time of the Demand, *et semble*, that if no Demand be proved in the Cause, it will be from the Time of the Bill exhibited. *East. 1676. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 1.*

2. A Legatee who has *not* Notice of his Legacy 'till the Executor publishes it in the *Gazette*, shall have no Interest for it. *Trin. 1690. Knap and Powell, Prec. in Chan. 11.*

3. A Legacy payable at a certain Time, shall, notwithstanding, carry Interest only from the Time it is demanded. *Per Lord Keep. Wright, East. 1701. Jolliffe and Crew, Prec. in Chan. 161.*

4. In Case of a personal Legacy, payable at twenty-one, or Marriage, the Court has always appointed Maintenance out of the Interest of it, if not expressly limited otherwise in the mean Time. *Per Lord Keeper, who said he thought so. East. 1702. Brewin and Brewin, Prec. in Chan. 196.*

5. J. S. by Will (amongst other Legacies) gave 1000 l. to L. payable at her Age of eighteen, or Marriage, and the Residue of his personal Estate, and all his real Estate, to Trustees, In Trust (the personal Estate being first invested in Land) to settle the whole on B. for ninety-nine Years, if he should so long live, Remainder to Trustees, during his Life, to preserve contingent Remainders, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder over in like Manner to C. Afterwards by a Codicil he appointed that the 1000 l. given by the Will to L. should be made up 6000 l. and payable to her at her Age of twenty-one, or Marriage. L. being eighteen, brought this Bill, praying that she might have Interest for the 6000 l. 'till her Age of twenty-one, or Marriage. And Lord Chan. Macclesfield (having taken Time to consider of it) decreed the Interest of the 6000 l. from the Death of the Testator, saying, It had Weight with him, that by the Will the 1000 l. Legacy left to L. was given her at eighteen, but she coming to that Age in the Testator's Life-time, the Codicil ordered it to be made up 6000 l. yet not to be paid until twenty-one, or Marriage; so that tho' the actual Payment was stopt until twenty-one, or Marriage, it was however vested presently, and being severed from the rest of the Estate, which Residuum only B. was concerned in; therefore the Interest of the 6000 l. from the Death of the Testator could belong to none but L. *Hil. (a) 1721. Acherly and Wheeler et al', 1 Will. Rep. 783 to 788.*

6. If one gives a Legacy charged upon Land, which yields Rents and Profits, and there is no Time of Payment mentioned in the Will, the Legacy shall carry Interest from the Testator's Death, because the Land yields Profits from that Time. Resolved *per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Trin. 1722. Maxwell and Wettenball, 2 Will. Rep. 26.*

7. But if a Legacy be given out of a personal Estate, and no Time of Payment mentioned in the Will, this Legacy shall carry Interest only from the End of the Year after the Death of the Testator. *Per Lord Macclesfield. And his Lordship, upon a Debate from what Time Interest should commence, said, that he took this to be the settled Difference. Ibid.*

8. If a Legacy be charged upon a dry Reversion, it shall carry Interest only from a Year after the Death of the Testator, a Year being a convenient Time for a Sale. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid. 27.*

carrying Interest, or of Stocks yielding Profits Half-yearly, it seems, in this Case, the Legacy shall carry Interest from the Death of the Testator. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid. 27.*

9. If a Legacy be brought into Court, and the Legatee has Notice of it, so that it is his Fault not to pray to have the Money, or that the Money should be put out, the Legatee, in such Case, shall lose the Interest from the Time the Money was brought into Court; but if the Money was put out, the Legatee shall have the Interest which the Money put out by the Court did yield. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid. 27.*

2 *Freem. Rep.*
254. *Trin.*
1702. *S. C.*
—1 *Vol. Abr.*
Eq. 267. Ca.
2. *S. C.*
and cites
2 *Vern. 439.*
but is silent as
to the Main-
tenance.

(a) This Case
is misplaced
in Point of
Time, not
having been
decreed 'till
Trinity Term
following.
Ibid. 788. in
a Note.

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10. *A.* devised all his real and personal Estate to his eldest Son, charging the same with 1000*l.* apiece to his younger Children, payable at their respective Ages of twenty-one; but in the Will no Notice was taken of Maintenance for the younger Children in the mean Time. The Master of the Rolls, taking Notice that these were vested Legacies, and no Devise over, decreed (on Time taken to consider of the Case) that the Children should recover Maintenance, the Court doing but what the Father, if living, ought to have done, *i. e.* to provide Necessaries for his Children. *Per his Honour, East. 1722. Harvey and Harvey, 2 Will. Rep. 21.*

(a) *Pierpont and Lord Cheyne, P. Ca.* 11. So where younger Children are left destitute, and the eldest an Infant, Equity will make such a liberal (a) Allowance to the Guardian of the eldest as that he may thereout maintain all the Children. *Per his Honour, ibid. 22.*

12. His Honour said it had been held, that tho' a Legacy were devised over in Case of the Legatee's dying before twenty-one, yet the Infant Legatee ought to have Interest allowed him during his Infancy, for his Maintenance; with this Difference only, that where the Estate is small, the Court, (in whose Discretion it always lies to determine the Quantum of Interest) has ordered the lowest Interest. *Ibid.*

13. Devise of Lands, In Trust for the Mother for Life, Remainder to her Children, In Trust that they should have and receive the Profits thereof when they come of Age. And *per Cur'*, The Children have an Estate in Fee as Tenants in Common, and the Mother being deceased, they have a Right to it in their Minority, at least to so much thereof as may be sufficient for their Support and Maintenance. *Mich. 11 Geo. 1. Bateman and Roach, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 104.*

14. *J. S.* devised to *A.* (an Infant about seventeen) the Surplus of her personal Estate, which was about 3000*l.* payable at twenty-one; and if she should die before, then she devised it over; and devised also to *A.* a small Estate in Land in Possession. His Honour decreed that *A.* was intitled to the Profits of the Estate, and the Interest of the Surplus which should incur from the Death of the Testatrix, and in the Life-time of *A.* tho' she should die before twenty-one. *Trin. 1727. Nicholls and Osborn, 2 Will. Rep. 419.*

Rule. 15. A Legacy was left to an Infant. The Testator had a great deal of Money in Bank Stock. The Executor was residuary Legatee. On a Bill for the Legacy, the Question was, Whether it should bear Interest, and from what Time? And *per Pengelly C.B. and Hale B.* It is a certain Rule that where the Fund is certain, as when charged on Lands, it shall bear Interest; because it plainly appears the Rents are received; so the Fund on which it is charged produces a Profit here; it is equally certain, and therefore should bear Interest (cites *Salk. 415. Small and Dee*), and should be from the Testator's Death. Opposed by *Carter and Comyns, Barons*; That it should only bear Interest from a Year after the Testator's Death; for as Legacies are to be paid after Debts, the Executor has that Time to enquire, 'till which Time they are not payable, so not to bear Interest. To which it was agreed. *Mich. 3 Geo. 1. Bilson and Saunders, Select Cases in Chan. 72.*

To which the Chief Baron answered, It might be safely paid into the Hands of an Infant, having proper Evidence of the Payment, as in *Went. Ex. 313.* And *per Carter B.* It may be paid into the Hands of the Guardian, having Evidence; but if he takes Security from the Guardian, which should prove defective, there, as he does not rely on the Security the Law gives, he must depend on that taken at his Peril. *Ibid.*

16. *A.* devised 500*l.* to his Infant Grandson, without mentioning any Time of Payment; with a Proviso, That if the Grandson should die before twenty-one, then the Legacy to go over to another. His Honour held

held it extremely clear, that this was a Condition subsequent, and therefore as the Infant's Death, before twenty-one, will only defeat the Legacy from the Time it happens, consequently in the mean while it shall carry Interest, at least from the End of the Year after the Death of the Testator. *Hil. 1728. Taylor and Johnson, 2 Will. Rep. 504, 506.*

17. A Legacy of 500 *l.* was given to be paid in a convenient Time; it must bear Interest only from the usual Time of Payment of Legacies, tho' Land was charged with the Payment. *Trin. 2 Geo. 2. Hornsly and Hornsly, Select Cases in Chan. 73.*

18. The Bill was to recover the Arrears of Interest of a Legacy of 300 *l.* after the Legacy paid, and a Receipt given for it. The Case was, *J. S.* gave by Will to *M.* (now *D.*'s Wife) a Legacy of 300 *l.* payable a Year after his Death, and made *B.* and *C.* (then an Infant) Executors. *B.* died, and *C.* being but nine Years old, Administration, with the Will annexed, was granted during his Minority. *D.* and his Wife demanded the Legacy of *C.* who desired them to let it continue in his Hands for about two Years longer, and paid Interest for the first Year after *D.*'s Marriage, taking his Receipt. Afterwards, another Year's Interest growing due, *C.* paid that Year's Interest, and the whole Principal, taking a Receipt from *D.* for 15 *l.* being a Year's Interest due for the Legacy of 300 *l.* to the 13 April 1723. And *D.* gave *C.* a Receipt for 300 *l.* left to Plaintiff *M.* by the said *J. S.*'s Will. After seven Years Acquiescence, *D.* demanded Interest for the 300 *l.* from the End of the Year after the Testator's Death in 1707, insisting by the Bill, that *D.* by Mistake took the Legacy to have been made payable by the Will at the Marriage of his Wife. And per Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, It is plain Interest for the Legacy was due; there is a certain Time appointed by the Will, viz. that it should be paid within a Year after the Testator's Death, and as *D.* had a clear Right thereto, so he has done nothing to waive such Right. *C.* admits the Interest has not been paid, which is to be presumed was occasioned by *D.*'s having apprehended that it was not due 'till after *M.*'s Marriage; wherefore, as the Interest is due, and admitted not to have been paid, and was not intended to have been waived, his Honour decreed *C.* to pay the Arrears of Interest from the Year after the Testator's Death, with Costs. *Hil. 1731. East and Ux' and Thornbury, 3 Will. Rep. 126.*

19. A Legacy out of a Rent-charge shall carry Interest, but then it must be only in Proportion to what the Rent-charge brings in, not more; and if there be a Surplus beyond the Rent-charge, that must go to the Heir at Law. Per Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, *East. 1734. Stonehouse and Ux' and Sir John Evelyn, 3 Will. Rep. 252.*

20. On a Bill brought by a Legatee against an Executor, Interest shall not be given for the Legacy 'till a Year after the Testator's Death, unless where the Interest is expressly given from the Death of the Testator. Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, *East. 1740, in Casu Neale and Willis, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 46.*

(F) Ademption of a Legacy.

1. *A.* And *B.* (afterwards Countess of Suffolk, and since deceased) by Bond were each indebted to *J. S.* in 2000 *l.* Afterwards *J. S.* by Will gives these two Sums, and all Interest due for the same, to *C.* and devises away the Surplus of her Estate, with a Proviso, "That in Case all, or any Part of these two Sums should be paid in
" before

“ before the Testatrix's Death, then she gives to the said C. 4000 l. or so much Money as the Principal Money so paid in should amount unto, as the Case should fall out.” Afterwards the Testatrix, in her Lifetime, released to A. the 2000 l. due upon his Bond, without having received any Part of the Money, and died; and C. died intestate; whereupon the said A. (who was her Brother) administered to her, and demanded the 2000 l. released to himself upon his Bond, and also the 2000 l. due upon B.'s Bond. The first he demanded out of the Assets of the Testatrix, and the latter he claimed against the Defendant the Earl of Suffolk, who, tho' he was not Executor or Administrator of B. his late Countess, nor had any legal Assets, yet (as Plaintiff insisted) remained still chargeable therewith in Equity, in respect of a great Jointure which he had long enjoyed by his Lady, and divers rich Jewels, which she brought him upon their Intermarriage. And per Lord Chan. Parker, The Testatrix intended to make a Provision of 4000 l. for C. and tho' she has shewed her Kindness to A. yet this no way imports an Alteration or Diminution of her Kindness to C. And his Lordship

(a) Same Diversity taken arg', and thereupon decreed in the Case of Rider and Wager, P. Ca.

(b) Vide 2 Will. Rep. 469. Ford and Fleming accord', and 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 302.

(c) 2 Vern. 681.

(d) Vide 1 Vern. 284. Jason and Jarvis, and 2 Will. Rep. 291. Copping and Copping.

said, that he could not approve of the Diversity (a); that if the Testator gave away a Debt by his Will, and afterwards calls it in, this must be a Revocation; *secus* if it be paid in to the Testator unasked for; for supposing the Testator called in that Debt, fearing it might be lost (b), and not liking the Security, is there any Reason that this should deprive the Legatee of his Legacy? That the Case of Orme and Smith (c) proves, that the Testator's receiving the Debt is no Revocation or Ademption of the Legacy. As to the Release, his Lordship said, that implies Payment and Satisfaction of a Debt, being tantamount to the Testator's receiving it and giving it back again; and that in the present Case it was the same as if the Will had said, *if these Debts be paid or discharged*. And as to an Objection, That A. (the Plaintiff) being Administrator to C. his Sister, claims a double Advantage of his Debts; for, first, (say they) it is given him by the Release, and then he takes it over again by the Will, as representing C. his Lordship observed, that his Claim as Administrator is *in auter Droit* (d), and as if C. was alive, and made her Claim; and that it would be liable to her Debts, and is the same Thing as if any other Person had been her Executor or Administrator. Trin. 1718. Earl of Thomond and Earl of Suffolk, 1 Will. Rep. 461 to 465.

2. J. S. was Tenant for ninety-nine Years, if he so long lived, with Power of charging the Premises with 2000 l. Remainder to A. in Tail. Afterwards J. S. and the Trustees named in the Settlement, and A. joined in suffering a Recovery, and declared the Uses to J. S. for Life, Remainder over, and so extinguished the Power of charging the Estate. J. S. bequeathed 1000 l. Legacy to C. out of these Lands; and it was insisted, That tho' this might not be good as a Charge, it should nevertheless take Effect as a Legacy, which was not hurt by making an additional Security for it. And Lord Chan. Macclesfield said, That here is a particular Provision for this Legacy of 1000 l. and that it is possible a Legacy may be charged upon a certain Fund, as that, upon it's failing, the Legacy shall be lost. That it is material, that this Bequest is grounded upon a Power, and may be thought no more than the Execution of that Power; which, if void, must of Course be a void Bequest also. And it is also observable, that the Will gives the Residue to the Testator's eldest Son; so that to make this Legacy good, the Legatee, who is otherwise provided for, must take it away from another Child; and what makes it still harder, is, that the Legacy would by this Means be taken away from an Heir, in order

order to be given to a younger Child, and that *a Charge upon Land* seems *not so strong as a Gift of a Legacy*. But at length it weighed with the Court, that the Value of this Land amounted to 1000 *l. per Annum*, and the Design appeared to be to leave the younger Child the two several Sums of 1000 *l.* one charged by express Words upon the *personal Estate*, and the other upon the Land; and his *Lordship* said, that if a Legacy was given to *J. S.* to be paid out of such a particular Debt, and there should not appear to be any such Debt, or the Fund fail, still the Legacy ought to be paid, and the failing of the *Modus* (a), (a) *Vide Savinb. 127.* appointed for the Payment, shall not defeat the Legacy itself. *Hil. 1721. Savile and Blacket, 1 Will. Rep. 777.*

3. *J. S.* by Will gave to *B.* 550 *l.* then in the Hands of *E.* and died. *J. S.* had before the making of his Will *ordered* some Payments out of this 550 *l.* and which reduced it to 430 *l.* This is no *Ademption* of the Legacy, and none of the Payments being made, but the whole 550 *l.* standing out in *E.*'s Hands, the whole was decreed to *B.* with Interest from the Time of filing the Bill. *Per his Honour, Trin. 1723. Crockat and Crockat, 2 Will. Rep. 164.*

4. But where a Testator by his Will gave a Legacy of 500 *l.* which is in the Hands of *J. S.* and after the making of the Will calls it in, or orders *J. S.* to pay to himself, or others, Part of the Money, which is accordingly done; this is an *Ademption* of such Part of the Legacy; and the Diversity is, where the Party who had the Money pays it in of his own Choice and uncalled for, and where the Testator (b) himself (b) *But the Diversity between a voluntary and compulsory* calls for it in; for it must be the Testator's own Act, and not the Act of a third Person, which is to revoke his Will. *Per his Honour, ibid.* Payment seems not to have been approved of by Lord *Macclesfield*, since the latter might be with an Intent to secure the Legacy in all Events. See the Case of *Earl of Thomond* and *Earl of Suffolk*, P. 568, Ca. 1. Also the Case of *Ford and Fleming*, 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 302. And 2 Will. Rep. 469.

5. *A.* having a Debt due to him from *J. S.* devised 500 *l.* Part thereof, to *B.* the second Son of *D.* and the Residue thereof to the younger Children of *D.* and the same to remain in *D.*'s Hands 'till the younger Children should be capable of receiving it; and the Share of any dying before such Time, to go to the Survivors or Survivor; but does not mention what the Debt is which is owing from *J. S.* *A.* receives the whole Debt in his Life-time; and *B.* died, living *A.* Then *A.* died in the Life-time of the younger Children. And *King C.* said, he took it that it could not be intended that the Survivor should take, unless *B.* the Legatee should have survived the Testator, so that the Right to the Legacy became vested in him; but that *B.* dying in the Life-time of the Testator, as nothing could ever vest in him, so neither could it survive from him. — But the Court admitted, that where a Devise is to *A. for Life*, Remainder to *B.* and *A. dies in the Testator's Life-time*, *B.* shall take presently; or if a Devise be to *A. and B.* (c) and *A. dies in the Testator's Life-time*, (c) *Show 91; Salk. 238.* and then the Testator dies, there *B.* shall have the whole; for these Cases seem to be within the plain Intent of the Testator; but that in the principal Case, it was quite a Strain to suppose a Legacy given out of a Fund which the Testator himself had by his own voluntary Act put an End to; for which Reason his *Lordship* declared, that these Legacies to the younger Children were extinct, and should not be made good (d). *Hil. 1725. Sir Barnham Rider and Sir Charles Wager et al', et econt', 2 Will. Rep. 328, 331.* (d) Upon this Point were cited *Raym.*

335. *Pawlett's Case. Savinb. 7 Part, cap. 20, 447.* And the Case of *Orm and Smith*, 2 Vern. 681. And 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 302.

6. Where *A.* devises a Debt due to him, after which the Debtor, *uncalled* upon, pays in the Debt to *A.* in his Life-time, this will certainly be no Ademption of the Legacy, here being no Act done by the Testator himself, but by the Debtor, who might oblige the other to receive his Money (*a*). *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Mich. 1735. in Casu Ashton and Ashton, 3 Will. Rep. 384, 386.*

(*a*) And so his Lordship thought it would be where the Testator himself should call for the Debt (*b*), seeing this might be done from an Apprehension of such Debt being in Danger, and with a Design to secure it; and being *personal* Estate, and not diminished, by being in the Testator's Coffer instead of the Hands of the Debtor, it may well pass by the Will. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid. 386.*

(*b*) *Vide Earl of Thomond and Earl of Suffolk, P. 568, Ca. 1. and Ford and Fleming, 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 302.*

7. *A.* devises 1000 *l.* Capital *South-Sea* Stock to *B.* At the Time of making his Will he had 1800 *l.* of such Stock, and after, by Sale, reduced it to 200 *l.* which he after increased to 1600 *l.* and died. Between the making his Will and his Death, the Act took Place which changed three Fourths of the Capital *South-Sea* Stock into Annuities. This Legacy is not taken away or impaired by the Sale nor by the Act of Parliament. *Mich. 1736. Partridge and Partridge, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 226.*

(G) In what Case a Legacy given by a Codicil shall not be construed in Satisfaction of a Legacy given by a Will, &c.—In what Case a Legacy by a Will shall not be in Satisfaction of an Annuity.

1. **P***ecuniary* Legacies are given by a Will, and after greater Legacies to the same Persons by a Codicil, these shall not be taken to be a Satisfaction for the pecuniary Legacies given by the Will, *unless so expressed*, because the Codicil is Part of the Will, and proved as Part thereof, and it is as if both the Legacies had been given by the same Will. *Per his Honour, East. 1718. Masters and Sir Harcourt Masters, 1 Will. Rep. 421, 423, 424.*

2. *Rupert Billingsley* upon his Marriage with *Mary* his intended Wife, makes a Settlement, dated *August 1713*, and after reciting that he was intitled to Exchequer Annuities of 300 *l. per Annum* for ninety-nine Years, and that it was agreed that they should be settled *In Trust* for himself for Life, then for his Wife for Life, then *In Trust* for such Child or Children in such Shares and Proportions as he should direct and appoint; and after the Decease of him and his Wife, without Issue, *In Trust* for his Executors; the said *Rupert* thereby assigns the Exchequer Annuities to Trustees and their Executors, *Upon Trust* to permit him to receive the Produce thereof for his Life, and if his Wife should survive him, *In Trust* for her for Life; and after the several Deceases of him and his Wife, then *Upon Trust* that they should transfer and set over the said Annuities to such Child or Children of him and his Wife as he should direct or appoint by his last Will and Testament in Writing, or by any other Writing under his Hand and Seal duly executed; and for want of such Child or Children, then to his Executors, &c. *Rupert* makes his Will, dated 20 *October 1720*, and amongst other Legacies, devises to his Wife, her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all his real and personal Estate, subject nevertheless to the Payment of 200 *l. per Annum* to *Bridget* their Daughter,

Daughter, for her Maintenance 'till she came to eighteen, and subject also to the Payment of 10,000 *l.* to his said Daughter when she should attain the Age of eighteen. *Rupert* dies, leaving *B.* his only Daughter, and makes no Appointment under the Marriage Settlement. *Mary* his Widow makes her Will, dated 22 *July* 1727, and after bequeathing Legacies, she gives and devises all the rest and Residue of her Estate, both real and personal, to said *Bridget* her Daughter, her Heirs and Assigns, for ever; but in Case she should die before she should be of Age to dispose thereof, then she gives and devises the same to Trustees and their Heirs, *In Trust* to lay out 6000 *l.* to build an Hospital at *Drayton* for the Maintenance of so many Seamens Widows as the Trustees should think proper; and in Case her said Daughter should happen to die unmarried, then she desires that her Daughter should be buried there, and the Residue above the 6000 *l.* to be divided amongst her own Sisters and their Representatives, and makes *Bridget* Executrix. *Bridget* was about twelve Years old when the Will was made and the Testatrix died, and afterwards *Bridget* married the Plaintiff *Billingley*, and died between twenty and twenty-one, leaving a Daughter *Bridget*. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*: There have been four Questions made at the Bar. *First*, If under the Marriage Settlement the first *Bridget* was intitled to the Exchequer Annuities, as her Father had made no Appointment of them to her? *Secondly*, If she was, whether the Legacy of 10,000 *l.* given her by her Father's Will is not to be deemed a Satisfaction for her Interest in those Annuities? *Thirdly*, What Interest she had in the Surplus of her Mother's real and personal Estate, as she died before twenty-one? *Fourthly*, Upon what Contingency the Residue is given to the Sisters? As to the *first* Point, it is extremely clear that *Bridget* was well intitled to the Annuities; that if it rested upon the Declaration of the Trust, perhaps there might be some Doubt whether the Appointment of the Father would not have been necessary to have intitled her, tho' that Objection was considerably abated by the Words, *for want of such a Child or Children*, to whom no Appointment is made; but the recited Agreement puts it out of all Doubt; for there it is said to be *In Trust for such Child or Children as he should have*, which absolutely vests the Interest in the Children; and the subsequent Words, *to be disposed of*, &c. only give a Power of Appointment, and no Trust is declared for his Executors 'till after Default of his Issue generally; and as there was only one Child, there was no Room for the Father's Power of Distribution to operate, and she was well intitled under the Settlement. Cites *Davey v. Hooper*, 2 *Vern.* *Secondly*, The Legacy ought not to be construed as a Satisfaction, for these Annuities and the Legacy are both intended for Portions, and more or less so according to the Circumstances of the Case; as where an eldest Son will be almost stripped of every Thing by allowing them. In the present Case, the Question is, Whether it shall be construed as an implied Satisfaction? And it hath been always held, that the Thing given shall be of the same Nature, and equally certain with the Thing for which the Satisfaction of the Thing is to be construed to enure; and indeed in some Sense they are both personal Estate, but the Annuities are to continue only for a Term, which might be worn out by the Mother, or the Daughter might out-live it; and the 10,000 *l.* is given absolutely, and therefore not of the same Nature; the Legacy is also given upon a Contingency that might not have taken Place; for if she had died before eighteen it had been a lapsed Legacy, as issuing out of a real and personal Estate together. Cites *Yeats and Fettyplace*, 2 *Vern.* 416. It would
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be absurd to construe an uncertain contingent Interest as a Satisfaction for a certain Interest vested; and there is only one Child, and therefore no Necessity for making any strained Construction; but if the Exchequer Annuities had been expressly given away by the Will, the Daughter should not have had both, *viz.* the Legacy under the Will, and the Exchequer Annuities in Contradiction to it. As to the *third* Point, it appears the Will was made in Haste, and is inaccurately penned; and if it had been well considered, probably no such Contingency would have been inserted; and no Construction ought to be made in Disfavour of an Heir at Law, except the Words plainly compel such a Construction; the Words, therefore, include both real and personal Estate; and as to the personal Estate, it is clear the Contingency hath not happened, for she was at Age to dispose of it. It hath been said, that *dispose* means only enjoying the Fruits of the Estate; but, I think, the Testator did not understand the Word in that Sense, because, when the Testatrix died, she was of Age to do that; neither was Marriage, and the Consequence of it, the Disposition in View of the Testatrix, because she was both at the Time of making of the Will, and the Testatrix's Death, about the Age of Consent, and therefore, I think, the Disposition meant by the Testatrix was the same as the Power of Disposal in *Tomlinson v. Dighton, Salk.* 239. and that it is the same as if she had said, if she should die before she may dispose of it, by reason of her Age; and the Words must be taken distributively *reddendo singula singulis*; and as by Law she might act as Executrix, and dispose of her personal Estate at seventeen, and of late it has been held that she might make a Will even at fourteen, I think the Contingency hath not happened to carry over the personal Estate; but as to the real Estate, the Age of twenty-one is the fixed Period of Time for the Power of Disposition to be exercised over it, and Marriage, and having Issue, and thereby intitling the Husband to be Tenant by the Curtesy, was not the Disposition in the View of the Testatrix, and it is not properly a Disposition, but a Privilege conferred by the Law; she had a Power of forfeiting it at the Age of Discretion, but that was not such a Disposition as was intended; and therefore the Contingency as to the real Estate hath happened, and it must be subject to the Charity. *Hil. 11 Geo. 2. Billingley and Eckershall and Attorney General, MS. Rep.*

(H) Of joint Bequests.

Ibid. 348. says, the like Decree was made by his Honour in the Case of *Cray and Willis (a)*, 1729. *June* 28. 1. *J.* S. devised the *Residuum* of his *personal* Estate to three Persons, and his *Honour*, on Time taken to consider of it, decreed that the Survivor should take the whole, and retain it in Equity in the same Manner as if it had been the Case of a Grant at Law. *East.* 1726. *Webster and Webster, 2 Will. Rep.* 347. (a) 1 *Vol. Abr. Cases in Eq.* 243. *Ca. 3.*—And 2 *Will. Rep.* 529. with the Reasons upon which that Resolution was grounded.

2. *A.* devises the Surplus of his personal Estate to his four Executors; this is a joint Bequest; and on the Death of one, shall go to the Survivors, as well in Case of a Legacy as of a Grant. *Trin.* 1731. *Willing and Baine, 3 Will. Rep.* 115.

(I) Remedy for Legatees, in what Cases, and in what Court, &c.

1. **M**R. *Vernon* said, there had been Cases decreed in this Court, that where a Legatee had been forced to abate of his personal Legacy towards Payment of Debts, he had been let in to stand in the Place of a Creditor, to recover his proportionable Satisfaction out of the real Estate devised to be sold for Payment of Debts. *Mich. 9 Ann. in Casu Hall and Brooker, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 73.*

2. An *Injunction* may not be obtained in *Chancery* to stay a Suit in the *Spiritual* Court for a Legacy, upon a Suggestion of Payment, it being a Matter there determinable and triable; but *excont'* on Suggestion of a collateral Satisfaction, as a Gift of Land, &c. *Per his Honour, East. 1718. Anon. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (W. d.) Ca. 32.*

3. Where the *Ecclesiastical Court* and *Chancery* have a *concurrent Jurisdiction*, which ever is first possessed of the Cause has a Right to proceed, and the same of all other Courts. But where the Husband sues in the *Spiritual* Court for a Legacy given to the Wife, *Chancery* has granted an *Injunction* to stay Proceedings, because that Court cannot oblige him to make an adequate Settlement on her. *Mich. 1720. Nicholas and Nicholas, Prec. in Chan. 546.*

4. If *A.* by Will gives a *Lease*, or an *Horse*, or any other *specifick* Legacy, and leaves a Debt by Mortgage or Bond, in which the Heir is bound, the Heir shall not compel the *specifick* Legatee to part with his Legacy in Ease of the real Estate; but tho' the Creditor may subject this *specifick* Legacy to his Debt, yet the *specifick* or *other* Legatee shall in Equity stand in the Place of the Bond Creditor or Mortgage, and take as much out of the *real* Assets as such Creditor by Bond or Mortgage shall have taken from such *specifick* or *other* Legatee. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Mich. 1721. in Casu Tipping and Tipping, 1 Will. Rep. 730.*

5. If a Legatee (*a*), not Party to the Cause, comes in before the (*a*) or Creditor-*Master*, he shall have his Costs; for it was in his Power to have brought a Bill for his Legacy (*b*), which would have put the Estate to (*b*) or Debt, further Charge. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Trin. 1722. Maxwell and Whettenham, 2 Will. Rep. 27.*

(K) Donatio Causâ Mortis (*c*).

tue of a Power, appoints some Trust Money to her Husband, which, by the whole Tenor of the Instrument, is not to take Effect 'till after her Decease, and the Husband dies first, yet the Money, being vested by Deed, shall go to his Executors. *Hungerford and Winter (d), MS. Rep.*

(c) If a Woman, by Vir-

(d) *Quere* Term and Year.

1. **D**onatio Causâ Mortis, is where a Man lies in Extremity, or being surprized with Sickness, and not having an Opportunity of making his Will; but lest he should die before he should make it, he gives with his own Hands his Goods to his Friends about him; this, if he dies, shall operate as a Legacy; but if he recovers, then does the Property thereof revert to him. *Per Lord Chancellor, Mich. 1708. in the Case of Hedges and Hedges, Prec. in Chan. 269.*

2. Plaintiff was a Relation of and Housekeeper to *J. S.* and had lived with him twenty Years. *J. S.* in 1702 made his Will, and thereby gives Plaintiff (whose Name was then *Wetherley*) 500*l.* and

about three Months after he sends for her, and calls up two of his Servants, and in their Presence says, *I give to my Cousin Mrs. Wetherley this Hair Trunk*, (wherein were several Things of Value) *and all that is contained in it*, and delivers her the Key thereof, and bids the Servants take Notice and remember it, if they should be at any Time called upon for that Purpose; and several Times after, as it was proved, asked them if they remembered the Hair Trunk, and once took a Candle and shewed it them, that they might remember it. About three Years after J. S. makes another Will, whereby he revokes all other Wills, and by this Will gives the Plaintiff 1000 *l.* but takes *no Notice of the Gift of the Hair Trunk*, or any Thing in it, and dies. Four Days after his Death, upon opening of the Trunk in the Presence of several Relations and others, there was found in it several Rings, Pieces of Gold, and (*int' al'*) a Tally upon the Government for 500 *l.* Plaintiff brought her Bill for the 1000 *l.* and for this 500 *l.* Tally. And Lord Chancellor decreed her the 1000 *l.* but the other Point, as to the Tally, being heard before his Honour, he decreed that to her. Upon this Point an Appeal was brought, and it was proved for the Appellant that the Trunk was never removed from the Place where it stood at first; that J. S. gave out the Order from Time to Time for the receiving of the Interest upon the Tally, and received it himself. And Lord Chancellor observed, that it was agreed that a *Donatio Causâ Mortis* is a Gift *in presenti* to take Effect *in futuro*, after the Party's Death, as a Will, and that it is *revokable* during his Life, as a Will is, and so it differs in nothing from a Will, for 'tis not a present substantive Gift, and therefore he thought this Case consisted of but two Points; First, *Whether there be sufficient Evidence to prove that the Tally was in the Trunk at the Time of the Gift?* Secondly, *Whether this Will was not a Revocation of it?* As to the first, his Lordship premised, that these Sort of Donations, especially where they were of the same Kind with what was given by the Will, ought to be fully proved in all their Circumstances, otherwise they were not to be countenanced, because it would open a Way to Perjury greater than the Statute had provided against: That here the Plaintiff had not proved by any one Witness, that this Tally was in the Trunk at the Time of the Gift; that if it had been so, surely the Testator would then, or when he had Occasion so often after, have told the Witnesses of it: That it was strange he should bid them take Notice of the Trunk, and not mention the Tally, which was the principal Thing in it: That all the Plaintiff proved, was, it's being there when the Trunk was opened, which was *three Years after the Gift*, and *four Days after the Testator's Death*; and said, *that he sat there to condemn Frauds, and therefore might presume them, unless they proved the contrary.* As to the second Point, his Lordship said, it could not be properly called a Revocation, but the 1000 *l.* therein given should be looked upon as a Satisfaction of the 500 *l.* given her by the first Will, and the 500 *l.* Tally after that. One cannot be said to revoke a Debt by his Will, but yet he may satisfy it, by giving a Legacy of equal Value; and since he has revoked all former Wills, this 1000 *l.* was a Satisfaction equivalent to a Revocation, and must go in Recompence of the 1000 *l.* he had before intended her, since she could not prove he intended it otherwise; for if she had, then the *Donatio Causâ Mortis* must have stood. And therefore reversed the Decree made by his Honour. Trin. 1710. Jones and Selby, *Prec. in Chan.* 300.

3. *A.* by Will disposes of his personal Estate, and afterwards by *Parol* gives 100*l.* Bill to *B.* in Case *A.* should die of *that* Sicknefs, which happened accordingly. And Lord Chan. *Cowper* decreed *B.* this 100*l.* Bill, with Cofts. *Hil.* 1717. *Drury and Smith*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 404.

This is a Gift in the Testator's Life-time, *Donatio Causâ Mortis*, and the Possession transf-

mitted, and notwithstanding the Will the Testator had a Power to give away any Part of his Estate absolutely, and by the same Reason might, notwithstanding the Will, give away any Part thereof conditionally, and this Gift being fully proved, his Lordship decreed *ut supra*. *Ibid.* 405.

4. Testator upon his Death-bed delivers to his Wife a Purse of one hundred Guineas, and bids *her apply it to no other Use but her own.* This is *Donatio Causâ Mortis*, and a good Legacy to the Wife. Decreed *per* his Honour, *Hil. Vac.* 1718. *Lawson and Lawson*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 441.

His Honour observed that this being *Donatio Causâ Mortis*, need not be proved with the Testator's Will, neither need such Gift, tho' in Nature of a Legacy, be so proved, for they operate as a Declaration of Trust upon the Executor. *Ibid.*

5. So if the Testator, being ill, draws a Bill on his Goldsmith to pay his Wife 100*l.* to buy her Mourning, this is good, and operates as an Appointment. *Ibid.*

6. In every *Donatio Causâ Mortis*, Delivery must be made by the Party in his last Sicknefs, and it may be to a Wife, being in Nature of a Legacy, but need not be proved (a) in the Spiritual Court as Part of the Testator's Will. *Per* Sir *Joseph Jekyll* Master of the Rolls, *Trin.* 1735. in the Case of *Miller and Miller* (b), 3 *Will. Rep.* 357.

(a) For it operates as a Declaration of Trust on the Executor. *Vide* Ca. 4. *supra.*

7. There cannot be a Gift of a Bond, Note, or other *Chose en Action*, by way of *Donatio Causâ Mortis*, neither can any Thing operate as such, without having been delivered in the Testator's Life-time by him or his Order. *Ibid.* 358.

(b) *Vide* P. Ca.

C A P. LIX.

Length of Time,

1. *J.* S. had been in Possession of a Water-Course upwards of sixty Years; *B.* claimed the Land thro' which the Water-Course ran, by Virtue of a forfeited Mortgage for one hundred Years, and which he had obtained a Decree to foreclose; *J.* S.'s Title was fully proved, and this Bill was for a perpetual Injunction to be quieted in the Possession, which *B.* had interrupted, by making a Channel thro' his own Lands, and setting up a Sluice at the Mouth thereof, whereby the Water that should have ran to *J.* S.'s Water-Course was totally diverted and prevented. It was objected, That if *J.* S. had any Damages, his Remedy was purely at Law, and that he ought not to come here 'till he had established his Title at Law; and that if he could, yet he ought to have brought those who had the Inheritance of the Lands thro' which the Water-Course ran before the Court, and that it was not sufficient to have only the Mortgagee. But decreed for *J.* S.

Prec. in Chanc. 530. *Trin.* 1720. *Busb* and *Western*, S. C. in totidem verbis.

J. S. and agreed it was *usual* to have such Bills in the *first* Instance in this Court, and cited Lord *Aylesford's* Case lately, and some others; and if *B.* would have had the Remainder Man a Party, he ought in his Answer to have shewn who he was, and set forth that he himself had only a Term for Years, and prayed that the Remainder Man might have been made a Party; but this he had not done, but insisted on his own Title under the foreclosed Mortgage; and therefore that Objection was over-ruled. *Trin. 1720. Anon. MS. Rep.*

If this had been an Administration granted by the Archdeacon or Ordinary where there were *Bona Notabilia* in divers Dioceses, the Administration had been merely void, for the Administrator receives his Right entirely from the Administration, but the Right of the Executor is derived from the Will;

and not from the Probate, as appears from an Executor's having Power to release or assign any Part of the personal Estate before Probate; and a Defendant at Law cannot plead to any Action brought by an Executor, that the Executor has not proved the Will, tho' he may demur, if the Plaintiff does not, in his Declaration, shew the Probate. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid. 767, 768.*

2. Plaintiff brought a *Scire Facias* to revive an old Decree obtained against the Defendant by Plaintiff's Testator about twenty-three Years since. Defendant pleaded in Bar to the *Scire Facias*, that the Plaintiff's Testator, after he had obtained this Decree, lived fifteen Years in the same Town with the Defendant, and never asked him for this Money; but on the contrary told him, that he should never be troubled for it, and that he acquitted him thereof, (without suggesting any Deed or Writing for that Purpose.) Also pleaded, that the Plaintiff in the original Cause (who appeared by the *Scire Facias* to be since dead) died possessed of *Bona Notabilia* in two Dioceses within the Province of *Canterbury*, viz. in those of *Chichester* and *London*, and that the Executor having proved this Will only in the Archdeaconry of *Surry*, such Probate was void, and that therefore he ought not to be admitted to sue. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* ordered that the Plaintiff should not proceed any farther without shewing a sufficient Probate of the Will; and without farther Leave of the Court, in respect of the Staleness of the Demand. *Mich. 1721. Comb's Case, 1 Will. Rep. 766.*

3. Possession for more than twenty Years under a legal Title shall never be disturbed in Equity. 28 Jan. 1722. *Stone and Burn, Vin. Abr. Tit. Length of Time, (A) Ca. 37.*

4. The Court refused to set aside an Account stated in a fraudulent Manner, after the Death of the Parties to the Account, and near twenty Years after the stating it. *Trin. 1725. Western and Cartwright, Select Cases in Chan. 34.*

5. If *A.* takes a Conveyance of an Estate as a Mortgage, without any Defeazance, he is guilty of a Fraud, and no Length of Time will bar a Fraud. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Hil. 1734. in Casu Cotterell and Purchase, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 63.*

6. Where a Bill to redeem was brought in about sixteen Years after the Entry of the Mortgagee, but the Cause lay dormant till about twenty Years, this is not like making an Entry, and then lying still; for the Defendant might have dismissed the Bill for want of Prosecution, or they themselves might have set down the Plea to be argued. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, ibid.*

C A P. LX.

Lien.

(A) What is a Lien on Lands.

1. *A.* *Cestui que Trust* of a Farm, (whereof eight Acres were Copyhold, and which were agreed to be settled on *A.* and a Covenant to surrender them accordingly), mortgaged the Farm, whereof the eight Acres were Parcel, to *B.* by the Name of such a Farm, with the general Words, "All and singular the Lands" and Tenements, Parcel thereof or usually occupied therewith, &c." but does not mention the eight Acres of Copyhold, nor does he covenant in the Mortgage Deed to surrender them. *A.* died, the Surrender of the eight Acres not being made. *B.* got a Decree of Foreclosure against *C.* the Heir of *A.* And afterwards the Covenantor (*A.*'s Father) being indebted by Judgment to *J. S.* at *C.*'s Request surrendered the eight Acres to *J. S.* *J. S.* brought an Ejectment, and got Judgment; whereupon *B.* brought his Bill for Relief. And the Question was between *B.* the Mortgagee and *J. S.* Whether the Mortgage was a Lien on the Copyhold? And Lord Chancellor held that the Copyhold was never by the Mortgage under any specific Lien, and that it would be the same were there no Creditor in the Case (*a*). And so dismissed the Mortgagee's Bill, and affirmed a Decree made by the Master of the Rolls. *Hil. 7 Ann. Oxwith and Plummer, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 13.*

(*a*) His Lordship took a Difference where a Man originally

lends Money upon a Security, and where a Man having Money due to him on Bond, tells the Debtor he will trust him no longer upon personal Security only, and thereupon he mortgages Lands to him; and where a Man already trusted with Money, seems to grow insolvent, and thereupon his Creditors, endeavouring to bolster up their Security as well as they can, find out Copyhold Lands, and get a Surrender of them; for, in the first Case he trusts his Money on the real Security, but in the latter he does not. *Ibid. 15.*

2. A Decree for a Debt does not bind the real Estate, acting only in *personam*, not in *rem*, and the Remedy upon a Decree to affect the Land is only for a Contempt; whereupon the Party proceeds to a Sequestration, which is but a *personal* Process, as appears by its falling and abating by the Death of the Party (*b*). Per his Honour, *Trin. 1731.* in the Case of *Bligh and Lord Darnley*, 2 *Will. Rep. 621, 622.*

(*b*) But an Extent upon a Judgment does not so abate. Per his Honour, *ibid. 622.*

C A P. LXI.

Limitations, (Statute of),

(A) **What Demands, &c. are in Equity deemed within and what out of the Statute of Limitations;—And where a Demand, tho' once barred, may be revived or set up again.**

1. **L**ANDS were settled upon Marriage on Trustees, &c. Proviso, "That if the Wife should survive, then *In Trust* to permit her to receive the Rents and Profits during her Life as the same were at that Time lett." Her Husband made Leases, and advanced the Rent, and died; and the Wife received the advanced Rent for several Years, and then died. To a Bill by *A.* as Heir at Law of the Husband, against the Defendant, the Wife's Executor, to have an Account of the Overplus received by the Wife, and by her Executor since her Death, and that it might be paid to him as Heir at Law, &c.——Defendant answered, That if his Testatrix received more than she ought, it was above fourteen Years since; and so pleaded the Statute of Limitations (*a*). But the Plea was disallowed, *because the Estate in Law was in Trustees.* And Defendant was ordered to pay Costs. *Trin. 9 Geo. in Canc', Lawly and Lawly, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 32.*

(b) And if that Plea should not be allowed, then he said, that he had not Assets but what was sufficient to pay Debts of an higher Nature affecting the same. But he was decreed to account; and that what should appear to have been received by the Wife more than she ought to receive, (being the improved Rent) should be paid to Plaintiff out of her Assets, and what had been received by Defendant since her Death, should be paid out of his Assets. *Ibid. 33.*

2. A Defendant insisting upon the Benefit of the Statute by way of Answer, shall, at the Hearing, have the like Benefit thereof as if he had pleaded it. Said *arg'*, and agreed to by the Master of the Rolls, *Trin. 1723. in the Case of Norton and Turvill, 2 Will. Rep. 144.*

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3. A Trust Estate is not within the Statute of Limitations. *Per his Honour, Trin. 1723. in Casu Norton and Turvill, ibid. 145.*

4. The Court of Exchequer would not allow a Plea of the Statute of Limitations to be a good Bar to a Bill for Tithes, said *arg'* to have been so held in *Hil. 12 Geo. 1.* and admitted by the other Side, that that Statute could not be extended to a Demand for Tithes. And *per Gilbert C. B.* the Reason is, that Tithes are not of the Nature of those Demands intended to be barred by that Statute. *Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 228, 229.*

5. Forbearance of Suit for *twenty Years* will be a good Bar in Equity, tho' in a Demand by one Merchant upon another, and tho' the Statute has always been construed to except Accounts between Merchant and Merchant, yet that is to be understood with this Distinction, that if open Accounts are by subsequent Acts continued, they are not barred by the Intervention of such Length of Time from the

original

original Transaction, but if such Account is deferred by the Complainant, then in such Case it is barred, and the Defendant's Plea of Acquiescence without Suit, and also of the Statute of Limitations, was allowed.

Hil. 12 Geo. 1. Bridges and Mitchell (a Merchant), Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 224.

6. If a Debtor by *Will directs the Payment of all his Debts* out of his personal Estate and by Sale of Part of his real, this revives a Debt barred by the Statute, so that his Executors must pay it, tho' it was insisted that Defendant's Plea of the Statute was good, and that the Law extinguishes the Debt; for that a *Right, without Remedy, is an Absurdity*. But Lord Chancellor said, that the Statute is *not* an Extinguishment of the Debt, but the same is subsisting in Conscience, and that a Promise in such Case is not to be considered as a *new* one, but a Recontinuance of the *old*. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Blackway and Earl of Strafford, Select Cases in Chan. 57.*

the Statute of Limitations, but the Lords reversed this Decree, and ordered the Plea to stand for an Answer. *Ibid. 375.*

7. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Mich. 1721.* the Statute of Limitations speaks nothing of Bills in Equity, yet these are construed to be within it. The Case of not reviving a Decree which is only to account, is within all the Mischief designed to be prevented, *viz.* to sue a Man after his Vouchers have been lost, or his Witnesses dead; for if the Party may delay six Years before he revives his Bill, he may for the same Reason forbear 26, 36 or 46 Years. There can be no Doubt, if there be only a Bill and Answer, and the Suit abated, the Executor must bring his Bill of Revivor within six Years, else the Suit would be barred. And the Reason holds still as strong in the Case of a *Decree to account*, which is *in Nature of a Judgment quod computet*; where, if the Plaintiff had died, his Executor or Administrator could not formerly carry it on, as now by the late Statute he may; and tho' it may seem a material Objection, that when there is a Decree to account, the Defendant as Plaintiff may revive, his *Lordship* said, it would, however, be very bad for Equity to force a Man to revive a Suit against himself, at the same Time that he swears he owes nothing; and therefore his *Lordship* ordered the Plaintiff to amend his Bill, and the Defendant his Answer, to bring the Matter more fully before the Court. After which the Defendant died, and *B.* administering to him, the Plaintiff brought another Bill of Revivor, to which *B.* pleaded the Statute of Limitations; and it coming to be argued before Lord Chan. King, *Mich. 1727*, he *disallowed* the Plea, saying, that a Bill of Revivor, after a Decree to account, was in the Nature of a *Scire Facias*, and *not within* or *barrable* by the Statute of Limitations, tho' the Demand seemed to be a very stale one, and not to be countenanced. *Hollingshead's Case, 1 Will. Rep. 742, 745.*

8. The Rule in this Court, that the Statute of Limitations does not bar a *Trust Estate*, holds *only* as between *Cestui que Trust* and *Trustees*, not *between Cestui que Trust* and *Trustee on one Side* and *Strangers on the other*, for that would be to make the Statute of no Force at all, because there is hardly any Estate of Consequence without such Trust, and so the Act would never take Place; therefore, where a *Cestui que Trust* and his Trustee are both out of Possession for the Time limited, the Party in Possession has a good Bar against them both. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke 7 July 1740*, in the Case of *Lewellin and Mackworth, in Chan. Vin. Abr. Tit. Limitation, (T)* in a Note to *Ca. 1.*

9. There may be a Case where the Circumstance of concealing of a Deed shall prevent the Statute's barring, but then it must be a *voluntary*

voluntary and fraudulent detaining; for to say, that newly having an old Deed in one's Possession shall deprive a Man of the Benefit of the Act, is going too far, and would be a hard Construction of a Statute made for the quieting Possessions. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke 7 July 1740, in the Case of Lewellin and Mackworth, ibid.*

C A P. LXII.

Lunatick and Idiot (a).

(a) Stat.
Prærog. Reg.
17 Edw. 2.
cap. 9. the

King shall have Ward of natural Fools, taking the Profits without Waste or Destruction, and find them Necessaries; and after the Death of such Ideots, he shall render it to the right Heirs, so that such Ideots shall not alien, nor their Heirs be disinherited.—Stat. Prærog. Reg. 17 Edw. 2. cap. 10. the King shall provide when any (that before Time hath had his Wit and Memory) happen to fail of his Wit *per lucida intervalla*, that their Lands shall be kept without Waste or Destruction, and that they and their Household be conveniently maintained with the Profits, and the Residue, besides their Sustainment, shall be kept to their Use, to be delivered to them when they come to right Mind, so that such Lands shall in no wise be aliened; and the King shall have nothing to his own Use; and if the Party die in such Estate, the Residue shall be distributed.

- (A) What is not a good Return to a Commission of Lunacy.
- (B) Concerning the Custody of the Person and Estate of a Lunatick.
- (C) The Power of Ideots, Lunaticks, or non Compos Mentis, or their Committees, as to the transferring of a Trust Estate whereof such Ideot, &c. is seised or possessed.
- (D) How Offences in respect of a Lunatick and Ideot are punished.

(A) What is not a good Return to a Commission of Lunacy.

1. **O**N arguing the Case of *Barnsley* before Lord Chan. *Hardwicke 30 July 1745*, where the Commissioners and Jury had found and returned that *Mr. Barnsley from the Weakness of his Mind was incapable, &c.* it was prayed by the Petitioner *Barnsley* (against whom the Return was made) That this Inquisition might be quashed, which was done. Petitioner's Counsel said, that there were but two Distinctions in Law, viz. *Idiocy* and *Lunacy*, and tho' the latter has been since described by other Words, *i.e. non Compos Mentis, Insane Memoriae*, and of *unsound Mind and Memory*, yet the Law is not changed, but the Words. Lord Chancellor said, 'tis so, and nothing can change the Law herein but an Act of Parliament; and God forbid that a Weakness of Mind only should be a sufficient Reason for granting any Custody of such Persons and their Estates, for then violent People, Drunkards, careless and silly, would be all taken in; and the material Part of the Traverse is, not to the Incapacity of Judgment, but to the more material Words of *unsound Mind* or *Insane Memoriae*, which all Persons must understand to be a *Depravity of Reason*,

Reason, or want of it. It was observed by the Counsel against Mr. Barnsley, that People of *unsound Mind* (such of such Understanding as he) always grow worse by Time, because incapable of Improvement; but allowed that Men who may be improved by Time or Instruction, are only ignorant or *weak Men*, and are not within the Meaning of these Words *non Compos Mentis* or *Insanæ Mémbricæ*.— If a Man who is so weak as to be imposed on in the Execution of a Deed by the Artifice of another, or has spent his Money foolishly or weakly, such Men do not come within the Meaning of the Law in Cases of this Sort; but if such Men or Women by Means of the Weakness of their Minds are drawn in to execute by any fraudulent Means, they are relievable in this Court; and Bills are frequently brought by weak and ignorant Persons to set aside those Acts of their Folly, and of their Adversary's Fraud. But Commissions of Lunacy are not intended for such Men, but Decrees for their Relief. *MS. Rep.*

2. A special Return was made to a Commission of Lunacy, which was *filed*; and *per* Lord Chan. King, he must be found either *mad* or *not mad*; and *if the Return had not been filed*, it had been *no Return*; but since *it is filed*, it must be *quashed*, and an *alias* Commission go. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Freak's Case, Select Cases in Chan. 47.*

(B) Concerning the Custody of the personal Estate of a Lunatick.

1. LORD Wenman being found by Inquisition to be a Lunatick, the Custody of his personal Estate was granted to his Wife, she being discharged from her Commitment for not producing him (a). (a) *Vide* (D) *Trin. 1721. Lord Wenman's Case, cor' Lord Chan. Parker, 1 Will. P. 583. Ca. 2. Rep. 701, 702.*

2. J. S. Nephew of B. was found a Lunatick in March 1693; whereupon King William and Queen Mary granted the Custody of his Estate to the said B. who is the *next Remainder Man in Tail of the principal Part of the Family Estate*, but the Person of the Lunatick was granted to C. Afterwards these Grants were upon the Demises of the Crown frequently renewed, the Custody of the Estate being always granted to the said B. and that of the Person of the Lunatick to C. But it appeared that C. was only *nominal* and *In Trust* for B. who all along had the Lunatick in his Custody, and lived with his whole Family, in the Lunatick's House; and it was in Proof that C. declared he knew nothing of the Matter, or how the Lunatick was managed, but that the Lunatick was under the Conduct and in the Custody of B. Whereupon D. who was the Lunatick's deceased's Sister's Son petitioned, that the Custody of the Estate might be taken from B. and that the Custody of the Person might be removed, the same being now in Effect in B. tho' in C.'s Name. And it having been ordered that 200 l. *per Annum*, Part of the Income of the Lunatick's Estate in G. which was subject to a Mortgage of 850 l. should be set apart to pay off the Mortgage, and that the Residue of the Profits should be applied towards the Maintenance of the Lunatick and the Management

His Lordship said, It is very shocking to think that any Brother or Uncle would commit Murder upon his own Brother or Nephew to get his Estate; but in the present Case here has been the strongest Proof that there is not any Ground for that cruel and barbarous Presumption in B. who for thirty two Years last past has maintained his Nephew in

the most tender and careful Manner, and who, if he could have been supposed to have any ill Designs upon the Lunatick, might have executed them long since. This Experience of B.'s Tenderness towards his Nephew is the strongest Argument of his being the proper Guardian for him. And as to D.'s Complaint that

that the Maintenance is too much, his Lordship said, that D. seems more careful of himself than of the Lunatick. His Lordship said,

he thought the *Improvements* made in the Lunatick's *real Estate* very commendable; the Lunatick may recover, and then to see his Estate in good Condition may be greatly to his Comfort; and tho' he has been so long in this unhappy Condition, yet a Lunatick in the Eye of the Law is never to be looked upon as *desperate*, but always at least in a Possibility of recovering. That it was his *Benefit and Comfort*, his Lordship said, he was to take Care of *where no Creditor complains*, and not to heap up Wealth for the Benefit of his Administrators or next of Kin. *Ibid.* 264, 265.

of his Estate; D. the Lunatick's Nephew, complained in his Petition, that this Maintenance was *excessive*, and to the *Prejudice of the next of Kin*, to whom would belong what the Lunatick should leave at his Death. But Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* would not lessen the *Allowance* nor *alter the Committee* of the *Person*, saying, nobody can tell who will be the Lunatick's next of Kin at his Death, for he may live to bury all the next of Kin that are so now. *Mich.* 1724. *Mr. Justice Dormer's Case*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 262.

(a) *Vide* Judge *Dormer's Case*, *Ca. 2. P.* 481.

(b) The same Distinction was taken by Lord Chan. King in a Petition *ex parte* *Ludlow. Mich.* 1731. *Vide* *P.* 579. *Ca. 4.*

3. Two Sisters of a Lunatick petitioned for the Custody of her Person. The Petitioners were *not* the Heirs at Law, but a deceased Brother's Son was. The Lunatick's Estate consisted of 700 *l.* in Money, and a Freehold Estate of 50 *l. per Annum* for her Life only. And a Niece, a deceased Sister's Daughter, put in a Cross Petition, recommending a third Person to be the Committee. And it being insisted, that there is not the same Objection against the next of Kin of the Lunatick *on account of the personal Estate*, as there is against the Heir (a) with regard to the *real Estate*, for the *personal Estate* may increase, and probably will by good Management during the Life of the Lunatick, so that the longer the Lunatick lives, the better it will be for the next of Kin, and consequently it is for their Interest to preserve and prolong the Lunatick's Life (b), whereas the *real Estate* cannot be increased. And it appearing that the Niece did recommend a necessitous Man to be the Committee of the Person, who was a Day Labourer and a Mole Catcher, and had but a very mean Cottage, with only one Fire Place in the whole House, (which was an Argument the Niece did not care what became of her Lunatick Aunt) Lord Chan. King granted the Commitment of the Person of the Lunatick to her two Sisters, and both Parties agreed that the Commitment of the *Freehold Estate* should go to B. a neighbouring Gentleman of a fair Character, who was likely to manage it to the best Advantage. *Trim.* 1729. *Neal's Case*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 544.

4. J. S. having a Daughter who was found a Lunatick, and being seized of a *real Estate* of near 500 *l. per Annum*, and possessed of 600 *l.* personal Estate, by Will made B. *Executrix* and *residuary Legatee*, in Case his Daughter should not recover from her Lunacy, but if she did, then the Daughter to be *Executrix* and *residuary Legatee*, and to remain under the Care of B. during the Continuance of her *Insanity of Mind*. Afterwards B. by Will appointed D. her *Executor* and *residuary Legatee*, and devised, as far as in her lay, the Custody of the Lunatick to said D. who having proved the Will, and under Colour thereof got the Lunatick under his Care, petitioned for the Custody of the Person; and Mr. S. the Lunatick's Cousin, *viz.* the Lunatick's Grandfather's Sister's second Grandson, petitioned for the Custody of the Person, as did Mrs. M. who was another second Cousin of the Lunatick, *viz.* the Lunatick's Grandfather's youngest Sister's Grand-daughter. Lord Chan. King (c) said, that when the

(c) As to the Will of B. devising the

Custody of her Niece to D. it is absolutely void; the Father himself could not make such a Will; tho' he might dispose of the Guardianship of his Child till twenty one; yet after that Age (which is the present Case) he had

Party

Party seeking the Custody of the Lunatick's Person has been *Heir at Law* or next intitled to the Lunatick's real Estate after his Death, this has prevailed as an Objection, tho' much more considerably *formerly* than of *late* (a); but the being next of Kin, so as to be intitled to Share of the *personal* Estate of the Lunatick is no Objection (b), nor did his *Lordship* remember it ever to have prevailed, for the personal Estate in all Probability will increase by the Continuance of the Lunatick's Life, consequently it must be for the Advantage of the Committee to preserve such Life, and to be more careful and tender of it: That in the present Case, the Degree of Relation is equal, which may seem to intitle both the Competitors: But his *Lordship* said, he had found by Experience that Granting the Commitment to *two* had been attended with Inconveniencies, by occasioning Suits, and putting the Estate to great Expence; and since *M.* being of the same Sex, may probably better know how to take Care of the Lunatick, and in this Respect be more tender of her, his *Lordship* ordered the Custody of the Lunatick's Person to be granted to *M.* *Mich.* 1731. *Ex parte Ludlow*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 635.

5. The Custody of a Lunatick's Estate was granted to the *Husband* and *Wife*, the *Wife* being next of Kin to the Lunatick. The *Wife* died; and Lord Chan. *Talbot* held, that the Husband's Right to the Custody of the Lunatick's Estate was *determined*, it being a *joint Grant*, and a mere Authority without any Interest (c). *Mich.* 1735. *Ex parte Lyne*, a Lunatick, *Cases in Eq. Temp.* Lord *Talbot* 143.

no such Power; and then taking the Will out of the Case, *D.* being no Relation, is a mere Stranget, and consequently against the near Relations of the Lunatick he can have no Pretence of Claim to the Custody of the Person. *Per Lord Chancellor*, in *S. C.* *ibid.* 638.
(a) *Vide Mr. Justice Domesmer's Case*, *P.* 581. *Ca.* 2.
(b) *Vide Neal's Case*, *P.* 582. *Ca.* 3.
(c) And his *Lordship* said, it had been so determined in Lord *King's* Time.

(C) The Power of Ideots, Lunaticks, or non Compos Mentis, or their Committees, as to the transferring of a Trust Estate Whereof such Ideot, &c. is seised or possessed.

1. **B**Y Stat. 4 *Geo.* 2. *cap.* 10. *sect.* 1. it shall be lawful for Persons being *Ideot*, *Lunatick*, or non *Compos Mentis*, or for the Committees of such, in their Name, by the Direction of the *Lord Chancellor*, by an Order made upon hearing all Parties on the Petition of the Persons for whom such *Ideots*, &c. shall be seised or possessed In Trust, or of the Mortgagors, or the Persons intitled to the Monies secured upon any Lands whereof such Person being *Ideot*, &c. shall be seised or possessed by way of Mortgage, or of the Persons intitled to the Redemption thereof, to convey such Lands as the *Lord Chancellor* shall by such Order direct; and such Conveyance shall be good.

2. *Sect.* 2. Such Persons being *Ideot*, &c. and only Trustees or Mortgagées, or the Committees of such, may be *impowered* and *compelled* by such Order to make such Conveyances in like Manner as Trustees or Mortgagées of *sane* Memory.

(D) How Offences in respect of a Lunatick and Ideot are punished.

1. **O**N a Commission of Lunacy issued out against *A.* the Custody of her Person and Estate (being personal Estate only) was committed to *B.* Afterwards *C.* by some Contrivance got the Lunatick and married her, without making any Settlement on her. For

2 Will. Rep. 111. S. C. cited per Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, and says, the Court committed the Husband, the Parson, and others that were their Agents, and that the Husband continued in Custody for a considerable Time.

this Contempt the Husband and others concerned in procuring the Marriage were committed by Lord Chancellor to the Fleet, and all Deeds and Securities relating to A's Fortune, and also her Jewels, were ordered to be lodged with a Master in order to secure some Provision for the Wife, in Case she should survive, and also for the Children of that Marriage, if there should be any. Mich. 1715. Vide the Case of Packer and Wyndham, Prec. in Chan. 412.

2. A Commission was granted to enquire of the Ideocy or Lunacy of the Lord Wenman (a), and they who had him in their Custody refusing to produce him before the Commissioners, Lord Chan. Macclesfield ordered him to be produced; whereupon, after great Delays, and after Lord Wenman's Lady had been ordered to attend, and it also appearing by Affidavits, that she had been with her Husband, and been instrumental in removing him from Place to Place, in order to evade his being produced, his Lordship ordered the Lady (b) to be committed to the Fleet, saying, It was great Impudence as well as Obstinacy in her not to do what she could for the producing her Husband, who, upon the Affidavits that had been made, could not but be thought a Lunatick; for if he were found so, his Wife must have the Commitment of his Person (c), and also an Allowance suitable to his Estate and Quality; and it not being pretended that Lord Wenman was an Ideot a Nativitate, his Estate must be all accounted for, and the personal Estate will, upon his Death without Children, go one Moiety thereof, to his Wife. That the taking of this Account would save the Estate from Imbezilment, to the Benefit of his Family; and where there was such a Presumption of Lunacy, the Wife, tho' otherwise under the Power of the Husband, might well be supposed to have him under her Power (d). Trin. 1721. Lord Wenman's Case, 1 Will. Rep. 701.

(a) An Irish Lord.
(b) Tho' an Irish Peeress.
(c) Vide P. 581. Ca. 1.
(d) His Lordship observed, that it would be a Scandal to the Court, if the Contempt of not producing the Lord Wenman were not punished, after so long Time given for that Purpose; and also an intolerable Hardship, if the Prosecutor of this Commission, after so many Delays and so long an Expectation, should be without Remedy; not to mention the Reflection it would bring on the Justice of the Court, which, his Lordship said, should not die in his Hands; and tho' he did this with great Reluctance, in respect of the Quality of the Person whom he committed, yet since the Justice and Honour of the Court were so immediately concerned in this Matter, it was absolute Necessity. Ibid. 702. MS. Rep. S. C. accord.

2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 98. S. C. in totidem verbis.

3. A. and B. being accessary to the Marriage of C. to D. an Ideot, and who had 45*l.* per Annum Lands of Inheritance, and being ordered to attend the Court, stood in Contempt and refused to appear; and being committed, they now petitioned to be discharged; but E. being the principal Contriver of this Marriage, and the Friends of the Ideot having no Evidence to impeach it in Doctor's Commons, nor any Evidence against E. but the Petitioners, it was insisted, that they should not be discharged without good Security to give Evidence of this Contrivance; which Cur' thought reasonable, and therefore they were ordered to be kept in Custody until they give such Evidence or good Security for that Purpose; and it was directed that the Attorney should cause an Information to be filed against E. and that the Prisoners should remain in Custody 'till they gave Evidence against him in like Manner. Mich. 2: Geo. 1. Smart and Taylor, MS. Rep.

C A P. LXIII.

Marriage (a).

(a) The Legality of a Marriage shall never be agi-

rated in Equity, especially after Sentence in the Spiritual Court, in a Cause of Facilitation of Marriage, altho' the Proceedings in the Spiritual Court were only feint and collusive. 1 April 1725. *Hatfield and Hatfield, Vin. Abr. Tit. Marriage, (G) Ca. 8.*—The giving a Person away is not a Thing essential to a Marriage, but it is a Custom that is usually practised. Per Lord Chan. *Hardwicke, Hil. 1741.* in the Case of *Moor and Moor, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 407.*—Maxim, *Marriage is the very highest Consideration in Law. Vide 2 Mod. Ca. 17.*—There are many Cases in the Books to shew that Agreements made in Derogation of the Marriage Contract are to be set aside, whether by way of *Marriage Brocage* or *secret Trust* or *Conveyance*, in Fraud of the Marriage or Agreement, &c. And also that Agreements of a third Person have been enforced, where it has been the Consideration of, and real Occasion of the Marriage.

1. **A** LEASE was made by *Tenant for Life* (pursuant to his Power, &c.) to *B.* It was said, that tho' this Lease imported to be made for 3600 *l.* yet no Money was really paid; and that it was made upon a Marriage Brocage for *B.*'s procuring Marriage between the *Lessor* and *Lady Ogle.* And per Lord *Keeper,* If it be a Lease for Marriage Brocage, it must be set aside, being *ex turpi causa,* and no Difference between a Bond or Lease, and an Inheritance; but his *Lordship* not thinking the Proof sufficient to found a Decree upon, he ordered it to be tried at Law, whether the procuring the Marriage were the Consideration of this Lease. Afterwards it was twice tried, Verdicts both Times for the *Lessee;* and thereupon the Bill was dismissed. But the Lords reversed the Decree, and set aside the Lease, without Regard to the Verdicts. *Trin. 1701. Striblehill and Brett, Prec. in Chan. 165.*

2. Marriage Contracts made in all Countries are to be observed in all, and therefore a Contract made in *France* was enforced here. *Prec. in Chan. 208.*

3. Entry of a Marriage in a Church Book, no Evidence of that Marriage, unless the Identity of the Persons be sufficiently proved, or the same be strengthened by Proof of Cohabitation, or Allowance or Confession of the Parties. See the Case of *Draycot and Talbot,* before the Lords, 28 Jan. 1718. *Grounds and Rudim. of Law and Eq. Ca. 15. P. 206.*

4. A Power was given to a Feme sole to dispose by Will; and she afterwards married. Decreed that the Marriage is a Suspension of her Power, but if she survives her Husband, the Power revives. See the Case of *Rich* and before the Lords, 9 Feb. 1727. *Grounds and Rudim. of Law and Eq. Ca. 13. P. 206.*

5. A Bond was given by the Defendant to a young Woman in the Penalty of 1000 *l.* reciting, that she had agreed to marry him, and conditioned, that he would marry her according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England within a Twelvemonth, or else pay the Sum of 500 *l.* The Defendant not having married her, and having got the Bond out of her Possession, and destroyed it, she brought her Bill (which after her Death was revived by her Representative) praying a Satisfaction for the 500 *l.* At the Hearing the chief Matter insisted upon for the Defendant, was, that the Plaintiff in her Bill had not averred that she herself was ready and willing to have married the Defendant; that the Marriage was not in his Power alone, but her

Consent was necessary; and that wherever the *Act* of the *Obligee* is necessary to the Performance of the Condition, a Readiness on his Side must be shewn. But *Cur'* held the Bill was sufficient without such Averment; and that the Case must be considered as if an Action at Law had been brought upon this Bond. Now at Law the Plaintiff need not have averred that she was ready and willing, but it would be incumbent on the Defendant to shew the contrary, as an Excuse for his Nonperformance, viz. that he was ready, and offered and requested her, but she refused; for he must not only have shewn a Readiness on his Part, but a Refusal on hers; besides, in all Cases of Contract, the Nature of the Thing is to be considered, and from the Modesty of the Woman's Sex, the Law presumes that the Request is to arise on the Part of the Man, unless the Agreement is to the contrary. Accordingly decreed the 500*l.* to the Representative, with Costs, and Interest from the Time of filing the original Bill. Hil. 1738. *Atkins and Farr, Vin. Abr. Tit. Marriage, (G. a.) Ca. 3. P. 296.*

Vide Tit. Agreements, P. 15. Baron and Feme, P. 129. Bonds, P. 181. Settlements, P.

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Master and Servant.

*Prec. in Chan. I.
221. S. C.*

PLAINTIFF's Testator (in 1676) being Commander of the Ship *H.* sent by the King (at the Instance and Charge of the African Company, to whom his Majesty had granted the sole Trade on the Coasts of Guinea, exclusive of others) to seize all Interlopers in Africa, in 1677 the Testator seized a Ship (whereof Defendant *D.* was Freighter) trading in Africa, and her Cargo was accounted for to the African Company. In 1696 *D.* brought Trover against Plaintiff, and recovered 2500*l.* Damages for the Ship and Cargo. The Bill was brought against *D.* and the Company to be relieved, but was dismissed as to *D.* But the Company was decreed to indemnify the Plaintiff, and that *D.* might prosecute the Decree in the Plaintiff's Name; and tho' Plaintiff's Testator had received 700*l.* from the Company for his Service out of the Cargo, yet Plaintiff was not to refund or abate, that being a Gratuity to the Testator, he acting only as Servant or Agent to the Company; and as to the Quantum of the Damage, they (the Company) were bound by the Recovery at Law against Plaintiff the Executor, because they might have defended the Trial. *Trin. 1703. Langdon, Executor of Dickenson, and African Company et al', MS. Rep.*

2. *A.* in 1712 binding his Son to *B.* a Merchant, was bound in a Bond of 1000*l.* Penalty for his Son's Fidelity. The Son in 1715 imbezilled 203*l.* of his Master's Cash, which *A.* paid, but at the same Time by Letter desired *B.* to trust his Son no more with Cash,
or

or at least but very sparingly; however, *B.* does trust the Son again with Cash, and about a Year after the Apprentice, on stating the Account, appeared to be indebted 300 *l.* but *B.* did not make up the Account until near two Years after the Expiration of the Apprenticeship, and during that Time got the Apprentice to sign a *Memorandum*, whereby he acknowledged he had imbezilled 2750 *l.* of *B.*'s Cash. The Apprenticeship expired 12 Feb. 1719, and the *Memorandum* was dated 24 Feb. 1719, but the Apprentice still continued with *B.* and *B.* gave no Notice of this Imbezilment 'till July 1721, and then putting this 1000 *l.* in Suit, *A.* the Father brought his Bill to be relieved; and Lord Chan. King decreed the Father to pay to *B.* what he should prove to have been imbezilled by the Son during the Apprenticeship, not exceeding the 1000 *l.* Penalty of the Bond, but the 203 *l.* already paid to be taken as Part thereof; and this being on a *Rehearing* from a Decree by his Honour 28 July 1724. The 10 *l.* Deposit was to be divided, the Plaintiff having prevailed but in Part upon the Rehearing. *Trin.* 1725. *Shepherd and Beecher*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 288.

His Honour had ordered that the Father should pay the whole 1000 *l.* if so much should prove to be imbezilled, without any

Abatement for the 203 *l.* paid on account of the former Imbezilment; but Lord Chan. King observed that the Father seems to have intended not to make himself liable beyond the 1000 *l.* and that considering the gross Neglect of *B.* in this Case, and that he thereby was Party to the Occasion of this Loss, it was reasonable that the 203 *l.* should be taken as Part of the 1000 *l.* Penalty. But that the Father having given this Bond, tho' there was an Imbezilment, and tho' the Father sent the said Letter to *B.* yet he continued bound, and ought not to have satisfied himself with sending the Letter, and taking no farther Care of the Matter, but should have endeavoured to have made some End with *B.* and to have got up the Bond; wherefore he must continue liable to answer some Imbezilment, unless there should appear *Fraud* in the Master. *Ibid.* 289, 290, 291. and for these Reasons decreed *ut supra.*—*Select Cases in Chan.* 43. S. C.

C A P. LXV.

Merger.

(A) In what Cases (a).

(a) Maxim,
Equal Things
cannot drown
one another.

1. *J.* S. was seised in Fee of a Manor, out of which a Fee-Farm Rent was issuing. *J.* S. purchased in the Rent, and took the Conveyance to himself in Fee. By this the Rent is merged in the Inheritance. Said *arg'* 10 *Geo.* 1. in the Case of *Atcherley* and *Vernon et al'* (b), *Lucas's Rep.* 525.

(b) 2 *Mod.*
Cases in Law
and *Eq.* 68.
Acherley and
Vernon, S. C.

2. Where 100 *l.* is charged upon Lands, payable to *A.* and vested in Trustees and their Heirs 'till Payment thereof and Interest, and the same legal Estate still continuing in them, there can be no Merger by an *Estate-tail* in the same Lands coming to *A.* who was intitled to the Money. Per Lord Chan. King, who said, that had this been a mere equitable Charge upon the Land, and a *Fee-simple*, not an *Estate-tail* only, had come to *A.* it might then have been a Merger. *Trin.* 1731. *Duke of Chandos and Talbot*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 605.

C A P. LXVI.

Mesne Profits.

(A) From what Time to be accounted for.

1. **L**ORD Keeper *Wright* was of Opinion, That when one has a Title to the Possession of Lands, and makes an Entry, whereby he becomes intitled to recover Damages at Law, for the Time the Possession was detained from him after such Entry; he shall not turn that Action at Law into a Suit in Equity, and bring a Bill for an Account of the Profits, except in Case of an *Infant*, or some other very particular Circumstances. *East*. 1705. *Tilly and Bridges, Prec. in Chan.* 252.

2. A Lease was made by some of Plaintiff's Ancestors (under whom he claimed) to *J. S.* for his Life, and the Lives of *A.* and *E.* his two Daughters. Upon *J. S.*'s Marriage with Defendant his second Wife, these Lands were settled on her for her Life, and they had Issue a Daughter also named *E.* Then *J. S.* died, and then his two Daughters named in the Lease died, whereby the Lease was at an End; but there being still a Daughter named *E.* Plaintiff's Ancestors or Plaintiff made no Entry, but concluded the Lease was still subsisting; and the Defendant the second Wife had held these Lands under this mistaken Title for several Years; but now the Mistake being discovered, the Defendant acquainted Plaintiff with it, who had Possession delivered to him; and now brought his Bill for an Account of the Rents, &c. from the Time of the Determination of the Lease. And Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* was clear of Opinion, that where one has a Title of Entry, and neglects to enter, or to bring his Ejectment, but sleeps upon it several Years, as he has no Remedy at Law for the Mesne Profits, so neither has he in Equity; for it was his own Fault he did not enter, and he shall never come into this Court for Relief against his own Negligence, or to make the Tenant in Possession, who held over his Lease, to be but his Bailiff or Steward, whether he will or no; but in the *principal* Case, by reason of this Circumstance of *both Daughters being of the same Name*, and the *Mistake consequent thereupon*, the Defendant was decreed to account for the Mesne Profits from the Time of the Expiration of the Lease; and so it would be *where any Fraud had been used to conceal the Title from the Lessor, or in Case of an Infant*; but otherwise generally, *where the Party has no Remedy at Law, he shall have no Relief in Equity for the Mesne Profits but from the Time of an Entry made*, which he at his Peril ought to have taken Care of so soon as his Title began. *East*. 1719. *Duke of Bolton and Deane, Prec. in Chan.* 516. *MS. Rep. accord*'.

3. *J. S.* granted a Lease of Lands for twenty-one Years to *B.* *B.* devised the same Lands to *C.* his younger Son, and made *D.* his Executor, and died. *C.* brought his Bill against the Defendant for the Mesne Profits of *Part* of the Premises, having himself been in Possession of the *other Part* from *B.*'s Death; and it appearing that a

Counterpart of a Lease was delivered by *E.* who had been the Defendant's Agent, to *C.* by which the Lands in Question were formerly leased by *J. S.* to Defendant, which Counterpart was executed by Defendant, and now produced, and the Lands therein mentioned being the same as were granted by the *latter* Lease to *B.* this satisfied the Court of *C.*'s Right; wherefore Defendant (who pretended Title to the Inheritance) was decreed by Lord Chan. King to account for the Profits from *B.*'s Death, at which Time *C.*'s Title thereto accrued by Virtue of *B.*'s Will. *Mich.* 1731. *Bennet and Whitehead*, 2 Will. Rep. 644.

4. If a third Person enters on the Lands of an *Infant*, the *Infant* when he comes of Age, shall, by a Bill in Equity, recover the Profits from the Time of the *first* Entry; because, when one enters on an *Infant*, he is chargeable as *Bailiff* or *Guardian*, and *no Laches* shall be imputed to the *Infant*; wherefore it will be construed as if he had entered as soon as his Right accrued. Admitted *arg'*, *Mich.* 1731. in the Case of *Bennet and Whitehead*, 2 Will. Rep. 645.

C A P. LXVII.

Mines.

1. *J. S.* seized in Fee of Lands, in which were Mines, all of them *unopened*, by Deed conveyed the *Lands and all Mines, Waters, Trees, &c.* to *Trustees and their Heirs*, to the Use of himself for Life, (who soon after died), Remainder to the Use of *A.* for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively, Remainder to *B.* in like Manner, Remainder to his two Sisters *C.* and *D.* and the Heirs of their Bodies, Remainder to himself in Fee. *A.* and *B.* had no Sons, and *C.* died without Issue, by which the Heir of *J. S.* as to one Moiety of the Premises, had the first Estate of Inheritance. Upon a Bill brought after *J. S.*'s Death by his Heir, to stay *A.*'s opening any Mine, it was urged, that the Mines being expressly granted by this Settlement with the Lands, it was as strong a Case as if the Mines themselves were limited to *A.* for Life, and like *Sanders's* Case 5 Co. 12. But Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* *econtra*; *A.* having only an Estate for Life, subject to Waste, he shall no more open a Mine than he shall cut down the *Timber* Trees, for both are equally granted by this Deed; and the Meaning of inserting *Mines, Trees and Water*, was, that all should pass; but as the *Timber* and *Mines* were Part of the Inheritance, no one should have Power over them but such as had an Estate of Inheritance limited to him. *Mich.* 1724. *Whitfield and Berwit*, 2 Will. Rep. 240.—Of which Opinion was Lord Chan. King on a *Rehearing*, *ibid.* 242.

2. *A.* (the Defendant) was *Tenant for Life*, but not without *Impeachment of Waste*; *B.* the Plaintiff was the *Remainder Man*, and in these Lands there were several *Mines* of Coals which were opened before *A.* came to the Estate, and *A.* opened the Earth in several Places to pur-

due the old Vein of Coals. B. moved for an Injunction to stay A. from opening the Earth in any new Place. And Lord Chan. King said, this was determined in the great Cause of *Hellier v. Twiford* at the Affizes for Devon before Powel J. and that there it was proved to be the Course of the Country, and a Practice well-known in those Parts among the Miners, that any Person, having a Right to dig in Mines, may pursue the Mine, and open new Shifts or Pits to follow the same Vein; and that otherwise the working in the same Mines would be impracticable, because the Mines would be choaked for want of Air, if new Holes should not be continually opened to let the Air in; and the same Vein of Coals frequently runs a great Way; and (as his Lordship expressed it) the same Mine of Coals was very knowable and easy to be discerned; besides, to stop the Working might be the Ruin of the Colliery for ever; and in the present Case it appeared, that there was a Fire Engine kept by the Tenant for Life of these Mines, which carried off the Water, without which the Mines would be lost, and the Working of this Engine cost 40 l. or 50 l. a Week. Then it was objected, That these Mines were not opened when the Settlement was made, but having been opened by the Person who by that Settlement claimed an *Estate-tail*, and was since dead without Issue; whereas the Settlement gave only the Benefit of the Mines then opened to the Tenant for Life. But his Lordship said, it seems as if the Tenant for Life may work all Mines which were lawfully opened by the precedent Tenant in Tail, tho' subsequent to the Settlement; and so denied the Injunction. *Mich. 1726. Clavering and Clavering, 2 Will. Rep. 388.*

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Work.

3. There is a great Difference between Pits and Mines, for if a Mine be opened, he that may work the Mine is not obliged to pursue the Vein of one under Ground, but he may sink Pits in Pursuit of it as many as he thinks proper, which are necessary to come at the Ore. *Per the Solicitor General.*—And Lord Chan. King said, it had been so resolved by Powel J. on great Consideration, and consulting and examining the most able Miners. *Nov. 10, 1729. Clavering and Clavering, Select Cases in Chan. 79.*

4. If J. S. either breaks up Mines, which he ought not to do, or even attempts or threatens to break them up, that is a Reason for coming into this Court to have an Injunction. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, East. 1741. in Casu Gibson and Smith, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 407.*

C A P. LXVIII.

Mortgage.

- (A) What is a Mortgage, &c.—Of a Mortgage in Fee;—
And here in what Case a Mortgage shall have the Preference of a Judgment (a). (a) Vide Ca. 8. P. 592.
- (B) Redemption in what Cases decreed,—And at what Time, &c.—And who shall be admitted to redeem (b). (b) Vide (A) P. Ca.
- (C) Of Foreclosure;—And here of opening a Foreclosure. and (G) P. Ca.
- (D) In what Case the Act of the Mortgagee will bind the Mortgagor, et econt'.
- (E) In what Case the Court of Chancery refused to relieve (c) a Mortgagee. (c) Vide (L) P.
- (F) Concerning of Interest due on a Mortgage, and of such being made Principal.
- (G) Of Preference, Disputes, &c. amongst Mortgagees;—
Of Puisne Mortgagees, &c.—Buying in Prior Mortgages, &c.—And where a Prior Mortgagee shall retain against a Mesne Mortgagee. Vide (B) P.
- (H) Mortgage Money, to whom to be paid;—And what Act will discharge a Mortgage.
- (I) In what Case the Profits, &c. received by the Mortgagee, shall be set against the Interest;—And in what Cases a Mortgagee may not commit Waste in Equity, et econt'.
- (K) Cases relating to Tenant for Life, and the Remainder Man of a mortgaged Estate.
- (L) In what Case a Mortgagee shall not be relieved (d) against a Forfeiture. (d) Vide (E) P.

(A) What is a Mortgage, &c. (e).—Of a Mortgage in Fee;—And here in what Case a Mortgage shall have the Preference of a Judgment (f). (e) The personal Estate, tho' devised, shall pay off a Mortgage, tho' there is no Covenant

for Payment in the Mortgage. *Trin.* 1696. *Meynel and Howard, Prec. in Chan.* 61. unless there are Words of Exemption. *Per Lord Cowper, Mich.* 1717. *Prec. in Chan.* 477. (f) Vide Ca. 8. P. 592.

1. **A** MORTGAGE is looked upon as a *personal* Contract, and the Mortgagee has *no* Interest beyond his Money. *Per Lord Chan. Somers, Mich.* 1699. in the Case of *Brown and Gibbs, Prec. in Chan.* 99.

2. If a Mortgagee afterwards gets an absolute Deed, but suffers Possession to go sometime contrary to it, it will again make it but a Mortgage. *Mich.* 7 *Ann.* in *Casu Harris and Howell, Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 11.

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3. Sir *John Trevor* Master of the Rolls said, If a Mortgage in Fee is made, the Estate will descend to the Heir of the Mortgagee, but he hath it only In Trust for the Executors, and there is no Difference between a Mortgage in Fee of Lands at the Common Law and of Copyhold. *East. 7 Ann. MS. Notes.*

4. There is no Difference between a Mortgage in Fee of Lands at the Common Law and of Copyhold. Said *per Sir John Trevor* Master of the Rolls, *Trin. 7 Ann. MS. Notes.*

5. A Mortgage is an Interest in Land, and on Nonpayment the Estate is absolute in Law, and the Mortgagee's Interest is good in Equity to intitle him to receive and enjoy the Profits 'till Redemption or Satisfaction, and on a Foreclosure has the absolute Estate both in Law and Equity. *Per Pratt C. J. in the Case of Roper and Ratcliffe, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 196.*

6. Where a Man treated to lend Money on a Mortgage, and the Conveyance proposed was an absolute Deed from the Mortgagor and a Deed of *Defeazance* from the Mortgagee, and after the Mortgagee had got the Conveyance he refused to execute the *Defeazance*, yet Lord *Nottingham* decreed it against him on the Fraud after the Statute cited *per Cur'*, *Mich. 1719. in the Case of Maxwell and Lady Mountacute his Wife, Prec. in Chan. 526.*

7. So where an absolute Conveyance is made for 100 *l.* to *A.* and instead of entering and receiving the Profits, *A.* demands Interest for the Money, and has it paid him, this will be admitted to explain the Nature of the Conveyance. *Per Cur', ibid.*

8. A Judgment was signed in *June 1725.* A Mortgage was made to Plaintiff in 1728. In *January 1730* the Judgment was docketed, as appears by Entry in the Margin of the Docket. The Master of the Rolls held that the Docket was not good, being made after the Time limited by 4 & 5 *W. & M. cap. 20.* and that the Officer had no Authority for it; and said, he would complain to the Judges of the Attorney's keeping back the Rolls; that the Mortgage had got the Preference of the Judgment by Defect of the Docket; and as to the Notice that the Statute being express that Judgments not docketted should lose their Preference as to Purchaser and Mortgagees, Notice or not Notice was not material, tho' urged that the Docket was purely to give Notice, and to make the finding of Judgments more easy. Decreed for Plaintiff; but the Cause turned upon the Foot of an Agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant touching Defendant's delivering up the Bond and Judgment. *Mich. 1733. Forshall and Coles, Vin. Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (E) Ca. 6.*

9. *A.* a Jointenant with *B.* her Sister, made an absolute Conveyance to *C.* in Fee for 104 *l.* which was intended only as a Mortgage. In 1708 those Deeds were cancelled; and then *A.* in Consideration of 184 *l.* (including the 104 *l.*) paid by *C.* conveyed the Estate *ut supra*, but with a further Covenant not to agree to any Partition without *C.*'s Consent. *B.* was in Possession 'till 1710, when *C.* ejecting her out of the Moiety, enjoyed it quietly 'till 1726, when *A.* brought her Bill for Redemption, to which *C.* pleaded himself an absolute Purchaser. The Receipts given for the Money mentioned it to be Purchase Money. In 1710 there was an Agreement that *A.* might have the Estate again, *if desired*, on Payment of Principal, Interest and Charges. The Cause was first heard before his Honour, who dismissed the Bill. And afterwards coming on before Lord Chan. Talbot, his Lordship took Notice that the Case was very dark, but that the said Agreement shewed it was *not* redeemable at first, and that upon considering what,

what, upon Proof, he took to be the annual Value of the Estate; and as to the other Matters, his *Lordship* was inclined upon the whole to think it was at first an absolute Conveyance; and, upon the Circumstances of the Case, affirmed his *Honour's* Decree. Had *A.* continued in Possession any Time after executing the Deeds, he should have been *clear* that it was a Mortgage; and the Acquiescence of sixteen Years under *C.'s* Possession was a strong Evidence of it's being an absolute Conveyance, for otherwise the Length of Time would not have signified, because *they who take a Conveyance of an Estate as a Mortgage without any Defeazance are guilty of Fraud; and no Length of Time will bar a Fraud (a).* And his *Lordship* disapproved of the Practice ^{(a) Maxim.} in the North, of making Mortgages absolute, and the Defeazance by a separate Deed, as carrying a Face of Fraud. *Hil. 8 Geo. 2. Cotterel and Purchase, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 61.*

10. *J. S.* being indebted to *A.* in 300 *l.* *A.* threatened to arrest him, but to prevent this, *J. S.* proposed to assign to him a Lease; *A.* agrees; but it was not fully settled whether the Assignment was to be an absolute one in Discharge of the Debt, or whether it was to be redeemable on Payment of the 300 *l.* with Interest; however, *A.* got an absolute Assignment drawn, which *J. S.* objected to, insisting, that it should be made redeemable on Payment *ut supra.* The Parties disagreeing, *B.* the Brother of *J. S.* interposed, and at last the Agreement was, that *B.* should become bound to *A.* for the Payment of the 300 *l.* and that the Name of *A.* should be struck out of the Assignment, and *B.'s* inserted; that *J. S.* should execute the Deed with this Alteration only, but that there be an Indorsement, purporting, that the Deed was made to indemnify *B.* against the said Bond; all which was accordingly done. Two Days afterwards *J. S.* directed the Tenants to attorn to *B.* which they did, and it was sworn by *B.* in his Answer, that on the same Day it was agreed between *J. S.* and *B.* that the Assignment which had been made should be absolute to him without Redemption. But this Part of his Answer was falsified by a Witness, who swore that *B.* afterwards declared that *J. S. was a Fool for not making the Assignment absolute to him.* *J. S.* became afterwards a Bankrupt, and a Bill being brought for a Redemption, Mr. Justice *Parker*, who sat for Lord Chancellor, said, his Opinion was, that the Plaintiffs were intitled to Relief; that it could not be doubted but that when this Assignment was made, it was then intended only as a Mortgage; for tho' the Assignment was, on the Face of it, absolute, and that under Hand and Seal, yet the Indorsement, tho' under the Party's Hand only, was sufficient to shew, at least in Equity, it was only a Mortgage; and that what was done two Days after the Execution of the Assignment did not alter the Nature of it, being no more than a Direction to the Tenants to attorn to the Mortgagee. And it being contended for the Plaintiffs, that *B.* not only forfeited his Costs, by insisting upon this Assignment as an absolute Purchase, but that he ought to pay Plaintiffs the Costs of this Suit, the Judge said, he thought it would be going too far to make *B.* pay the Costs of this Suit; but was of Opinion, that he had forfeited his Costs. Here is an Indorsement under his own Hand, whereby he has admitted the Assignment to be a Mortgage, and then here is a Witness falsifying his Answer. Decreed that the Assignees under the Commission in the first Place shall have Liberty to redeem, and in Default thereof that the Plaintiffs shall have the Redemption. *East. 1740. Franklyn and Fern, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.*

(B) Redemption in what Cases decreed,—And at what Time, &c.—And who shall be admitted to redeem (a).

(a) *Vide* (A)

P. . Ca.

and (G) P.

Ca. If a Mortgagor has been absent thirty Years, his Heir apparent may redeem, for it may be presumed when the Mortgagor has not been heard of so long, that he is dead. (b) *MS. Notes.*—If Lands are limited in a Settlement to Daughters, with a Proviso, that if the Heir, Executor or Administrator of the Seller, pays 400*l.* at a Day certain to Trustees, that the Limitation shall cease, this Limitation is only a Collateral Sort of Security for the Money, which the Creditors of the Seller, or he in Reversion, may redeem. *Frederick and Aynscombe, (c) MS. Notes.*—An Equity of Redemption has always been considered, in Equity, as an Estate in the Land; it is such an Interest in the Land as will descend from Ancestor to Heir, and may be granted, intailed, devised or mortgaged; and that equitable Interest may be barred by a Common Recovery. The Person who is intitled to the Equity of Redemption, is considered in Equity as Owner of the Land, and the Mortgagee to retain the Land as a Pledge or Deposit; and for this Reason it is, that a Mortgage in Fee is considered as a personal Estate, notwithstanding in Point of Law the legal Estate vests in the Heir. (d) *MS. Notes.* (b) *Quære* Term and Year. (c) *Quære* Term and Year.

(d) *Quære* Term and Year.

1. **A** Mortgagee in Fee lends Money to the Mortgagor upon Bond, and the Mortgagor dies, and his Heir sells the Equity of Redemption. And *per Lord Chancellor*, the Vendee of the Heir of the Mortgagor shall redeem the Land, without paying the Money lent on the Bond. *Hil. 1678. Bayly and Robson, Prec. in Chan. 89.*

2. If *A.* mortgage Lands to *B.* for 100*l.* and *A.* owes *B.* also 100*l.* by *Contract* or *Bond*, *A.* shall not be admitted to redeem the Mortgage without paying the 100*l.* by the *Contract* or *Bond*, but is left to his Remedy on his *Contract* or *Bond* (e). *Mich. 1701. so held in the Case of Monger and Kett, in Canc', Cases in B.R. Temp. W. 3.*

(e) Hereupon
Pooley at the
Bar said, that
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veral Mortgages upon several Lands for 100*l.* each from the same Person, and one of the Mortgages proves a bad Title, and the other good, the Mortgagor shall redeem the good one, without paying of the Money upon the bad one. *Ibid.*

3. If Mortgagee assigned over his Mortgage, yet he must be made a Party in a Bill of Redemption, that he may account for what Profits he did receive in his Time. This was held by the Court, to be the daily Practice. *Anne, in the Dutchy.*

4. *A.* had a Mortgage of certain Lands, whereof *B.* had a prior Mortgage, and afterwards *B.* lent a further Sum to the Mortgagor on a Statute; but as *A.* alledged *B.* had Notice of *A.*'s Mortgage before he lent the last Money, *B.* by Answer did not deny Notice positively but evasively, and *A.* could not prove Notice 'till after *B.*'s lending the last Money; yet because *B.* had not denied Notice positively, Lord Keep. *Wright* and his Honour decreed a Redemption on Payment of the first Money only. *Trin. 1703. Cason and Round, Prec. in Chan. 226.*

In this Case it was said, that tho' the Heir on Payment of what is due on the Mortgage will have back the Copyhold from the Wife, yet that she shall hold the Freehold 'till the Bond is satisfied. *Ibid. 238.*

5. Plaintiff's Husband before Marriage gives her a Bond to leave her 1000*l.* if she survived him, and the same Day marries her. The Husband dies intestate, leaving a *Freehold* and *Copyhold* Estate, all in Mortgage to *B.* The Wife administers, but the personal Estate not being near sufficient to satisfy this Bond, she brings a Bill against the Heir and Mortgagee to redeem, and be let in to have Satisfaction of the Bond. And *per Lord Keep. Wright*, if the Bond were executed, (which being doubtful, was ordered to be tried) the Court would support it as a Bond, and that the *Freehold* and *Copyhold* being mortgaged together, the Plaintiff should redeem both. *Hil. 1704. Aston and Aston, Prec. in Chan. 237.*

6. A Note was given *at the Time of the Release of an Equity of Redemption*, that the *Releasor* should have the Lands conveyed to him, upon Payment of what was given for the Lands, within a Year; such Payment having been neglected for several Years, there shall be no Redemption. 10 Feb. 1706. *Endsworth and Griffith, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (U) Ca. 8.*

7. *A.* mortgages a Tenement to *B.* and *C.* and *D.* were Sureties for Payment of Principal and Interest; afterwards 11*l.* Interest being behind, *C.* paid it to prevent a Suit; after this *D.* lends Money to *A.* and it was proposed that the Equity of Redemption should be his Security; upon which *C.* desired *D.* that the 11*l.* might be included in his Security; *D.* promised it should, and accordingly adds the 11*l.* to the Consideration of the Mortgage, and gave *C.* a Note to assure him a Satisfaction out of this Security. *D.* being a considerable Creditor to *A.* insisted, that *C.* should have no Satisfaction until his own Money was first reimbursed; *C.* dies; his Widow being his Executrix, exhibits her Bill against *D.* and insists upon having Satisfaction before him. The Money being due to her precedent to his Demand, the Defendant alledged that the Acceptance of the Note was a Waiver of the first Equity. Lord Chancellor: *C.* having paid 11*l.* for Interest, he stands in the Place of *B.* the Mortgagee, and shall have the Benefit of that Security; and as to the Note it is not any Waiver, but an additional Security. *Trin. 7 Ann. Beckett and Booth.*

His Lordship in this Case said, no valuable Purchaser, with Notice of a Debt, shall be assisted against it in Equity.

8. *A.* seised of a Copyhold in Fee, upon his Marriage surrendered it to the Use of himself and his Wife in special Tail, Remainder to the Wife in Fee, upon Condition that if he pay 50*l.* at such a Day to a Daughter that the Wife had, then the whole Surrender to be void; the Day elapsed and the 50*l.* not paid; the Husband died without Issue. The Plaintiff being his Heir, brought his Bill against the Defendant, who purchased from the Wife to redeem. Defendant pleads that he is a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration without Notice. Lord Chancellor: The Court may sometimes carry an Interest which is redeemable even to an Opposition. This originally was not designed for a Mortgage, but the Party by settling it thus has left it in his Election either to perform the Condition, by paying the Money, or to let the Settlement stand, and he chose the latter; therefore he allowed the Plea, but said nothing of the Notice. *Mich. 8 Ann. King and Bromley, MS. Rep.*

9. *A.* being seised of several Copyholds in Fee, mortgages them; and afterwards mortgages Part of them to another, and mortgages Part of them to a third Person; but there was no Admittance, or if there was, it was entered in a wrong Book, contrary to the Custom of the Manor. But the Mortgagee relied upon the Mortgagor, who was Deputy Steward of the Manor, to do every Thing that was needful, but instead of that he entered the Surrender in a wrong Book, contrary to the Custom. And after mortgages the Lands a fourth Time, then the Mortgagor becomes a Bankrupt. Insisted, That the Lands in the second Mortgage being Part of those that were in the first, the second Mortgagee shall be admitted to redeem all the Lands contained in the first Mortgage, paying the first Mortgagee all that is due upon his Mortgage. And by Lord Chancellor, Where there is a second Mortgagee of Part of the Lands that were before in Mortgage, he shall not redeem Part of the first Mortgage, and so put the first Mortgagee to seek what is due to him out of the Residue of the Lands, when he hath a precedent Title to the whole, but paying all that is due, he shall redeem the whole. But it was ordered that the second Mortgagee

Mortgagee should redeem so much as was contained in his own Mortgage, the *Master* settling the Proportion the second Mortgagee shall pay to the first. And it was also decreed, that the fourth Mortgage being without Notice of the third, and the third being entered in a wrong Book, the third shall be postponed, and the fourth stand in the Room of it; and that after the fourth Mortgage is satisfied, the third shall be let in. It was objected, That the Assignees of the Commissioners of Bankrupt have the legal Estate, and being Creditors have an equitable Right, which will prevail against Equity only. *Lord Chancellor*: They stand but in the Place of the Bankrupt, and this third Mortgage would have been good against the Bankrupt himself, and therefore shall be good against the Creditors; and the third Mortgagee shall come in as a Creditor, to have his Dividend of the Bankrupt's personal Estate, for so much as the third mortgaged Lands fall short of satisfying what is due upon that Mortgage. *Welman and Warren, Mich. 8 Ann.*

10. No Redemption after forty Years Possession, but on a stated Account for turning Interest into Principal. 15 Jan. 1710. *Conway and Shrimpton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (U) Ca. 9.*

11. A Feme sole seised of Lands in Fee, subject to a Mortgage, marries *A.* who about ten Years after pays off the Mortgage, and has it assigned over to *B.* In Trust for himself, and lays out a considerable Sum in Improvements upon the Estate; and having Issue two Daughters by his Wife, makes his Will, and devises these Lands to his youngest Daughter, and dies; the Wife survives, and holds the Lands for her Life; and after her Death, the eldest Daughter and her Husband bring a Bill against her Sister and Coheir, to redeem a Moiety of these Lands. The great Question was, Upon what Terms and in what Manner Plaintiff should redeem, for if the Account was to be taken as between Mortgagor and Mortgagee in Possession, then the Devisee must account for the Profits received by the Devisor, and be allowed for Repairs and lasting Improvements; but if in this Case the Devisor should be judged in Possession by Right of his Wife, and not by Virtue of the Mortgage, then the Devisee was not to account for the Profits, nor have an Allowance for Repairs and Improvements, but only to have Interest allowed from the Father's Death, for then it would be the common Case of Tenant for Life of Lands in Mortgage, who is obliged to keep down the growing Interest during the Continuance of his Estate, and shall not have any Allowance for the Improvements? *Cowper C.* decreed that there should be no Allowance for Improvements by the Husband before he took an Assignment of the Mortgage; but from that Time the Devisee should have an Allowance of the two Thirds of the lasting Improvements, but nothing for the other Third, because he received the Benefit of the Improvements during his Life, according to the usual Proportion between an Estate for Life and the Reversion in Fee; and that no Interest should be allowed during the Devisor's Life, for Tenant for Life is bound to keep down the Interest during his Estate. *Per Cur', Newling and Abbot, East. 1 Geo. Vin. Abr. 185. Ca. 8. Letter A.*

12. *J. S.* grants a Rent-charge in Fee of 48 *l. per Annum* to *B.* upon Condition, that if *J. S.* should at any Time give Notice to pay in the Consideration Money (being 800 *l.*) by Instalments, viz. 100 *l.* at the End of every six Months, and should, pursuant to such Notice, pay the said Money and Interest at any Time during his Lifetime, then the Grant to be void; but there is no Covenant for *J. S.* to pay the Money, and the Rent-charge was much less than what the Interest

Interest of the Money came to, (legal Interest being then, viz. about sixty Years ago, at 8 *l. per Cent.*); and B. had conveyed it over after J. S.'s Death (a) to a Purchaser, to whom he had given collateral Security for quiet Enjoyment; and the Purchaser had afterwards made a Marriage Settlement of it. And upon a Bill brought by the Heir of J. S. to redeem this Rent-charge, the only Question was, Whether it was redeemable? And Lord Chan. Cowper concerned the Rent-charge was not redeemable *at so great a Distance of Time* (b), viz. about sixty Years; and that this Court had gone too far in permitting Redemptions. And decreed the Bill to be *dismissed* with the usual Costs, it being only upon Bill and Answer. Mich. 1714. *Floyer and Lavington*, 1 Will. Rep. 268.

(a) *Quere* when the Mortgagor died.

His Lordship observed, that it was material, that at the Time of making the Mortgage Interest was at 8 *l. per Cent.*

and therefore the Rent-charge of 48 *l.* a Year being so much less than the yearly Interest of 800 *l.* which at 8 *l. per Cent.* came to 64 *l.* a Year, the Payment of the Rent-charge could not be taken to be the Payment of the Interest. That here several Circumstances concurred, which, tho' each of them singly might not be of Force to bar the Redemption, yet all joined together were strong enough to prevail over it. That the Mortgagee seemed to have allowed a Consideration for the purchasing the Equity of Redemption after the Death of the Mortgagor. First, By taking the Rent-charge at 48 *l. per Annum.* Secondly, By agreeing to have his Principal Money by *Installments.* Thirdly, By leaving it at the Election only of the Mortgagor, whether he would redeem or not. And that there could be no Reason given why such a contingent Right of Redemption might not, upon fair and reasonable Terms, be purchased. That the Length of Time, where so great as in the present Case, was a good Bar of Redemption of a Rent-charge as well as of Land. That the Alienation, Purchase and Settlement of this Rent-charge, after the Death of the Mortgagor, being all without any Fraud, were of Right; as also that the Mortgagor was not bound to pay the Money by any Covenant. That the Purchase of this Rent-charge did no ways either create or admit of a Right of Redemption, by taking a Security against a Redemption, that being only a prudent Caution made use of by the Purchaser, which the Seller, being satisfied it would not hurt himself, might advise him to. Per Lord Chancellor, *Ibid.* 271 to 273. But the Reporter says, it was thought that the Length of Time was the chief Objection to the Redemption. *Ibid.* 273. (b) Sir Joseph Jekyll, for the Plaintiff, cited the Case of Lord Widdrington and Jennings in Lord Harcourt's Time, where the Court took a Difference between a Mortgage of a Rent-charge and of Land, and that a Redemption was allowed in the former Case after a very long Time, viz. eighty Years, as he thought. *Ibid.* 270.

13. Bill by a Conussee of a Statute of the Mortgagor to redeem after a Decree of Foreclosure, &c. The Defendant pleads a Decree of Foreclosure, and that the Statute was acknowledged after the Mortgagee's Bill filed, that the Mortgagee had no Notice, and made proper Parties at the filing of the Bill, and that the present Plaintiff took the Security *pendente lite.* Per Harcourt C. This is a recent Foreclosure; let the Plaintiff redeem upon Payment of what is due, with Costs. 9 July 13 Ann. Crisp and Heath, Vin. Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (E) Ca. 2. P. 52.

14. There is a Difference between Mortgages of Exchequer Annuities and Common Stock, the Value of which depends upon Imagination, rather than real Value; but Annuities are a certain Security, and carry a constant Interest, and are to be considered as Mortgages of Lands, and cannot be sold after Forfeiture without Foreclosure; but the Decree was reversed. 1714. Wilson and Tooker, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (Y) Ca. 7. P. 476.

But according to Manning and Scott, 14 Nov. 1714, Annuities mortgaged are redeemable after Forfeiture, unless there

be an express Agreement that the Mortgagee may sell after Forfeiture. *Ibid.*

15. A Mortgage was in Wales by Lease and Release for 300 *l.* Here being Proviso, to be redeemed on Payment of 300 *l.* on any Michaelmas-Day; but there was no Covenant to pay the Money. Lord Chan. Cowper thought this in Nature of a conditional Purchase, and redeemable even at Law to the End of the World. Mich. 1715. Howell and Price, Prec. in Chan. 423, 424.

Here being no Covenant for Payment of the Money, there is no Contract at all between the Parties, either expressed or

implied, nor would any Action lie against the Mortgagor, to subject his Person, or compel him to pay this Mortgagee or his Heirs, of the Money on any Michaelmas-Day, at the Election of the Mortgagor or his Heirs; so that here was an everlasting subsisting Right of Redemption descendible, and which cannot be forfeited at Law like other Mortgages, and therefore there can be no Equity of Redemption or any Assistance of this Court, but the Mortgage may be defeated, even at Law, by a Performance of the Terms and Conditions of it. Per Lord Chancellor, *ibid.* 423, 424.—2 Vern. 701. S. C.

16. *A.* mortgages to *B.* for a Term of Years, to secure a Sum of Money already lent to *A.* as also such other Sums as should hereafter be lent or advanced to him. *A.* makes a second Mortgage to *C.* for a certain Sum, with Notice of the first Mortgage; and then the first Mortgagee, having Notice of the second Mortgage, lends a further Sum, &c. *Per Cowper* Lord C. The second Mortgagee shall not redeem the first Mortgage, without paying as well the Money lent after, as that lent before the second Mortgage was made; for it was the Folly of the second Mortgagee, with Notice, to take such Security. But upon the Importunity of the Counsel, it was ordered, that the Master should report what Money was lent by the first Mortgagee after he had Notice of the second Mortgage. *East. 2 Geo. Gordon and Graham, Vin. Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (E) Ca. 3. P. 52.*

17. It is a Rule in Equity, that a Mortgagee in Possession, who is sued for a Redemption, shall never be stripped of his Possession before Payment. 17 Feb. 1717. *Brine and Hartpole, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (T) Ca. 15. P. 467.*

18. Where by a special Agreement Profits are to be set against Interest, whether Length of Time be a Bar to Foreclosure. 17 Feb. 1717. *Brine and Hartpole, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (U) Ca. 12. P. 469.*

(a) 1 Will.
Rep. 775. S. C.

19. The (a) principal Question was, Whether on a Bill brought by the Purchaser of Lands (from the Heir at Law of the Mortgagor) to redeem, the Mortgagee could retain a Bond Debt of the Mortgagor to the Mortgagee, so as to oblige the Purchaser to pay both before he redeemed, as without Question he might have done upon such a Bill brought by the Heir at Law of the Mortgagor before any Sale made. Decreed *per* Lord Chan. *Macclesfield*, that the Alienee of the Heir might redeem the Mortgage without paying the Bond Debt; for tho' it is true, that the Heir must have paid both in such a Case, yet the Reason of that is, because the Heir is expressly bound, and it is his own Debt, so that the Action upon the Bond is brought against him in the *Debet* and *Detinet*; and tho' by the Civil Law he may substitute the Lands which he had by Descent in Discharge of his Person, yet he may, if he thinks fit, dispose of those Lands, and make his personal Estate liable. But by our Law, before the Statutes of *Riens per Descent* were pleaded, the Plaintiff could only reply that he had Assets by Descent at the Time of the Writ purchased, for if he had disposed of them before, the Plaintiff had no Remedy; but now by the Statute the Plaintiff may reply that he had Assets by Descent before the Writ purchased at such a Time, and if found for him, he shall have Execution in Value against the Heir, which before he could not have; but he can no more follow the Lands in the Hands of the Alienee than he can the Goods in the Hands of the Vendee of the Executor; for the Person of the Heir is Debtor, and not the Lands, and consequently the Lands in the Hands of the Alienee can be charged with nothing but what is an immediate Lien thereon, which the Bond is not, tho' the Lands in the Hands of the Heir himself must be liable, in this Case, to pay both the Bond and the Mortgage, on a Bill brought by the Heir for a Redemption (b). *Hil. 1718. Coleman and Wince, Prec.*

(b) So if a *in Chan. 511.*

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of a Term for Years, mortgages it, and dies indebted to a Mortgagee in a Bond Debt, if the Executor brings a Bill to redeem, he must pay both before the Equity of Redemption of the Term is Assets in his Hands; but if he alien the Equity of Redemption, as it is so far a *Devastavit*, yet the Purchaser shall be charged with no more than was immediately borrowed upon it; and it was also held in this Case that the Bond Creditor of the Heir himself should be preferred before a Bond Creditor of his Ancestor, after such Alienation, whether it were voluntary or for a valuable Consideration. *Ibid. 512, 513.*

20. Where Possession is got against a Mortgagee by *Fraud* pending a Suit, it must be restored before there can be any Redemption. 18 Jan.

1719. *Lant and Crisp, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (T) Ca. 16. P. 467.*

21. Equity will not enlarge the Time for Mortgagor to redeem after six Years Acquiescence under a Forfeiture by his own Consent, especially if there have been any Improvements on the Estate. 18 Jan.

1719. *Lant and Crisp, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (U) Ca. 13. P. 469.*

22. There shall be no Redemption after long Possession, Settlements made, and Estate improved. 8 April 1720. *Courtney and Langford, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (U) Ca. 14. P. 469.*

23. If a Testator, being possessed of a Term, mortgages it to A. and becomes also indebted to A. by simple Contract, and dies, his Executor bringing a Bill to redeem, shall pay both the Mortgage and Debt by simple Contract, because the very Equity of Redemption is Affsets to pay simple Contract Debts; but if any Creditor of the Testator brings a Bill to redeem this Mortgage, he shall only pay the Mortgage. *Hil. 1721. Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, in the Case of Coleman and Winch, 1 Will. Rep. 777.*

24. A. Plaintiff's Brother, mortgaged the Lands to B. and died. ^{2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 2. S. C.} In the Mortgage Deed there was a Covenant to reconvey upon six Months Notice of the Payment of the Principal and Interest; and another Co-^{in totidem verbis.} venant, that in Case the Estate was to be sold, that B. should have the Pre-emption; but B. getting the Counterpart of the Mortgage into his Hands after A.'s Death, and Plaintiff having given B. six Months Notice that he would pay the Principal and Interest, and Defendant refusing to accept it, whereupon Plaintiff exhibited his Bill for a Reconveyance of the Estate, having entered into Articles for the Sale thereof, B. by his Answer, insisted on the Covenant in the Deed to have the Pre-emption; but it appearing that neither the Plaintiff nor the Purchaser knew any Thing of this Covenant, the Counterpart of the Mortgage having been in B.'s Custody, &c. and that Plaintiff had often made Application for a Counterpart thereof, which was denied, he insisting only to have the Principal and Interest paid, for that the Security was too narrow for the Money he had lent; and that if it was not paid by such a Time he would foreclose the Equity of Redemption; but never mentioned that he was to have the Benefit of Pre-emption 'till after the Estate was sold; therefore he ought not now to claim it to the Prejudice of the Purchaser, Plaintiff having had Time for to claim it (if he had pleased) before the Estate was sold. Decreed accordingly; and the Mortgagee to reconvey upon Payment of Principal and Interest, &c. *East. 1722. Orby and Trigg, MS. Rep.*

25. Bill to have a Satisfaction of a Judgment, against a Purchaser of the Equity of Redemption of the Land, or to redeem Incumbrances, &c. The Defendants insist on the Stat. 4 & 5 W. & M. cap. 20. that no Judgment shall affect a Purchaser or Mortgage, unless docketed. This Judgment was not docketed 'till 1721, and the Purchase was made in 1718. *Macclesfield C.* It is plain Defendant had Notice of the Judgment, and did not pay the Value of the Estate; and that is a strong Presumption of an Agreement to pay off the Judgment; and since Plaintiff cannot proceed at Law against Defendant upon the Judgment for want of docketing in due Time, he ought to be relieved here. Decreed that Defendant pay Plaintiff the Money bona fide due upon the Judgment. *Mich. 9 Geo. Thomas and Pledwell, Vin. Abr. Tit. Creditor and Debtor, (C) Ca. 5. P. 53.*

26. A Bill was exhibited by the Creditors of a Mortgagor, to have the Estate sold for Payment of their Debts; pending which Suit the Mortgagee obtained a Decree to *foreclose* the Mortgagor. The Court decreed that the Creditors should redeem upon Payment of *Principal, Interest and Costs*, to the Mortgagee; and referred it to a *Master* to take an Account thereof; and that the Lands should be sold to the Creditors. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Soley and Salisbury, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 153.*

27. J. S. in 1679, mortgaged Lands to A. for a small Sum of Money, by an absolute Coveyance and Defeazance, but the *Redemption was expressed to be made with J. S.'s own Money and in his Lifetime*. Soon after J. S.'s Necessities forced him to go abroad, where he died about twenty-seven Years since, and his Heirs knew nothing of the Mortgage. In 1702 A. devised that if the Mortgage should be redeemed, the Money should go so and so. About sixteen Years after the Will, a Bill was filed for Redemption, to which was objected the *great Length of Time*, and that by the settled Rules of the Court a Mortgage shall not be redeemed after twenty Years. But his *Honour* held, that decreeing a Redemption would be no Wrong or Hardship to the Party, for he will have greater Interest than the Law now allows; and that the not decreeing a Redemption, would be establishing a very great Imposition; and tho' *absolute Conveyances and Defeazances* were formerly much used in Mortgages, yet the same is left off, as dangerous, by losing the Defeazance, which is avoided by being in the same Deed; that the Words in the Defeazance, however fettered, signify nothing where the Money is to be repaid; for the Borrower, being necessitated, and so under the Lender's Power, the Law makes a benign Construction in his Favour; but this was a *Fraud* in its Creation, and in such Case *is redeemable after any Length of Time*; for the Words *to be paid with his own Money*, were thrown in to no other Purpose but to make J. S. imagine it could not be done otherwise; whereas any other Person's Money was of equal Value. But if rightly considered distinct from the Fraud, there is sufficient for Redemption by the Declaration in the Will, where he calls it a Mortgage; and as J. S. by those fettering Clauses would have a Right to redeem, so will his Heir, who would be equally deceived by them; but here it appears that the Heir knew nothing of this Deed, which is still stronger; and had he known of it, it would have deceived him, and led him into an Imagination that he could not redeem. And Lord Commissioner Gilbert was of the same Opinion, and thought this Case out of the general Rule of *Dereliction*, which *even supposes previous Knowledge of the Right*, it being absurd to say a Man relinquishes a Right which he knows not of, nor can it be supposed a *Dereliction* or a *Right neglected or disregarded*, by reason of the great Over-value. And a Redemption was decreed. *East. 1725. Ord and Smith, Select Cases*

In this Case the Master of the Rolls said,

he remembered a Case about twenty Years ago, where a Redemption was decreed on a Mortgage made in 1642, and where there was neither *Infancy* nor *ouster le Mere*; but only the Mortgagee having brought a Bill to foreclose, it was an Admission that he considered it as a Mortgage, and so the Mortgagor was let in to redeem. *Ibid. 10.*

28. The Rule for Redemption *within twenty Years* should be inviolably abided by, for it is for the quieting of Mens Estate; and neglecting for so long a Space of Time to pursue their Rights, is a *Dereliction* of the Pledge, and should not be broken into; for it is a natural Reason to think, that Persons having a Right would pursue it in such a Space of Time, if it were worth while; and by its not being done,

done, as it was their Interest to do so, (about which Men are very sedulous) the natural *Deduction* is, that they thought it not worth while. But a Case may be out of the general Rule; as where the Supposal of a *Dereliction* may be answered, as where the Right of Redemption is industriously obscured by particular Clauses, viz. *That the Redemption must be with his own Money and in his own Life-time, &c.* which would be useless for any other Purposes but to create an Imagination, that he could not do it unless with his own Money and in his Life-time. *Per Lord Commissioner Gilbert, East. 1725. Ord and Smith, Select Cases in Chan. 9.*

29. The Plaintiffs brought a Bill to redeem a Lottery Annuity they had mortgaged to the Defendant, and prayed to have the same restored upon Payment of the Mortgage Money and Interest. The Defendant in his Answer said, that he had subscribed the said Annuity into the *South-Sea Company*, and he insisted upon the Benefit of the Stat. 6 Geo. cap. 4. sect. 23. by which Act all Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees, have Liberty to subscribe for and on the Behalf of their respective Testators, Intestates, or of Infant Minors, Feme Coverts or others, for whom they are respectively intrusted, and by Virtue of the said Act are indemnified for so doing; and that by the said Statute the Share or Interest of such Executor, Administrator, Guardian or Trustee, in the Capital Stock of the *South-Sea Company*, shall be subject to the like Uses, Trusts and Purposes, as the said Annuities so subscribed were subject; therefore the Defendant insisted that he was indemnified by this Statute, and that he was only answerable to the Plaintiffs for the Produce or Share of the said Annuity in Stock, and that he was not obliged to answer specifically in Value. It appeared, that the Annuity was subscribed after the Condition of the Mortgage was forfeited, and that the Defendant had subscribed it without the Consent or Privity of the Owners. *Lutwiche* for the Defendant insisted, that he ought to be charged only with the Produce, and cited several Cases in this Court, where the Party, so subscribing, had been decreed to pay only the Produce, as being indemnified from any Thing farther by Virtue of the said Statute; and this, he said, had been done in the Case of a Goldsmith, in whose Hands such Annuities being left, and they having subscribed them without the Privity or Consent of the Owners, yet they were decreed to answer only the Produce; and to this Purpose he cited the Cases of *Black and Fowler, cor' Lord Chan. Macclesfield*, and *Weaver and Nichols*, and *Marshall and Fowler*, in which last Case an Action of Trover was brought for the Annuities against the Goldsmith in whose Hands they were deposited, and the Plaintiff recovered in Damages the whole Value of the Annuities; and the Bill being brought by the Goldsmith who was the Defendant at Law, to be relieved against the Verdict, the *Master of the Rolls* granted a perpetual Injunction upon Payment of the Produce. And this Decree was afterwards affirmed by *Macclesfield* Lord Chan. upon an Appeal. Lord Chan. *King* said, the present Case differed from those which were cited, and decreed a Redemption of the Plaintiff's Annuity upon the common Terms of Payment of the Principal Money and Interest. *Mich. 12 Geo. 1. Thomas et al' and Pendlebury, MS. Rep.*

30. *J. S.* having Chambers in *Gray's Inn*, mortgaged them to *A.* *Vide P. 602. Ca. 32.* *J. S.* died, leaving *B.* a Son, who was his Administrator, but no Member of the Society. *B.* brought a Bill to redeem. It was objected, That *B.* was utterly incapable of having the Chambers by the Rules of the Society, which are, that none can have Chambers but

such as are Members of the Inn. But Lord Chan. King said, tho' *B.* by the Rules of the House, is not capable of Chambers, yet they shall be to him or his Appointee. *Trin. 1726. Rakestraw and Brewer (a),* (a) *Vide this Page, Ca. 32. Select Cases in Chan. 55.*

31. A Decree of Foreclosure is *not to be set aside after twenty Years for Matter of Form only*; upon a Demurrer to a Bill of Review. 12 Feb. 1727. *Jones and Kendrick, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (U) Ca. 18.*

32. *J. S.* Representative of *H.* brought his Bill against *C.* to redeem a Mortgage of Chambers in *Gray's Inn* made by *H.* in 1687, and by Assignment transferred to *C.* whose Executor *B.* was. The Term mortgaged by *H.* was for fifty-seven Years, which would expire at Lady-Day 1731, and the Bench gave a new Term for eleven Years to *C.* to commence from the End of the former; and he was the first Person who was in Possession of the Chambers under the Mortgage, but had not been in Possession for twenty Years; so that *J. S.* came within Time. *J. S.* first petitioned the Bench to be admitted to redeem, and 21 May 1726 an Order of *Pension* was made, reciting, "That the Matter in Dispute between the Parties was Matter of Account, which the Bench was not capable of taking, and the Mortgage of so long standing; but that *J. S.* was at Liberty to seek his Remedy in a Court of Equity, as he should be advised." Upon which *J. S.* brought this Bill. And his Honour said, he could not meddle with this Title to Chambers, which is *no legal* one, but the Benchers themselves having recommended it to *J. S.* to come hither, and left him at Liberty to make his Application, he said the Bill was proper; and it being urged, that if *J. S.* could redeem the old Term, yet he could have no Title to the additional (b) Term of eleven Years. But *per Cur'*, This additional Term comes from the old Root, and is of the same Nature, subject to the same Equity of Redemption, else Hardships might be brought upon Mortgagors by the Mortgagees getting such additional Terms more easily, as being possessed of one not expired, and by that Means *worming* out and oppressing a poor Mortgagor. A Redemption was decreed *per his Honour, Hil. 1728. Rakestraw et al' and Brewer (c), 2 Will. Rep. 511.* Affirmed by Lord Chan. King, 12 July 1729.

(b) Such renewed Term has always been ruled to be redeemable with the principal Term, as an Excess out of it, and to go with it. *Per Lord Chancellor in S. C.*

Trin. 11 Geo. 2. Select Cases in Chan. 56.

S. C. and states it thus: *A.* mortgaged his Chambers in *Gray's Inn* to *B.* in 1687, but continued in Possession till 1700, at which Time an Order of the Bench was made to deliver Possession to *B.*—*B.* entered into Part, but *A.* continued in Possession of the rest till 1708. *A.* died, leaving the Plaintiff an Infant, and *B.* then being in Possession of the whole, the Infant came of Age in 1714. In 1726 Plaintiff brought his Bill to redeem, and a Decree was made at the Rolls to redeem, and also to have the renewed Term of eleven Years conveyed on Payment of the Consideration Money, with Interest. In arguing this Case before Lord Chan. King, it was admitted that *where a Mortgagee is in Possession for twenty Years, and no Interest paid, the Mortgagor shall not redeem, but where he is in Possession of any Part, the Computation of that Time shall never affect him, but only from the Time the Mortgagee was in Possession of the whole, and shall be admitted to redeem.* And Lord Chancellor affirmed the Decree, and added, that for Part the Mortgagor may redeem as being in Possession, and as he cannot do that *separately*, he shall redeem the whole. That in this Case *A.* was in Possession till 1708, and that from 1708 to 1714 the Plaintiff was an Infant, and so that Time is accounted for; and that from 1714 to this Time, (*viz.* 1726) it does not amount to twenty Years.

(c) *Select Cases in Chan. 55. Trin. 11 Geo. 1.*

33. Land mortgaged for two several Terms of one thousand Years each, was afterwards settled to *A.* in Tail, Remainder to *B.* in Tail, Remainder to *A.* in Fee, by which *A.* first and *B.* afterwards had an Equity of Redemption incident to their Estates. *A.* by Will appoints the Mortgage to be paid off, and then the Mortgage Term to be assigned to *M.* and by the same Will devised all his Lands (being also seised in Fee of other Lands) to *C.* and his Heirs. By this the Reversion passes of the mortgaged Premises and the Estate Tail; and the Remainders in Tail being spent by the Death of *A.* and *B.* without

Issue, the Question was, If the Equity of Redemption that was incident to the Reversion in Fee of *A.* passed to *M.* by the Will, and was thereby severed from the Reversion? And decreed it was not. *Per King C. Raymond C. J. and Denton J.* and that she was only in the Place of the Mortgagees, and that *C.* should be let in to redeem. *Mich. 3 Geo. 2. Armburſt and Litton, Fitz-Gibb. 99.*

34. *Blake* was seised in Fee of a Copyhold Estate held of the Manor of _____ and upon the 5th of *October* 1725, made a conditional Surrender of it to the Plaintiff to secure 400 *l.* and Interest, and afterwards borrowed of the Plaintiff 50 *l.* upon Bond, and afterwards by two Surrenders, the first dated 26 *May* 1733, the other 27 *May* 1734, *Blake* mortgages his Estate to the Defendant *Trott* for 650 *l.* The 29 *August* 1734, *Blake* became a Bankrupt. Some time in *October* 1734, the Plaintiff delivered Ejectment against the Tenants to get Possession of this Estate. Upon 30 *October* 1734, the Defendants *Trott* and *Hutchins*, as Assignees, gave the Plaintiff Notice that they would pay him his Money due upon the Mortgage the 11 *November* following, at the Exchequer in the Castle of _____ where it is made payable by the Surrender, and which, as appeared by full Proof, was the usual Place for the Receipt for the Money due upon Mortgages. Upon 6 *Nov.* 1734, the Plaintiff filed his Bill in this Court for a Foreclosure, not having attended at the Time and Place appointed to receive the Money. The Defendant *Trott* brought a Cross Bill to redeem the Plaintiff's Mortgage, upon Payment of Principal and Interest due to the 11 *Nov.* 1734. *Sbrapnell* the Defendant in the Cross Cause insists upon being paid the Bond Debt of 50 *l.* as lent upon Security of the Mortgage, and that at the Time of lending it it was agreed that the Mortgage should stand as a Security for it, and insists upon *Trott's* Mortgages being only colourable and fraudulent, to cover the Estate from his Debts. *Note; Trott* was *Blake's* Son-in-Law, and *Trott* had made no Proof in the Cause of the Payment of the pretended Consideration Money for the two Mortgages. *Lord Chancellor:* This Bond Debt cannot possibly be tacked to the Mortgage; an Heir shall never redeem without paying both, because the Equity of the Redemption is chargeable as Assets in the Hands of the Heir to pay off the Bond Debts; and therefore, to avoid Circuity, the Heir must pay them both before he can be intitled to a Redemption. By all the late Cases, a Mortgagee can insist upon being paid a Bond Debt, even against the Mortgagor himself, and it is still stronger against a second Mortgagee, or Assignees of a Commission of Bankruptcy; and in the latter Case the Creditor is not intitled to the whole Debt, but rateably and proportionably with the rest of the Creditors. As to the Interest, since the Tender, it is a very peculiar Case; in common Cases six Months Notice is necessary to raise the Interest, and, except a particular Place is agreed upon, there must be a personal Tender. In the present Case, the Exchequer at the Castle is fixed upon by the Mortgagee for the Payment of the Money, but in Strictness that relates to the Payment of it upon the Day mentioned in the Mortgage; tho' as it appears by Proof that it has been the usual Method to pay off Mortgages there, I think the Notice is in that Respect sufficient. A Tender after a Bill or Ejectment brought, is quite different from one made before, because a Demand is thereby made of the Mortgage Money; and therefore he is obliged to take it at less Notice than six Months, and within a reasonable Time according to the Circumstance of the Case. But in the present Case, there was a Controversy to whom the Equity of Redemption

demption belonged; the Assignees, indeed, gave the Notice, but one of the Assignees, *Trott*, now insists upon a Right to redeem in his own private Right; and it was impossible any Assignment could be made 'till that Point was settled; and it is a Point very properly controvertible by the Plaintiff; for, if the Mortgages were substantiated, they will exhaust so much of the Estate as would otherwise be liable to pay off this Bond Debt in Proportion of the rest of the Creditors, and there must be an Enquiry before the *Master*, or by directing an Issue whether any Money was really lent upon these Mortgages; and must the Plaintiff's Interest cease 'till the Point be settled? Suppose no Bill or Ejectment had been brought, and there had been regular six Months Notice, and it had been controvertible to whom the Assignment should be made, the Interest of the Mortgage would certainly not cease from that Time, because he refused to receive the Money. The Plaintiff must have his Interest 'till the Time fixed by the *Master* for his receiving it, after it has been settled whether the Mortgages were made upon a good Consideration or not. *Mich. 11 Geo. 2. Sharpnell v. Blake, a Bankrupt, and Trott and Hutchins his Assignees, MS. Rep.*

35. *A.* mortgages two Estates, viz. *Blackacre* and *Whiteacre*, to *B.* and afterwards mortgages *Blackacre* to *C.* and after that *Whiteacre* to *D.* The Question was, Whether the Court can decree a Redemption of *B.*'s Mortgage, who was the original Mortgagee, by proportionable Contributions of *C.* and *D.* the two puisne Mortgagees? And Lord Chancellor, after Consideration, was of Opinion that the Court could not decree such a Redemption; that the original Mortgagee ought not to be intangled with any (a) Questions that may arise among subsequent Mortgagees; that he has a Right to be redeemed intire and not by *Parcels*; and his Right undoubtedly stood so with regard to the Mortgagor, and consequently with regard to the subsequent Mortgagees; for the Mortgagor could not hurt him by playing his Right into another's Hands, nor is there any Precedent where such a Redemption was ever allowed. 12 Dec. 1739. *Titley and Davis, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (F) Ca. 19. P. 447.*

(a) If a Man mortgages all his Estate to one Person, he may notwithstanding slip it into ten puisne Mortgages more; now if all these subsequent

Mortgagees should have a Right to redeem on Payment of proportionable Contributions, it would be impossible for the first Mortgagee to come at his Right 'till all those Proportions are settled, which may and generally does take up a great deal of Time, and often produces Trials at Law, and after all there must be so many different Redemptions, and Times given for them, (either half Years or Quarters) before he can come at his Money or a Foreclosure, which appears, at first Sight, to be very inconvenient, and would much invalidate the Credit of this Kind of Securities. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.*

36. So if those two Estates, *Blackacre* and *Whiteacre*, are mortgaged to *B.* and then *Blackacre* is mortgaged to *C.* and after that *Whiteacre* to *D.* and *C.* redeems *B.*'s whole Mortgage, he shall hold (b) both Estates, (tho' *Blackacre* only was comprised in his own Mortgage) 'till he is repaid all that he has disbursed in Discharge of *B.*'s Mortgage, and likewise all that is due upon his own Mortgage, and *D.* shall not be admitted to redeem him but upon those Terms, for *C.* could not have redeemed *B.* but by an intire Redemption of all that was in Mortgage to *B.* and having so done, he stands in *B.*'s Place, and has the same Right as he had, viz. to be redeemed intire both as against the Mortgagor and against *D.* a subsequent Mortgagee. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke*, who accordingly was for affirming an Order of the 22 Feb. 1736, made agreeable to this Opinion by his Honour, but made no Decree, the proper Parties not being before the Court. 12 Dec.

(b) The chief Objection in this Case was, that by this Order *Whiteacre*, which was not comprised in *C.*'s Mortgage, is notwithstanding charged with his Debt; but the Lord Chancellor said, it was no new Thing for a Man by

a subsequent Accident (as by Payment of Money) to gain Lands as a Security for his Debt more than he contracted for, and which otherwise would not be liable to it; and mentioned the Case of *Bovey v. Smith*, 1 Chan. Ca. 201. and *Allen and Pearce*, 2 Vern. 480. *Ibid.*

12 Dec. 1739. *Titley and Davis.*—The Cause was afterwards revived, and (as Mr. *Viner* says he heard) a Decree made according to this Opinion. *Ibid.* Ca. 20.

37. A Decree of Foreclosure was made, and *six Months Time was given according to the usual Form of those Decrees*; the six Months were near *expiring*, and then the *Mortgagor* got an Order for enlarging the Time for six Months more; after this he obtained another Order for enlarging the Time six Months more, but *Part of that Order was that he sign the Register's Book not to ask any further Enlargement.* He signed the Register's Book, but notwithstanding that, he had now moved that the Time might be enlarged six Months more, and chiefly upon this Circumstance, *that the Estate was of greater Value than the Incumbrance upon it amounted to.* Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* was of Opinion, that upon that Circumstance the Motion was reasonable; but made it Part of his Order, that this *last Time* should be peremptory. Jan. 12, 1740. *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 221. *Anon.*

38. A Decree of Foreclosure had been made against the Defendant, and the Time for redeeming was expired according to the Computation of *Lunary Months.* It was moved; that the Defendant might stand absolutely foreclosed. But Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* was of Opinion, that the Computation, in this Case, ought to be according to the *Kalendar Months*, and *not* according to *Lunary Months*; and accordingly appointed a further Time for the Payment of the Money. Feb. 5, 1740. *Anon. ibid.* 324.

39. The Rules laid down in the Cases of *Bickley* and *Dorrington*, and *Monk* and *Pomfret*, are very right, namely, that in general *no Persons shall be allowed to come into Equity for a Redemption*, but *he that has the legal Estate.* So, if an Executor is willing to get in the Debts of the Testator, there is no Foundation for a Creditor to bring a Bill for that Purpose; and therefore in general, where there are proper Persons to get in the Estate of another, a Court of Equity will not suffer either the Creditors of the Testator, or of a Bankrupt, to bring a Bill in Equity in order to get in that Estate. But if a Creditor or Assignee under a Commission, will *collude* with a Debtor, there is no Doubt but a Creditor may bring his Bill in order to take Care of that Estate, and charge the Assignees or Executors with such Collusion. That in the principal Case, the Creditors of the Bankrupt met to consider whether it was proper that the Assignees should bring a Bill to redeem a Mortgage, which the Majority of the Creditors thought it was not. The Assignees thereupon could not by Stat. 5 Geo. 2. bring a Bill, whereupon the *minor Part* of the Creditors of the Bankrupt brought a Bill to redeem against the Mortgagor and the Assignees. And the Bill was held to be well brought; and that if the Assignees refuse to bring a Bill, which is for the Benefit of the Bankrupt's Estate, any Creditor has a Right to bring such Bill, under Peril of Costs. And decreed that the Assignees should have Liberty to redeem in the first Place, and in their Default the Plaintiff to do it. *Per* Mr. Justice *Parker*, who sat for Lord Chan. *Hardwicke.* East. 1740. *Franklyn and Fern, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 30, 32.

40. In 1692 *J. S.* and *M.* his Wife mortgaged an Estate, whereof *J. S.* was seised in Right of *M.* for 785 *l.* And *J. S.* covenanted for himself and *M.* to levy a Fine on or before Easter Term then next ensuing, for securing the Title of *B. the Mortgagee.* In the Trinity Term following, and not before, the Fine was levied. This Mortgage was soon after assigned to *T.* for a valuable Consideration. Afterwards in August 1695 *J. S.* and *M.* executed a Deed, whereby in Consideration

ration of about 10 *l.* they relinquished to T. their *Equity of Redemption*, the Estate being at that Time about 40 *l. per Annum*, and in the same Deed covenanted, *that the said Fine should be for strengthening this Deed.* T. entered, and laid out upon the Estate large Sums of Money in Improvements, so that it was now of the Value of 65 *l. per Annum.* In 1718 J. S. died. In 1727 M. the Wife died. Then D. her Heir, for 81 *l.* conveyed to F. all his Interest in this Estate. One of the subscribing Witnesses to this Conveyance swore, that at the Time of the Execution of it he saw Gold paid down, and that afterwards he heard D. acknowledge that he received 81 *l.* In 1737 F. brings a Bill in order to redeem the Estate. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* said, his Opinion was, that there was no Ground for Relief; that the Purchase was *after great Length of Time* from making the Mortgage, and that from one who had never been in Possession himself, and whose Ancestor had not for a great Number of Years; that he was inclined to think in Point of Law, that as the Fine was *not* levied by the Time covenanted to be levied, the Fine should not operate to strengthen the Deed of Mortgage; but that to strengthen the Deed of 1695, it well might; and that the *subsequent* Deed well might declare the Uses of that Fine. That the Case of *Jones and Morley in B. R.* the Beginning of King *William's* Time, as his *Lordship* believed, was to that Purpose; and if this was so, it makes an End of the present Question, by shewing that the Ancestor of the Defendant was a Purchaser of the Inheritance; but said, he would not determine the present Question merely on this Point of Law, but upon the whole Circumstances of the Case. Suppose the Defendant was only the Representative of a Mortgagee, there were strong Objections against the Plaintiff's being allowed to *redeem him after so great a Length of Time.* That the Plaintiff has by no Means given such a clear and sufficient Proof even of his paying the Consideration of the Purchase as might have been expected. Bill dismissed with Costs. 1 Nov. 1740. *Fleetwood and Templeman, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 187.

41. *Job Smith* and *Samuel* his Son in 1654 by Feoffment mortgaged the *Swan Inn* in *Chelsea* to *Winter* for 200 *l.* *Samuel* afterwards died, and *Elizabeth Smith* became Heir to him, and afterwards married *Thomas Broomwich.* In 1684 *Thomas* took an Assignment of this Mortgage in the Name of *Anthony Broomwich*, in Trust for himself. Afterwards *Thomas* mortgaged the Premises for 400 *l.* Consideration to *Elizabeth* his Sister for five hundred Years, for securing to her the Payment of 30 *l. per Annum* for Life, and afterwards for securing the Payment of 400 *l.* to such of the Children or Grandchildren of *Thomas* as she by her Will or otherwise should direct and appoint. In 1707 *Thomas* devised to his Grandson *Anthony Broomwich Abbot*, and his Heirs, all his *Freehold Messuages and Garden Grounds* in *Chelsea.* At the Time of making the Will *Thomas* had two Daughters, *Ann* (married to *Robert Abbot*) and *Elizabeth*, and had no other Lands in *Chelsea* besides these Premises. *Thomas* died, and *Elizabeth* his Wife survived him, and afterwards she died, and *Elizabeth* the Daughter married *Peter Newby.* In 1713 a Bill was brought by *Peter* and *Elizabeth* his Wife against *Robert Abbot* and *Ann* his Wife, *Anthony Broomwich Abbot* and *Robert* the Son of *Robert*, who was an Infant, praying that the Plaintiffs might be let into a Redemption of a Moiety of the Premises, insisting that *Thomas* had only a redeemable Interest in the same, and no Power to dispose of the Inheritance, as he had done by his Will. 11 May 1715 the Cause was heard, and the Court declared, that the Plaintiffs had a Right to redeem a Moiety of the Premises; and declared,

red, that *Thomas* ought to be looked upon to have first entered on the Premises in Right of his Wife, who had the Equity of Redemption, and that he so continued the Possession 'till he took an Assignment of *Winter's* Mortgage in the Name of *Anthony Broomwich*, in Trust for himself, and therefore during that Time that the Rents and Profits were no otherwise to be accounted for, than to keep down the Interest of that Mortgage; but that nothing was to be allowed for Repairs or lasting Improvements during that Time; and the *Master* was to take an Account of the Money laid out in Repairs, &c. after the Assignment of the Mortgage, and *one Third thereof was to be paid by Thomas as he had the Benefit of the Estate for Life*; and in regard to the other two Thirds, the *Master* was to compute Interest for the same at the Rate of *6l. per Cent. per Annum* from the Time the Money was laid out in such Repairs, &c. And from *Thomas's* Death the *Master* was to compute Interest for the Principal Money due upon that Mortgage, and was to take an Account of the whole Profits of the Premises; and if it should appear that the Money laid out upon the Improvements, together with the Interest of the Money, were unpaid, and that the Mortgage Money and Interest were also unpaid, it was decreed that *Robert* the Elder and *Anthony Broomwich Abbot* should refund a Moiety of the Overplus to the Plaintiffs, and that a Moiety of the Premises should be assigned the Plaintiffs. On a Rehearing it was directed that it should be added to the Decree, that if *Anthony Broomwich Abbot* was overpaid a Moiety of what was due for Principal and Interest on the Mortgage, he should refund the Overplus, and that the Allowance of Repairs should be struck out of the Order; and confirmed the rest of the Decree. This Decree was never carried into Execution, and *Anthony Broomwich Abbot* was permitted to continue in Possession 'till his Death. In 1720 said *Anthony* the Grandson mortgaged the Premises for 400 *l.* to Mrs. *Taylor*, and this Mortgage was made by raising a Term for one thousand Years. In 1724 the Premises were mortgaged by said *Anthony* to *Nicholas* for 400 *l.* more. In 1726 he mortgaged the Premises to said *Nicholas* for 200 *l.* and afterwards in the same Year mortgaged them to him for 140 *l.* In 1728 the Grandson died, leaving *Anthony* his Heir at Law. Then *Peter Newly* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and *Ann Abbot*, who was the Widow of *Robert*, for 10 *l.* Consideration paid by *Robert* the Son of *Ann* to *Peter Newly*, and also of an Annuity of 10 *l. per Annum* to be paid him during his Life, and of natural Love, &c. which *Ann* bore to *Robert*, conveyed to said *Robert* and his Heirs, the said Premises. In 1729 *Robert* took an Assignment of the Mortgage, which was made to *Taylor*. In the same Year *Nicholas* assigned his Mortgages to *Clarke*. In 1732 *Elizabeth* the Sister of *Thomas* died, and at her Death there was 367 *l.* due to her for the Arrears of her Annuity. Some Time before her Death she made her Will, and thereof *Peter Newly* Executor, but did not make any Disposition of the 400 *l.* which she had a Power to dispose of. In 1736 *Peter Newly* made his Will, and thereof *Thomas Newly* Executor. Then *Thomas Newly* assigned to *Clarke* the Benefit of the 367 *l.* and the whole Interest in the Mortgage, which had been made to *Elizabeth* the Sister. Then *Clarke* brings his Bill against *Robert Abbot*, *Anthony Abbot*, and *Elizabeth Abbot*, praying (*inter al'*) that an Account might be taken of what Money was due to *Robert* on the Assignment of the Mortgage which was made to him by *Taylor*, and that the Plaintiff might redeem him, and that *Anthony* and *Elizabeth* might come to an Account as to the Mortgages, which were assigned to him; that they might be decreed to pay those Sums to the Plaintiff,

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tiff, together with the Money which he should pay to *Robert*; and in Default, that *Anthony* may be foreclosed. This Bill was afterwards amended, and *Young* and *Thomas Newly* were added Plaintiffs. *Lord Chancellor* said, his Opinion was, that the Plaintiff was intitled to Relief as far as he can take that Relief within the Compass of the former Decree; that if the Plaintiff had got the legal Estate either himself or a Trustee for him, so that he could have brought an Ejectment, and put the Defendants to have been Plaintiffs here, it might have deserved Consideration, whether these Defendants would have been intitled to have redeemed the present Plaintiff; but as the Plaintiff has not the legal Estate, and is forced to come into Equity, he must submit to be redeemed by *Anthony Abbot*, and can put no other Terms upon his redeeming him than such as fall within the Compass of the former Decree. *Qui prior est tempore, potior est jure*, is a Rule that holds in equitable as well as in legal Rights. In this Case *Robert* had the first equitable Right, and therefore his Mortgage must be paid off in Preference to that of the Plaintiff. It is true, that the Plaintiff has taken in the Mortgage which was paid to *Elizabeth* the Sister of *Thomas*, which was prior to Mrs. *Taylor's* Mortgage, under which Plaintiff claims; but he has no legal Estate for want of taking an Assignment from *Anthony Broomwich*, or at least for want of having him before the Court, in order to have a Conveyance; and therefore *Robert*, who had the Assignment of the Mortgage, which was made to Mrs. *Taylor* previous to any Assignment of the Mortgage which *Clarke* took, must be preferred to him, and it was never determined that a *puiſne* Mortgagee could protect himself against a *prior* Mortgagee by purchasing a Mortgage previous to that, where there is no legal Estate in that Mortgagee from whom he takes his second Assignment, especially without bringing the Trustee of that Mortgagee before the Court. And decreed *accord'*, *East*. 1741. *Clarke* and *Abbot*, MS. Rep.

(C) Of Foreclosure;—And here of opening a Foreclosure.

1. A Decree of Foreclosure is *not to be opened after several Years*, where there has been *building upon the Estate and Settlements*, nor shall the Mortgagee's calling it a Debt in his Will, alter the Nature of it. *Jan.* 9, 1705. *Took* and *Bishop of Ely*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage*, (Z) Note to Ca. 1.

2. *Possession*, under a Decree of Foreclosure inrolled, is a good Plea. 1713. *Nichols* and *Short*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage*, (C. a.) Ca. 2.

But according to the Case of *Manning* and *Scott*, 14 Nov. 1714, Annuities mortgaged are irredeemable after Forfeiture, unless there be an express

3. There is a Difference between Mortgages of Exchequer Annuities and Common Stock, the Value of which depends upon Imagination, rather than real Value; but Annuities are a certain Security, and carry a constant Interest, and are to be considered as Mortgages of Lands, and cannot be sold after Forfeiture without Foreclosure; but the Decree was reversed. 1714. *Wilson* and *Tooker*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage*, (Y) Ca. 7. P. 476.

Agreement that the Mortgagee may sell after Forfeiture. *Ibid.*

4. After a Foreclosure, the Mortgagee by Will disposes of the Money due on the Mortgage; upon this Admission in the Will, a Bill was brought to open the Foreclosure. The Court took Time to consider of it, and after the Parties agreed. Cited *per* his Honour, as the Case of *Stuckville* and *Dolben*, *Select Cases in Chan.* 10.

5. A Decree of Foreclosure was opened after sixteen Years, the Equity of Redemption being worth much more than was due upon the Account; and the Mortgagor having been distressed, an Account was ordered to be taken of what was due for Principal, Interest and Costs, and Liberty given to redeem. 17 April 1724. *Burgh and Langton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (Z) Ca. 2. P. 476.*

6. J. S. the Mortgagee brought a Bill to foreclose, and A. the Mortgagor brought a Cross Bill to redeem; and Principal, Interest and Costs, were decreed to be paid, or else to be foreclosed, and on Payment to be let in. A. died, and the Account being taken, the Plaintiff finding the Estate insufficient, brings a new Bill of Revivor, and partly a supplemental Bill both to review the former Decree and Proceedings, and likewise to have an Account of the Assets of A. the Mortgagor, and thereout to have Satisfaction for a Bond which was given as a collateral Security with the Mortgage. To this Bill A.'s Executor pleads the former Decree in Bar that the Plaintiff elected his Satisfaction, and had not so much as suggested that that Satisfaction was deficient; so that it does not appear but that he may receive a double Satisfaction for his Debt, and that it was plain that he had not waived the Mortgage by his Bill of Revivor. J. S. insisted, that it was the Practice of the Court that taking out of Process or making Use of any counter Security, was in itself a Waiver of the Foreclosure, and that a Mortgagee had always his Election to waive and open the Foreclosure, and have Recourse to his Bond or Covenant, if he thought proper. But *per Cur'*, The Plaintiff by his Revivor has not waived the Mortgage, or so much as suggested a Deficiency; so that the Plea must stand for an Answer, *without* Liberty to except. Hil. 12 Geo. 1. *Birch's Case, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 186.*

7. *Wrightson* advanced 800*l.* on a Mortgage in *Yorkshire*, and registered his Mortgage, and afterwards *Hudson* lent a Sum of Money, and took a Judgment for it, which was registered; and then *Wrightson* advanced 270*l.* more, but without any express Notice of *Hudson's* Judgment; tho' it was argued on a Bill brought by *Wrightson* to foreclose, that *Hudson* ought to redeem on paying the first Mortgage; for that where such Registers prevail, every Incumbrancer should be satisfied according to the Priority of his Registry, and that the Registering *Hudson's* Judgment was constructive Notice to *Wrightson*, sufficient to deprive him of the common Benefit of a Court of Equity, whereby a first Mortgagee, without Notice, is to hold 'till all subsequent Incumbrances are discharged. Yet it was resolved, that these Statutes avoid only prior Charges not registered, but did not give subsequent Conveyances any further Force against prior ones registered than they had before; that to have affected Mr. *Wrightson*, *Hudson* ought to have given him Notice when he advanced his Money; and that tho' *Wrightson* might have searched the Register, yet he was not bound to do it. And therefore it was decreed that *Hudson* and the Mortgagor should be foreclosed, unless they paid off both Plaintiff's Securities. *Wrightson et al' and Hudson et al'*, 16 Feb. 1737. at the Rolls, before Sir *Joseph Jekyll, MS. Rep.*

(D) **In what Case the Act of the Mortgagee will bind the Mortgagor, et econt'.**

1. **J.** S. having mortgaged an House to *A.* tendered *A.* the Principal and Interest, which he refusing, *J. S.* exhibited his Bill to have a Reconveyance upon Payment of Principal and Interest. *A.* in his Answer set forth, that he had made a Lease of this House for five Years, reserving so much yearly Rent, and that after the Expiration of the five Years *he had covenanted that the Lessee should hold it for four Years longer, if the Lessee was willing*; that the five Years were now expired, and that the Lessee was willing to hold the House four Years longer; and that if *J. S.* would grant such Lease, then he would reconvey upon Payment of Principal and Interest. At the Rolls *A.* had a Decree in his Favour, but on Appeal Lord Chancellor was of Opinion, that the Mortgagee before Foreclosure cannot make a Lease for Years of an House in Mortgage to bind the Mortgagor, unless to avoid an apparent Loss, and merely in Necessity. So the Decree at the Rolls was reversed. *East. 1722. Hungerford and Clay, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 1.*

(a) *Vide (L) P.* (E) **In what Case the Court of Chancery refused to relieve (a) a Mortgagee.**

1. **O**N a Treaty of Marriage between *G. B.* and *M.* his Wife, *T. B.* *G. B.*'s Father, and ——— the Father of *M.* had a Meeting, at which *J. S.* who had a Mortgage upon *T. B.*'s Estate, was accidentally present, when the two Fathers talking of making a Settlement of the mortgaged Estate, *J. S.* never mentioned to *M.*'s Father that he had such a Mortgage, but called *T. B.* out, and reminded him of the Mortgage. Upon this, as *T. B.* swore, and which certainly (as Lord Chancellor said) was the Fact, *J. S.* privately consented to *T. B.*'s selling the Estate, and to take his personal Security for Payment of the Mortgage Money; and then an Agreement was entered into in the Presence of *J. S.* between the two Fathers, that this Estate should be settled upon *G. B.* for Life, Remainder to *M.* for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Sons of that Marriage in Tail, Remainder to any other Son *G. B.* should have of any other Wife, Remainder to *T. B.* in Fee. The Marriage took Effect, and about twelve Years after *J. S.* brought an Ejectment as Mortgagee to recover Possession of this Estate. Whereupon *G. B.* and *M.* exhibited their Bill against *J. S.* and *T. B.* praying a perpetual Injunction. And Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* said his Opinion was, that the Plaintiffs were well intitled to a perpetual (b) Injunction, and ought to be relieved under the Head of *Fraud*. And his Lordship declared, that *J. S.* having voluntarily concealed his Mortgage at the Time of the Treaty of Marriage, was not intitled to have any Benefit from it against the Plaintiffs, nor would he make any Decree over for *J. S.* against *T. B.* by reason that both Parties had examined him as a Witness in that Cause. Decreed *J. S.* to assign the Mortgage *In Trust* for the Benefit of the Plaintiffs and the Issue of that Marriage, but would not determine

(b) His Lordship said, the Case is well known which was in this Court, where a perpetual Injunction of this Kind was granted by reason of a Mortgagee's ingrossing a Settlement, and not discovering that he had such a Mortgage upon the Estate, and yet the Mortgagee, in that Case, was an Infant at the Time he ingrossed the Deed. *Ibid. 102.*

mine whether it was to be considered as fraudulent or not against the Issue which *G. B.* might have by any other Wife, and would reserve the Consideration of that Matter. He also decreed *J. S.* to pay the Costs both at Law and in Equity, and also the Costs of the Assignment, but without Prejudice to *J. S.*'s bringing any Bill against *T. B.* *East.* 1740. *Berrysford and Millward, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 101.

(F) Concerning Interest due on a Mortgage, and of such being made Principal.

1. **D**ECREED that a Mortgagee having received 8 *l. per Cent.* *Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 288; (D) Ca. 1.* since the Year 1660, should account for the 2 *l.* Over-value to sink the principal Mortgage Money; but if the Principal and Interest were overpaid, there shall be no refunding. *Mick.* 1692. *Walker and Pourin, Prec. in Chan.* 50.

2. Mortgagee enters before the Act 12 Car. 2. Mortgagor shall pay 8 *l. per Cent.* only to the Time of the Act, and tho' the Profits were not sufficient to answer the Interest, yet the Arrears shall not carry Interest, but the Costs and Charges must. Decreed per his Honour, *Trin.* 1700. *Proctor and Cooper, Prec. in Chan.* 116.

3. A Mortgagee lends Money at 6 *l. per Cent.* but agrees in the Deed to take 5 *l. per Cent.* if the Money be paid within three Months after it became due. The Mortgagor fails to pay the Money within that Time. And Lord Keeper (having taken Time to consider of the Case) delivered his Opinion that Interest must be paid at 6 *l. per Cent.* for tho' this Court relieves against unreasonable Penalties, yet this is not so, for the Mortgagee might have refused to lend his Money under 6 *l. per Cent.* If he had accepted 5 *l. per Cent.* that might have altered the Case, and if it were so that he must take 5 *l. per Cent.* yet he ought to have Interest for the Interest from the Time it ought to have been paid, for else his Lordship said, he took from him his legal Advantage without making him the Recompence which in Conscience he ought to have; and so there is some Difference between reserving simply 5 *l. per Cent.* and reserving it as in this Case. *East.* 1701. *MS. Rep. Anon.*

there the Agreement to take 5 *l. per Cent.* was by a distinct Deed. *Quære* How that varies it? *Ibid.* 161.

4. Altho' Equity cannot carry Interest higher than the Penalty of a Bond, yet when it is tacked to another Security, as where there is a Mortgage from the Obligor to the Obligee for securing other Sums of Money, Equity will not suffer the Mortgagor to redeem, unless he will pay the Interest which is over and above the Penalty of the Bond (a). *Mick.* 8 Ann. *Peers and Baldwin, MS. Rep.*

ble, for certainly it is agreeable both to Reason and Conscience that the Interest should be paid when the Obligor has so long neglected Payment. *MS. Notes.*

(a) This is very equitable.

5. Where by a general and national Calamity nothing is paid out of Lands assigned for Payment of Interest, it ought not to run on during the Time of such Calamity. 25 June 1715. *Basil and Acheson, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (X. 3.) Note to Ca. 1. P.* 474.

6. *J. S.* made a Mortgage at 6 *l. per Cent.* Interest, with a Proviso to accept 5 *l. per Cent.* if paid within three Months after due. There being a great Arrear of Interest, the Mortgagee sends an Account thereof computing at 6 *l. per Cent.* and the Mortgagor returns an Answer, allowing

lowing the Account, desiring Forbearance, and promising to make Satisfaction for the same. Lord Chan. *Parker* questioned whether a Mortgagor signing an Account, whereby he owns so much Money due for Interest, would make the Interest Principal; because of itself it does not shew any Agreement or Intent to alter the Interest or the Nature of that Part of the Debt, or to turn it into Principal; neither does it appear to have been ever so determined. And his *Lordship* conceived that to make Interest on a Mortgage Principal, it is requisite there should be a Writing signed by the Parties, forasmuch as the Estate in the Land is to be charged therewith; but in the principal Case the Mortgagor does fulfil his Promise by making Satisfaction to the Mortgagee for his Forbearance, since this Proviso obliging the Party to pay 6 *l. per Cent.* on Default, &c. is generally looked upon as a Penalty and *in terrorem*, and to be *relieved* against, if only a very short Time has happened, tho' it may not in Case of a long Arrear of Interest. However, this 1 *l. per Cent.* is a Satisfaction, and a considerable one too. But the Court at the same Time declared, that if there had not been such a Penalty of 6 *l. per Cent.* instead of 5 *l.* and a great Arrear of Interest incurred, it would, on such a Promise in Writing to make a Satisfaction for Forbearance, have given the Mortgagee some Allowance in this Respect. *Trin. 1720. Brown and Barkham, 1 Will. Rep. 652.*

(G) Of Preference, Disputes, &c. amongst Mortgagees; — Of Puisne Mortgagees, &c. — Buying in Prior Mortgages, &c. — And Where a Prior Mortgagee shall retain against a Mesne Mortgagee.

1. **I**F a *third* Mortgagee takes only an Agreement of the *first* Mortgagee to convey to him, the *second* Mortgagee cannot in such Case compel the first to assign to him, because such Agreement was no more than what they might have done without any Agreement. *East. 1701. in the Case of Blake and Hungerford, Prec. in Chan. 160.*

2. *A.* an Owner of a Ship, mortgages her to *B.* with whom he leaves the original Bill of Sale, and this Mortgage is made by Deed of Mortgage only, without any Indorsement or Notice of the Mortgage on the Bill of Sale, as is usual. Afterwards at *A.*'s Request *B.* lets him have the original Bill of Sale, and thereupon *A.* made several subsequent Mortgages of several Parts of the Ship, which were indorsed upon the original Bill of Sale; and some Time afterwards *A.* delivered the Bill of Sale to *B.* who made no Objection as to the Indorsements. It appeared also in the Case, that *A.* had made a *prior* Mortgage of the Ship to this of *B.*'s by a Deed, bearing Date the Day before, but that the *prior* Mortgagee was a Witness to *B.*'s Mortgage Deed. Also *B.* some Time afterwards took a Release from *A.* of his Equity of Redemption. And Lord Chan. *Cowper* decreed, *First*, That the first Mortgagee of the Ship being a Witness to *B.*'s Mortgage, tho' it did not appear that he actually knew the Contents of this second Mortgage, yet since it did not appear but that he might know them, it would be presumed that very Witness that could write or read was acquainted with the Substance of the Deed or Instrument, which, he having attested it, undertook to support by his Evidence; and that therefore

therefore the first Mortgagee's being a Witness to *B.*'s Mortgage, and not acquainting *B.* with his former Mortgage, this should give a (a) Preference to *B.*'s Mortgage. Secondly, That when *B.* was so careless as to intrust *A.* with the original Bill of Sale, and accepted of the Bill of Sale again, and made no Objection to the Indorsements of the subsequent Mortgages made thereon, this, together with the long Acquiescence afterwards, amounted to an implied Consent in *B.* to the subsequent Mortgages, and should give a Preference to such Mortgages. Thirdly, That tho' *B.* when there were subsequent Mortgages, took afterwards a Release of the ultimate Equity of Redemption, yet this did not oblige him to pay the intermediate Mortgages, provided he would still waive the Release made to him of the Equity. Fourthly, *B.* was ordered to pay Costs to the Plaintiffs, the Indorsers of the subsequent Mortgages on the Bill of Sale, but *B.* was not to have his Costs over against *A.* in regard, as Lord Chancellor said, it was not reasonable that *B.* should operate his Pledge with Costs, occasioned by his unjust Defence. *Hil.* 1717. *Mocatta et al'* and *Murgatroyd*, 1 Will. Rep. 393 to 395.

(a) The Editor in a Note, *ibid.* 394. says, *Quære* Whether the bare Attesting of a subsequent Incumbrance, without other Circumstances of presumptive Notice will postpone a prior Incumbrancer, since at that Rate a prior Mortgagee or Incumbrancer may, without any Fraud or ill Intention on

his Side, be liable to be cheated of his Security. And the Editor says he found it to have been so said by Lord King in Mr. P. Williams's Report of an Anonymous Case, in *Mich.* 1732.

3. A Difference has always been taken between a general Incumbrancer by Statute or Judgment and a Purchaser or Mortgagee; that the one is no Lien on any particular Part of the Estate, but affects it only at large. But in Case of Mortgage or Purchase, the Party contracts for that particular Part. That if a Man had confessed twenty Judgments or Statutes, the last could not, by buying in the first, hold out all the intervening Judgments. Said *arg'* by Mr. Vernon, and agreed to *per Cur'*, because when the Debt on the first Judgment was paid, that Security determined and expired of itself. *Trin.* 1718. in the Case of *Wright and Pilling*, *Prec. in Chan.* 494.

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and several at the Bar thought that a Judgment Creditor might as well secure himself by taking in a prior Mortgage as the third Mortgagee, for that his Judgment was a Lien upon the Land, and when he gets in a prior Mortgage, that ought not to be taken from him till Payment of his whole Debt. *Ibid.* 496.

4. The subsequent Mortgagee prays to redeem the first Mortgagee upon Payment of what was due thereon, and the rather because the first Mortgagee had all the Title Deeds which were left in his Possession by the Mortgagor, so that Plaintiff, the subsequent Mortgagee, might be easily deceived. Pending the Suit the first Mortgagee sets up another Mortgage to himself prior to them all, and it was decreed at the Rolls, that it should be tried at Law, Whether this prior Mortgage Deed was executed? From which Decree Plaintiff appeals, for that it was too short; for if upon the Trial it should appear that such Deed was executed, yet the Money therein mentioned might be paid in Part or in the Whole. And Lord Chancellor decreed that it should be tried at Law, Whether this Deed was executed? And if it was, then, Whether the whole, or any Part, or how much of the Money was paid? *Trin.* 9 Geo. 1. *Dowse and Rue*, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 38.

5. If a third Mortgagee buys in the first Mortgage, tho' it be *pendente lite*, pending a Bill brought by the second Mortgagee to redeem the first, yet the third Mortgagee having obtained the first Mortgage, and got the Law on his Side, and equal Equity, he shall thereby squeeze out the second Mortgage; and this the Lord Chief Justice Hale called a Plank gained by the third Mortgagee, or *Tabula in Naufragio*,

which Construction is in Favour of a *Purchaser*, every *Mortgagee* being such *pro tanto*. *Per* his Honour, *Mich.* 1728. in the Case of *Brace* and *Dutchess of Marlborough*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 491.

6. If a Judgment Creditor, or Creditor by Statute or Recognizance, buys in the first Mortgage, he shall not tack or unite this to his Judgment, &c. and thereby gain a Preference, because such Creditor cannot be called a *Purchaser*, nor has he any Right to the Land; he has neither *jus in re* nor *ad rem*, and therefore tho' he release all his Right to the Land, he may extend it afterwards. All that he has by the Judgment is a Lien upon the Land, but *non constat* whether he ever will make Use thereof; for he may recover the Debt out of the Goods of the Cognizor by *Fieri Facias*, or may take the Body, and then during the Defendant's Life he can have no other Execution; besides the Judgment Creditor does not lend his Money upon the immediate View or Contemplation of the Cognizor's real Estate, for the Lands afterwards purchased may be extended on the Judgment; nor is he deceived or defrauded, tho' the Cognizor of the Judgment had before made twenty Mortgages of all his real Estate; whereas a Mortgagee is defrauded or deceived, if the Mortgagor before that Time mortgaged his Lands to another; and 'tis such a Fraud as the Stat. of 4 & 5 *W. & M. c.* 16. takes Notice of, and punishes by foreclosing such Mortgagor, who mortgages his Lands a second Time without giving Notice of the first Mortgage; and in that Respect the principal Case, which was of a *Puisne* Judgment Creditor's buying in the first Mortgage without Notice of the second Mortgage when he lent his Money on the Judgment, differs from a *Puisne* Mortgagee's buying in the first Mortgage (a). *Mich.* 1728. *Brace* and *Dutchess of Marlborough*,

(a) His Honour said, tho' the 2 *Will. Rep.* 491.

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has been so settled, it is not, however, without great Appearance of Hardship; and that still it seems reasonable that each Mortgagee should be paid according to his Priority, and it's hard to leave a second Mortgagee without Remedy who might know when he lent his Money, that the Land was of sufficient Value to pay the first Mortgage, and also his own; and that to be defeated of a just Debt by a Matter *inter alios acta*, is a great Severity, being only a Contrivance betwixt the first Mortgagee and the third; but that this had been settled upon solemn Debate in the Case of *Marsh* and *Lee*, 2 *Vent.* 337. wherein that great Man Lord Chief Baron *Hale* was called by Lord Chancellor to his Assistance; and that tho' this be settled, there can be no Reason to carry it further. *Ibid.* 492, 493.

7. If a first Mortgagee lends a further Sum to the Mortgagor upon a Statute or Judgment, he shall retain against a *Mesne* Mortgagee 'till both the Mortgage and Statute or Judgment be paid, because it is to be presumed that he lent his Money upon the Statute or Judgment, as knowing he had hold of the Land by the Mortgage, and in Confidence ventured a farther Sum on a Security, which, tho' it passed no present Interest in the Land, yet must be admitted to be a Lien thereon. *Per* his Honour, *ibid.*

8. If a *Puisne* Mortgagee, without Notice, buys in a *Prior* Judgment or Statute, and that Judgment, &c. be extended upon an *Elegit* at a Value much under the real, the *Mesne* Mortgagee shall not make the *Puisne* Mortgagee, who has got in his Judgment, account otherwise or for more than the extended Value; nor will this Court give any Relief against the Judgment or Statute, but leave the *Mesne* Mortgagee to get rid of them as well as he can at Law. *Per* the Master of the Rolls, *Mich.* 1728. *Brace* and *Dutchess of Marlborough*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 491, 494.

9. In all these Cases it must be intended that the *Puisne* Mortgagee, when he lent his Money, had no Notice of the second Mortgage, Statute or Judgment, for that is the sole Equity; and where a Creditor by Recognizance who bought in a first Mortgage did not deny Notice

Notice in his Answer, tho' such Notice was not charged in the Bill which was brought by some *Puisne* Incumbrancers for a Sale, and upon Bill and Answers there was first a Decree to state the several Incumbrances, then a Report, and thereupon a farther Decree was obtained for the *Master* to state the Value of the Land mortgaged to each of the Mortgagees, yet after all these Proceedings, for a *Puisne* Judgment, &c. Creditor to insist upon his having had no Notice, and offering to be examined upon Interrogatories, is not sufficient; but this denying of Notice ought to appear on the Pleadings, whereupon the Parties might go to Issue, and have an Opportunity of proving Notice. *Per his Honour, Mich. 1728. in the Case of Brace and Dutcheffs of Marlborough, 2 Will. Rep. 495.*

10. *Puisne* Incumbrancer buys in a *Prior* Mortgage, in order to unite the same to the *Puisne* Incumbrance, and there was a Mortgage prior to that. His Honour held clearly, that the *Puisne* Incumbrancer, where he had not got the legal Estate, or where the legal Estate was vested in a Trustee, could there make no Advantage of his Mortgage, but in all Cases where the legal Estate is standing out, the several Incumbrances must be paid according to their Priority in Point of Time; *Qui prior est in tempore, Potior est in jure. Ibid. 495, 496.*

11. *A.* a Copyholder in Fee, mortgaged to *J. S.* who is admitted by *B.* the Steward of the Manor. Then *A.* makes a second Mortgage to *C.* who is also admitted by *B.* And afterwards *A.* mortgages to *B.* who buys in *J. S.* And Lord Chan. King decreed that *B.* the Steward, should not postpone *C.* because of the Notice he must necessarily have of the *Mesne* Mortgage to *C.* by his being Steward of the Manor when *C.* was admitted. *Hil. 3 Geo. 2. Brotherse and Bence, 2 Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 118.*

12. *A.* lent Money on a Mortgage of Lands in *Middlesex*, and the Mortgage was duly registered. Afterwards *B.* lent Money on the same Security, and his Mortgage was registered. Then *A.* advanced a farther Sum upon the same Lands, without Notice of the second Mortgage. And it was held by Lord Chan. King that the Registry of the second Mortgage was not constructive Notice to the first Mortgagee before his Advancement of the latter Sum, for tho' the Statute avoids Deeds not registered as against *Purchasers*, yet it gives no greater Efficacy to Deeds that are registered than they had before; and the constant Rule of Equity is, that if a *first* Mortgagee lends a farther Sum of Money without Notice of a second Mortgage, his whole Money shall be paid in the first Place: *Nov. 26, 1730. Bedford and Backhouse vel Bacchus, MS. Rep.*

(H) Mortgage Money, to Whom to be paid; — And what Act will discharge a Mortgage.

1. *J. S.* had a Rent-charge of 166 l. per Annum granted to him and his Assigns for three Lives. He and his Lady mortgaged the same to *A.* his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, *Habendum* to him, his Heirs and Assigns during the three Lives for which this Rent was originally granted, upon this special Trust that *A.* his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall enjoy 100 l. per Annum out of it to their own proper Use 'till the Mortgage Money was satisfied, if the three Lives should last so long. *A.* made his Will, and thereof Plaintiff Executor, but to this Will there were no subscribing Witnesses. The Bill was brought by the Plaintiff against *A.*'s Heir at Law and others,

Barnard. Rep. in Chan. May 20, 1740, Kendal and Michfield, S. C. in totidem verbis.

to have the Benefit of so much of the Rent-charge as *A.* the Mortgagee was intitled to. His *Honour* (after Time taken to consider of it) said, there were two Questions for his Consideration: First, What Sort of a *legal* Estate *A.* had in this Rent-charge, *viz.* Whether it was such an Estate as would go to his Heirs or his Executors for the three Lives? And supposing the *legal* Estate would go to his Heirs, the next Question is, Whether the Trust of it does not belong to his Executors? What makes this a very particular Case is, that this is an Estate *pur auter vie*, and the first Point of the Case is so new, that was it not for the second, he should have thought it proper to have had the Opinion of a Court of Law upon it; for tho' the Rules are fully established how far the *Habendum* of a Deed shall vary and explain the Premises of it, yet when we come to apply the present Case to those Rules, there arises a good deal of Difficulty; and he said, he could not find a single Authority which would come up to the first Point of the present Case. That the general Rules are, that the Office of the *Habendum* is to explain, limit and declare the *Quantum* of the Estate which is to pass by the Deed. It has never been disputed but that it will carry the Limitation of the Estate further than the Premises of the Deed did. If a Man gives an Estate to *A.* for Life, *Habendum to him and his Heirs*, a Fee-simple clearly passes. On the other hand it is clear, that the *Habendum* never *abridges* the Estate granted by the Premises of the Deed. It may indeed *vary* and *alter* it; as if an Estate be granted to *A.* and *B.* *Habendum to A. for Life*, the Remainder to *B.* the Premises of the Deed in that Case will be controlled by the *Habendum*. So if an Estate is granted to *A.* and to the *Heirs of his Body*, *Habendum to him and his Heirs*, this is a Fee-simple. Some Books say, that it is only an *Estate-tail*, with a Remainder in Fee; but his *Honour* said, it is difficult to maintain that Opinion; and he thought it not Law. That so far the Rules relating to an *Habendum* were plain and clear. That the particular Nature of the present Case is such, that a Grant of this Kind to a Man and his Executors is the same as a Grant to a Man and his Heirs; and in both these Cases the Heirs and Executors do not take as Representatives to the Party, but as *special Occupants*; and therefore it has been held, that if Lands are granted to *A.* and his Heirs for three Lives, he may grant it to another, and his Executors for those Lives. So if granted to *A.* and his Executors for three Lives, he may grant it to another and his Heirs during those Lives; from whence it follows, that if one of these Limitations is in the Premises of the Deed and the other in the *Habendum*, the *Habendum* shall take Place; as if the Premises of the Deed in the Grant of the Estate *pur auter vie* is to *A.* and his Executors during the Life of *B.* *Habendum to A. and his Heirs during that Life*, the Heirs in that Case shall have the Benefit of that Estate; so if the Grant of such Estate is to *A.* and his Heirs during the Life in being, *Habendum to A. and his Executors during that Life*, the Executors shall have the Benefit of it, because the *Habendum* does not attempt to give a less or larger Estate than contained in the Premises, but is merely explanatory; and tho' before the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries no Grant of a Rent *pur auter vie* could be good any longer than the Party (*i. e.* the Grantee) himself lived, because a Rent lay not in Occupancy, so that it was certain there could not be a general Occupancy of it, nor could the Common Law admit, in that Case, of a *special* Occupancy. But his *Honour* was of Opinion that such Rent was within the Statute of Frauds, &c. that Statute intending to make a general Alteration with regard to all Sorts of Estates that were granted

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pur autre vie, and a Rent-charge is as much *within* the Intention of the Act as any other Sort of Inheritance. The Difficulty then concerning the Rent-charge may be quite laid aside, and then the Matter concerning the *legal* Estate depends upon the *Habendum*, which his *Honour* thought ought to take Place for the Reasons before mentioned, and consequently that the *legal* Estate in this Rent belonged to the Heir at Law. But then his *Honour* was of Opinion, that within the Meaning of the Deed of Trust, the Plaintiff, Executor of *A.* is intitled to it, it being expressly declared by the Deed that the Mortgage was made upon the *special* Trust that *A.* his *Executors, Administrators and Assigns*, should enjoy the Benefit of 100 *l. per Annum*, Part of the Rent-charge, 'till the Mortgage was satisfied, if the three Lives continued so long. That the only Thing that made any Difficulty in this Part of the Case, is, that it is pretty hard to conceive how a *Man* and *his Heirs* should be *Trustees* for a *Man* and *his Executors*, but that this is the Case of every Mortgage *in Fee*. And his *Honour* decreed *accord'*. *East. 1740. Anon. MS. Rep.*

2. *A.* borrowed of *B.* 3000 *l.* and mortgaged Lands to him for five hundred Years to secure the Payment thereof. A Bond was given for Performance of Covenants. The Bond and Mortgage were kept in the Hands of a Trustee. A few Years after *A.* brought the Box, in which were the Mortgage and Bond, to *B.*'s House, told him that he had brought them him, in order that he might keep them himself; upon this (as it was sworn on the Part of *A.*) *B.* put back the Writings with his Hand, and said, "Take back your Writings, I freely forgive you the Debt;" and at the same Time in the Presence of *M.* the Mother of *A.* said, "I always told you that I would be kind to your Son, now you see that I am as good as my Word. But this Evidence was contradicted on the Part of the Plaintiff. *B.* died, leaving *J. S.* his Son and Heir, who brought his Bill against *A.* to compel him to pay the Mortgage Money, or else that he might stand foreclosed. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* was of Opinion, that in Case *B.* the Mortgagee did forgive the Debt in the Manner as had been sworn on the Part of *A.* that the Plaintiff could not be intitled to Relief, (supposing that the Statute of *Frauds* and *Perjuries* to be out of the Case), and that the Bill (if that Fact be true) must be dismissed; that this being a mortgaged Interest in Lands, his *Lordship* thought this Evidence might be allowed consistent with the Statute of *Frauds*. The Statute, indeed, lays down a very strict but proper Rule relating to real Estates, *That no Interest in Lands any longer than for three Years shall pass without Writing, nor any Trust in them for a longer Time, unless the Trust arises by Operation of Law.* The same Rule, by that Statute, relates to the Devolving of real Estates. But in all these Cases there is a *Difference*, both in Law and Equity, between *absolute Estates in Fee* or *for a Term of Years*, and *conditional Estates for Security of Money*. In the Case of *absolute* Estates it cannot be admitted of, that *parol* Proof of the Gift of Deeds shall convey the Land itself. But where a Mortgage is made of an Estate that is only considered as a Security for Money due, the Land is the *Accident* attending upon the other, and when the Debt is discharged the Interest in the Land follows of Course. At *Law* the Interest in the Land is thereby defeated, and in *Equity* a *Trust* arises for the Benefit of the Mortgagor. And his *Lordship* said, that if an Obligee delivers up a Bond with Intent to discharge the Debt, the Debt

In an Ejectment where a Title is made under a Mortgage, if Evidence is given that the Debt is satisfied, it is considered as defeating the Estate in the Land which the Mortgagee had; and in such Cases, especially where the Mortgage is ancient, the Court will presume that the Money was paid at the Day, and will direct the Jury to find accordingly, unless it clearly appears that the Money could not be paid at the Day; no Writing is in these Cases necessary, which shews that even the Law considers the Debt as the *Principal*, and the Land as an *Accident* only. But Equity goes farther, and in all Cases says, That where the Debt appears there arises a

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Trust by Operation of Law for the Benefit of the Mortgagor, and this Case is within the Exception of the Statute of *Frauds*, of Trust arising by Operation of Law, and in these Sort of Cases the Court receives any Kind

Kind of Evi- will certainly be thereby discharged; and if the Bond is discharged, dence of Pay- in the present Case, the Mortgage will be discharged with it; and di- ment; and rected an Issue to try whether the Mortgagee said the Words *ut supra*. therefore if a Mortgage is or not. *East. 1740. Richards and Syms, MS. Rep.*

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Partner to another, and the Mortgagor agrees that the other shall take a certain Part of the Profits of the Partnership in Discharge of the Mortgage, that of itself will discharge it. *Per Lord Chancellor. Ibid.*—
Barnard. Rep. in Chan. S. C. accord.

(I) In what Case the Profits, &c. received by the Mortgagee, shall be set against the Interest;—And in what Case a Mortgagee may not commit Waste in Equity, et econ.

1. **T**HE Profits were set against Interest in an old Mortgage. 25 June 1715. *Bail (alias Basil) and Acheson, Vin. Abr. Tit. Mortgage, (C) in a Note to Ca. 2.*

2. A Mortgagee in Fee may at Law commit Waste, but never in Equity, unless the Mortgage appears to be a defective Security. *Per Price B. who sat for Lord Chancellor. Trin. 11 Geo. 1. in the Case of Withrington and Banks and Cotefworth, Select Cases in Chan. 31.*

(K) Cases relating to Tenant for Life, and the Remainder Man of a mortgaged Estate.

2 Vern. 267,
East. 1692,
James et al
and Hailes et
al, S. C.—
Vide 1 Will.
Rep. 650.

1. **I**F an Estate in Mortgage be settled on *A. for Life*, Remainder to *B. in Tail* or *in Fee*, Tenant for Life shall bear two Fifths of the Principal and Interest, and the Remainder Man three Fifths. *East. 1692. James and Hailes, Prec. in Chan. 44.*

2. *J. S.* makes a Mortgage, and then devises the Lands to *A. for Life*, and Reversion descends to his Heir. The Tenant for Life enters into Possession and brings a Bill against the Mortgagee to redeem, and the Heir likewise brought his Bill to redeem; Tenant for Life did not prosecute his Bill, but continued to receive the Profits and purchases in the Mortgage in Defendant's Name, whom he made Executor, and died. Lord Keep. *Somers* decreed the Devisee for Life to pay one Third of what was due at the Death of the Devisor, with the Interest, and the Heir to pay the rest (*i. e.* two Thirds), and the Master to take the Account accordingly. And his Lordship said, that so it would have been if the Mortgagee had received the Profits during the Life of Tenant for Life. And *Clyatt and Battson, Trin. 1686.* was cited to that Purpose. *Mich. 1696. Ballett and Spranger, Prec. in Chan. 62.*

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the Money. Tenant for Life dies: And per Lord Chan. *Cowper*, If the Remainder Man pays the Money and takes up the Bond, or gets the Covenant assigned, he may prefer his Bill against the Executors of the Tenant for Life, but not else. *Ibid.*

4. *A.* a Papist, seized in Right of *M.* his Wife of a real Estate, and being intitled to be Tenant by the Curtesy by his having Issue the Plaintiff, levied a Fine of the Lands, and mortgaged the same, with a Proviso, that on Payment of the Mortgage Money the same should be reconveyed to *A.* for Life, *without* Impeachment of Waste. *A.* being afterwards attainted of Treason, his Estate was vested in Commissioners for the Benefit of the Publick. *B.* the eldest Son of *A.* and *M.* claimed the Reversion, free and discharged of Committal of Waste, which was allowed by the Commissioners, who conveyed all *A.*'s Estate, with all Privileges thereto belonging, to Defendants, who afterwards bought in the Mortgage, and cut down a large Quantity of Timber. *B.* the Reversioner prayed an Injunction, and that the Money raised by Sale of the Timber should be for his Benefit. Decreed by *Price B.* (in the Absence of *Lord Chancellor*) that *B.* should have it *free* from Committal of Waste, for that *A.* being a Papist could take no larger Estate under the Fine than he had before, tho' as large a one he might. That an Account should be taken by the Master of what was cut down, the Money to be applied in the first Place to the Payment of the Interest, and then to the sinking of the Mortgage; and an Injunction to stay any more felling. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Withrington and Banks and Cotesworth, Select Cases in Chan. 30.*

(L) In what Case a Mortgagee shall not be relieved (a) against a Forfeiture.

(a) *Via* (E)
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1. **O**N the Marriage of Defendant's Father, Lands were settled on the Father for Life, Remainder to the first and other Sons of the Marriage successively in Tail Male, with other Remainders over. Defendant was the eldest Son of that Marriage, and there were seven or eight other Children. After the Birth of all those Children the Father and Mother mortgaged this Estate for 300 *l.* which was done by Lease and Release, and Fine come ceo, &c. This Mortgage Money by the Addition of other Monies lent, and Interest from Time to Time increased, 'till at last it came to 700 *l.* and then it was assigned to the Plaintiff, and another Lease and Release and Fine were levied by the Husband and Wife, for making good this Assignment. The Husband died, and this Bill was brought against the Widow and eldest Son, that they might redeem or be foreclosed, the Mortgage Money being near the Value of the Estate; and to be relieved against the Forfeiture. The Son pleaded the Marriage Settlement of his Father and Mother, whereby they were but Tenants for Life, and insisted on the Forfeiture. And Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* allowed the Plea, saying, that this was a Contrivance to destroy the Settlement and disinherit the Heir; and said, he had declared his Opinion before in Cases of this Nature; that there could be no Relief, particularly in the Case of *Sir Harry Peachy* and *Duke of Somerset*; so the Plaintiff lost her whole Money. *Trin. 1722. Lady Whetstone and Sainsbury, Prec. in Chan. 591.*

Notice, vide Tit. Mortgage, P. and Purchaser, P.

C A P. LXIX.

Papist.

(a) Ld Dower being possessed of a long Term for Years, made his Will, and his Lady, who was a Papist, Executrix. And it was resolved *per Lord Chancellor*, That notwithstanding the disabling Act of 11 & 12 W. 3. the Term vested absolutely in her, and that this was not a Purchase within that Act; and he said, that a Papist may be Tenant in Dower or by the Curtesy, because in all these Cases it is by Operation of Law, and not by any Act of the Party, that the Estate comes to him. The Case of Lord Dower's Will, 3 New Abr. of the Law 799. — (b) It is remarkable that the Clause of the Stat. of 11 & 12 W. 3. made to prevent the Growth of Popery, which says, "The next of Kin which is a Protestant shall enter and enjoy the Lands during the Life of the Papist, or until he shall conform," extends only to the Case where the Papist is under eighteen at the Time that any Lands come to him; but where the Papist is above eighteen when the Lands come to him, or in Trust for him, such Papist is utterly disabled to take, and the Estate is void. *Per Lord Chan. Cowper, Trin. 1717. in Casu Vane and Fletcher, 1 Will. Rep. 354.*

(A) His Disability (a) to purchase, &c. — And how affected by the Stat. of the 11 & 12 W. 3. (b).

This Act is a bare Disability. It creates only a Disability, but makes no Forfeiture; it prevents a vesting, but divests nothing that is vested. *Per Lord Chief Justice Pratt in the Case of Roper and Ratcliffe, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 199.*

If Lands are devised to be sold in Trust in the first Place to pay Debts and Legacies, and to pay the Surplus to J. S. a Papist, J. S. is rendered incapable by this Clause to take the Surplus, forasmuch as

it is a Profit arising out of Land, and such Devisee, by laying down the Money, may prevent the Sale; and if such Contrivances were to prevail, the Statute would signify little or nothing;—so tho' this Surplus be made payable to a Person at a future Day, (*viz.*) at twenty-one or Marriage, with a Devise over, if the first Devisee should die before twenty-one or Marriage. *East. 1722. cites Roper and Ratcliffe, 2 Will. Rep. 5.*—So if Land descend to a Papist above the Age of eighteen and a half, this being a Descent is not within the latter, but is within the first Clause of the said Statute; and such Papist shall not be capable of taking until he doth conform, but he, by the Words of the Act is disabled to take in respect of himself only, and not in respect of his Heir. *Ibid.*

1. **S**TAT. 11 & 12 W. 3. §. 4. if any Person educated in the Popish Religion, or professing the same, shall not *within six Months* after he shall attain the Age of eighteen Years take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and subscribe the Declaration in 30 Car. 2. in the Chancery, King's Bench, or Quarter-Sessions of the County where such Person shall reside, every such Person shall in respect of himself only, and not in respect of his Heirs or Posterity, be disabled to inherit or take by Descent, Devise or Limitation, in Possession, Reversion or Remainder, any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments within England, Wales or Berwick, and during the Life of such Person, or until he take the Oaths and make the Declaration, the next of his Kindred which shall be a Protestant shall have and enjoy the Lands, &c. without being accountable for the Profits; but in Case of wilful Waste, the Party disabled, his Executors and Administrators, shall recover treble Damages against the Person committing such Waste, his Executors or Administrators, by Action of Debt in any of his Majesty's Courts at Westminster.

2. That from and after the 10th of April 1700, every Papist, or Person making Profession of the Popish Religion, shall be disabled to purchase either in his own Name, or in the Name of any other Person or Persons to his Use or in Trust for him, any Manors, Lands, Profits out of Lands, Tenements, Rents, Terms or Hereditaments, within England, Wales or Berwick, and that all Estates, Terms, and any other Interests or Profits whatsoever out of Lands from and after the said 10th of April to be made, suffered or done to or for the Use or Behoof of any such Person or Persons, or upon any Trust or Confidence mediately or immediately, to or for the Benefit or Relief of any such Person or Persons, shall be utterly void.

3. The Stat. of 11 & 12 W. 3. was intended to abridge the Power and Interest of Papists, and if a *Devise* should be construed to be *no Purchase* within that Act, then Papists were in a Capacity to take great Part of the Lands in *England*; therefore a *Devise* to a Papist must be a *Purchase*, *i. e.* to such a Papist who was a Stranger to the Inheritance, but not where a particular Estate or Interest comes to the Heir at Law by a *Devise*, for that is but a *Modification* of that Estate which would otherwise descend to him, so as he is *under* eighteen Years of Age, and conforms within six Months after he should arrive at that Age. Said *arg'*, and is resolved in the Case of *Roper* and *Radcliffe* in the House of Lords, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 170.

Taking by *Devise* is taking by *Purchase*, as was adjudged by the Lords in *Roper* and *Radcliffe*, and must not now be disputed. Per Lord Ch. *Macclesfield*, in *Casu Hill* and *Filkin*, *East. 1722.*

4. By (a) the express Words of the Stat. of the 11 & 12 W. 3. a Term for two Years, nay, (for ought his Lordship saw) a Term for one Year, or for any certain Time, is prevented from being made to Papists. Per *Pratt C. J.* in the Case of *Radcliffe* and *Roper*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 192.—Perhaps for half a Year. *Ibid.* 193.

2 *Will. Rep.* 9. (a) And the Trust of a Term is as much within the Act as the legal Interest of a Term. Per *Pratt C. J.* *Ibid.* 192.

5. By Act of Parliament in *Ireland*, Lands leased to a Papist at less than two Thirds improved Value, and for any Term above thirty-one Years, are forfeited to the Discoverer. May 8, 1719. *Cusack* and *Buckley*.—Mar. 10, 1724. *Latin* and *March*.—Mar. 8, 1724. *Eyre* and *Burk*. Jan. 18, 1724. *Blake* and *Blake*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Recusant*, (O) Ca. 4. P. 253.

6. A Papist in *Ireland* cannot make a Will, but his Land shall descend to all his Sons equally; but if the Heir conform within a Year after his Age of twenty-one, he may enter. June 22, 1717. *Burk* and *Morgan*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Recusant*, (O) Ca. 3. P. 253.

7. A Papist being Tenant in Tail suffered a Recovery, and declared the Uses to himself and his Heirs. This is not a Purchase within the Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3. Vide *Lord Derwentwater's Case*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 172.

8. If a Papist is seised of a *defeasible* Estate, and levies a Fine thereof with Proclamations, and five Years pass without any Claim, by this Means the Estate is now become *indefeasible*; this is certainly an Alteration of the Estate, but Nobody will say it is a Purchase. Said *arg'* *Hil. 5 Geo. 1.* in *Lord Derwentwater's Case*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 175.

So where a Father, being a Papist, settles his Lands on his Son, with a Power of Revocation, and after he

executes that Power, so that the Estate is vested in the Father, this is an Alteration of the Estate; but it was never yet called a Purchase. *Ibid.*

9. It is plain that a Papist under the Age of eighteen Years, at the Time of making the Stat. of 11 & 12 W. 3. may either take by *Descent* or *Purchase*, and that the Word *Purchase* in this Statute is only a *Modification* of the Estate, and shall not be taken in the full Extent of the Word; for tho' *Purchases* are only intended by the Statute, by which Papists enlarge and extend their Landed Interest, and not where by Deeds of Settlement the ancient Family Estate is new modelled, without making any new Acquisition, so that even at this Day a Purchase by Limitation in a Settlement, or by a *Devise* to a Papist under the Age of eighteen Years, is good, so as such Papist, within six Months after he comes to that Age, conforms and takes the Oaths, &c. otherwise he loses the *Pernancy* of the Profits during his Life only. *Powis*, *Tracy*, *J. Mountague*, and *Page B.* against *Forrescue J.* *Hil. 5 Geo. 1.* *Lord Derwentwater's Case*, 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 172, 180.

(a) But if a Papist was above the Age of eighteen Years and six Months when this Statute of *W. 3.* was made, so as it was impossible to comply with the Statute, then such Person is not within the former Clause, nor shall suffer by it. Held per Lord Chan. King, *Trin. 1726.* in the Case of *Carrick and Errington*, 2 Will. Rep. 364.
 (b) Vide his Lordship's Argument, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 181.

Ibid. 134, 135. it appears that the Will charged the Lands with Annuities to be paid by the Trustees to several of the Brothers and Sisters; and his Lordship said, that if any of these Annuities are still subsisting, he did not think that without the Consent of the Annuitants the legal Estate could be forced out of the Trustees Hands, they being Trustees as well for the Annuitants with regard to their Annuities as for the Plaintiff with respect to the Profits of the Land.

But it being said, that the Brothers and Sisters of the Plaintiff were Papists, his Lordship directed the Master to enquire what Age they were of at *J. S.*'s Death, and when the Annuities were to vest, and said, that if they should appear to be above eighteen Years and six Months, then the Devise to them is void, but if they were not above three or four Years old, and consequently incapable of professing the Popish Religion, they shall retain their Annuities till their Age of eighteen Years and six Months, from which Time the Annuities are to go to the Protestant Kindred till the Death or Conformity of the Annuitants; but if the Infants were thirteen or fourteen at the Time of the vesting of these Annuities, it was his Lordship's Opinion, that then they might be looked upon as capable of professing the Popish Religion; and if in Fact they did profess the same, they were thereby incapable of taking, and the Devise to them of their Annuities was void.—*Lucas's Rep.* 512. *Hil. 9 Geo. 1.* *Cartwright and Cartwright*, S. C. states it thus: *J. S.* devised to Trustees and their Heirs for the Life of *B.* and two Years longer, and then taking Notice that the Children of *B.* were all beyond the Seas educated in the Romish Religion, directs, that in Case any of the

10. Upon (a) the Construction of the before two Clauses (in the Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3.) in the great Case of *Roper and Radcliffe*, it was decreed for the Papist by Lord *Harcourt Mich. 11. Ann.* assisted by the two Chief Justices and Mr. Justice *Powell*, (Chief Justice *Parker strenue opponente (b);*) but that Decree was afterwards reversed in the House of Lords, and it was determined against the Papist, (*viz.*) That a Papist above the Age of eighteen and a half is not capable of taking Lands by a *Devise*, and the Word [*Purchase*] in the latter Clause of the Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3. is used in Contradistinction to the Word [*Descent*]; notwithstanding it was urged, that the Expression of [*purchased by a Papist*], especially when the Words following, *viz.* [*in his own Name, or in the Name of any Person in Trust for him*], must be intended where such Papist is active, and does something for himself; whereas in Case of a *Devise* to him, or *Settlement* upon him, the Person taking is merely passive, and may know nothing of the Matter before it is done. However it is now settled by the House of Peers, that either a *Devise* or *Settlement* to a Person professing the Popish Religion, of above eighteen Years and a half, is void, and the Person not capable of taking; the Act extending utterly to disable the Papist of that Age to take any new Acquisitions, or what was not his ancient Inheritance. *East. 1722.* 2 Will. Rep. 4, 5.

11. A Devise of the personal Estate to a Papist under eighteen, who afterwards turns Protestant and conforms, was admitted to be good. *East. 1722.* in the Case of *Hill and Filkins*, 2 Will. Rep. 7.

12. *J. S.* devised Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, to the Use of *A. the eldest Son of B. for two Years next after her (J. S.'s) Death*, and if *A. within these two Years should become a Protestant*, then the Trustees were to stand seised to the Use of *A. in Tail Male*; and for want of such Conformity, then to the Use of the second and every other Son of *B. being Protestants*, and to the Heir Male of their Bodies, being Protestants; and for want of such Conformity in any of the Sons, or if they should die without Issue Male, then to the Use of the eldest Daughter of *B. being a Protestant*, and to the Heir of her Body, being Protestants, Remainder to the second, &c. Daughter of *B. being a Protestant, in Tail*, Remainder to *C. the eldest Son of D. who was actually a Protestant*, and born of Protestant Parents. *B.* had several Sons that were all Papists, and continued so, but his eldest Daughter being above the Age of eighteen Years and six Months did conform, and brought her Bill against the Trustees to compel them to join with her in suffering a common Recovery of the Premises. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* said, that no Estate or Right is to vest in any of the Sons or Daughters of *B.* until they conform and become Protestants; that their Conversion to the Protestant Religion was a Condition precedent to their taking the Estate; and that the Act of 11 & 12 W. 3. against Papists, does not affect this Case, but on the contrary is exclusive of a Papist; and that

that therefore if this eldest Daughter of *B.* be a sincere Convert, the Sons of *B.* is intitled to take, but in regard there might be some Doubt of the Sincerity of her Conversion, his Lordship directed it to stand over. *East. 1723. Carteret and Carteret, 2 Will. Rep. 132.* should within those Years become a Protestant, and receive the

Sacrament according to the Usage of the Church of England, then the Trustees were to hold the Estate in Trust for such Son in Tail, Remainder over, &c. and in Case no one should conform, then in Case any one of the Daughters should within those two Years become a Protestant, and take, &c. then the Trustees were to hold the Estate in Trust for that Daughter in Tail, Remainder over, &c. and then *J. S.* charges his Estate with some Annuities payable to the Sons and Daughters of *B.*—*B.* dies; no one of the Sons did within the two Years become a Protestant, or receive the Sacrament, &c. but one of the Daughters did within the two Years receive the Sacrament twice according, &c. and the Trustees actually permitted her to receive the Rents of the Lands. The Daughter brings a Bill against the Trustees and all the Children, and one in Remainder being an Infant, (who had a Right to the Estate in Case the Daughter was not well intitled to it) to compel the Trustees to convey to her, in order to enable her to dock the Intail, by suffering a Recovery, and so to make a good Title to a Purchaser. The Trustees say they permitted Plaintiff to receive the Rents, conceiving she was intitled thereto by having received the Sacrament, &c. the Test pitched upon by the Testator, of the Sincerity of her Conversion, and pray that a Receiver may be appointed, and that they may be discharged of the Trust. All the Children by their Answers consent to the Sale of the Estates, and that the Trustees may convey; the Plaintiff having given a Bond of 1500*l.* in Satisfaction of the Annuities given to them and charged upon the Estate. Lord Chancellor said, he was not satisfied with the Reality of the Conversion of the Plaintiff, the Proof offered being no more than the bare Act of receiving the Sacrament (a); an Act very common for Roman Catholics to do upon a worldly Motive, and then we hear no more of them. Remarkable that the Witness who swears to her Conversion, does not say that he believes her now to be a Protestant, but that four Years ago she was one. The Readiness of the Children in their Answers to do what is desired of them, looks very suspicious. As to the 1500*l.* he suspected a Deceazance in Case this Bill miscarry, and he did not see any Consideration for the giving it, for the Annuities charged upon the Land are certainly Profits arising out of the Land, and the Children being all Roman Catholics, the Devise is void as to that.—That if the Daughter had had a clear Title, and her Conversion been out of Doubt, there was no Occasion for coming here; for if the Daughter had suffered a common Recovery, or levied a Fine of the Trust in Tail, it had been binding in Equity. Ordered a Receiver to be appointed, and he would consider of the Decree. It was pressed that in the mean Time they might have Liberty to give farther Evidence of her Conversion, and quoted *Rawlinson and Rawlinson* before Lord Cowper, where that Liberty was indulged, but his Lordship said he would do nothing now. *Ibid. 514.* (a) Lord Chan. King admitted the external Acts, pitched upon by the Act of Parliament, as a sufficient Evidence of Conformity. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Hill and Hilkins et Ux, Lucas's Rep. 513.*

13. Persons eighteen Years old at the Time of making the Stat. 11 & 12 *W. 3.* are out of the Letter of the Act, but within the Intent and Meaning of it, for the Law-makers could never intend to put Infants of tender Years in a worse Condition than those who were of Age. But be that as it will, such Persons being Heirs at Law are proper to make Application to Chancery to set aside a Conveyance got by Fraud from their Ancestor. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Carrick and Errington, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 35.*

14. *J. S.* the eldest Son of *A.* became a Monk; thereupon *B.* the next Brother of *J. S.* assumed the Title and possessed himself of the Estate of the Family, but being concerned in a Rebellion and taken Prisoner, he was tried and found guilty of High Treason, and being pardoned as to his Life, the Commissioners seized the Estate. And thereupon *J. S.* (the Monk) claimed it, insisting before the Commissioners, that his Brother had no Right. *J. S.* on his Examination before the Commissioners confessing himself a Monk, they decreed for the Crown, for that by *J. S.*'s Profession he was dead in Law, and by Consequence incapable to take; and therefore the Estate must immediately vest in his Brother, who being attainted of Treason, the Estate must be forfeited. And thereupon by the Opinion of four of the Commissioners against three, a Decree was made for the King, from which *J. S.* appealed, and *Powis, Tracy and Fortescue J. Mountague* and *Page B.* Commissioners delegated, reversed the Decree, so far as to order that the Appellant might bring an Ejectment against the Commissioners and try his Title at Law; and that the Decree should not stand in the Way. *Trin. 9 Geo. 1. Sir Lawrence Anderton, Bart. and The Commissioners of the forfeited Estate (b), 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 54.*

(b) But afterwards *J. S.* took the Oaths and received

the Communion, &c. and became a Protestant; and so enjoyed his Estate without any farther Trial. *Ibid. 56.*

15. *J. S.*

15. *J. S.* a Papist, seised in Right of his Wife, and having Issue by her, he thereby became intitled to be Tenant by the Curtesy. *J. S.* joined in a Fine with his Wife. And Baron Price, in the Absence of Lord Chancellor, decreed that *J. S.* being a Papist could take no larger Estate under the Fine than he had before; that he might take as large, as had been determined. *Trin. 1725. Withrington and Banks and Cotesworth, Select Cases in Chan. 30.*

2 Will. Rep.
6. Trin. 1722.
S. C.

16. A Devise to a Papist under the Age of eighteen is good, if he conform within six Months after he comes to that Age, otherwise the Words in the Statute which directs when that Conformity shall be made, are in vain, and tho' the Devisee had not conformed at the Time appointed, yet the Inheritance is in him, and shall descend to his Heir, and he shall maintain an Action of Waste by Virtue of the Stat. 11 & 12 W. 3. against the next Protestant Heir, who is intitled to take the Profits during the Disability. Said *arg'*, and agreed to *per Cur'*, *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Hill and Filkins, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 156.*

17. Lord Chan. Parker held that being a Papist at the Death of the Testator, the Estate would never vest; but Lord Chan. King held that the Devisee conforming at eighteen, made him capable. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Hill and Filkins, Lucas's Rep. 536.*

18. Tho' the first Limitation of an Estate is to a Papist who is disabled by the Stat. W. 3. to take, yet it is not such a void Limitation, as the Remainder shall immediately vest as if the first was dead without Issue. *Per Cur'*, cites it as settled in the Case of the *Dutchess of Hamilton, 9 Geo. 1. 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 34.*

It was insisted for Plaintiff, that the Account of the Profits should be from the Time this Will took Effect, as it was resolved in *Dom. Proc'* between Blake and Blake, viz. That a Papist must be accountable for the Profits since the Time of the original

19. *J. S.* being possessed of a long Term which he enjoyed twenty-seven Years, by Will declared, that this Term was taken by him in Trust for the Defendant *B.* to whom he devised the Remainder thereof, and declared, that it was in Pursuance of the said Trust; and Plaintiff exhibited a Bill, suggesting that both *J. S.* and *B.* were *Papists*, and by the Stat. W. 3. were incapable to take this Term; and therefore he being the next Protestant Heir, prayed that the Residue of the Term might be assigned to him; and it appearing that *J. S.* had enjoyed the Premises for twenty-seven Years, and until his Death, the Court would not intend this to be a Trust, and therefore decreed for the Plaintiff, with an Account of the Profits since the filing of the Bill. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. Winter and Bermingham, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 146.*

But *per Cur'*, That Decree was made upon some extraordinary Circumstances; but that the present Decree should be according to the Precedents in this Court, and denied to give the Plaintiff Costs, for that it was *Hardship* enough for him to lose the Lands. *Ibid. 147.*

It was strongly objected, that the Conveyance being by way of Lease and Release, the whole Estate passed out of the Grantor, and could not return to him again, but must go to the next in Remainder, capable of taking;

20. *J. S.* seised in Fee, by Lease and Release, settled the same to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively, Remainder to A. a Papist, for Life, Remainder to Trustees, to preserve, &c. Remainder to the first, &c. Son of A. in Tail Male successively, Remainder to B. a Protestant, for Life, Remainder to Trustees, to preserve, &c. Remainder to the first, &c. Son of B. in Tail Male successively, Remainder to his own right Heirs. *J. S.* died without Issue, leaving two Sisters, who were his Heirs at Law and Protestants. And one Question was, What should become of the Estate, and who should take the Profits thereof during the Life of A. the Papist, whether the Heirs at Law of *J. S.* or the Remainder

ing; and that this being a Trust (which is a Creature of Equity) during the Life of A. the Papist, the Court ought to let B. the next Remainder Man into Possession, and that in Case A. should leave Protestant Sons, the Court might then order the Trust for their Benefit, and secure the Profits to them. But his Lordship said, this would

mainder Man? Lord Chan. King held, that in regard if the Estate should go to the subsequent Remainder Man B. the Protestant, it would not afterwards go back to any Sons of A. the Papist, who might be Protestants; and this being an *Hardship and Wrong to a third Person*, therefore the Rents and Profits of this Estate from the Death of J. S. the Grantor, and during the Life of A. should go back to the Sisters and Heirs at Law of J. S. the Grantor, being Protestants. *Trin. 1726. Carrick and Errington, 2 Will. Rep. 361.*—This Decree in May 1728 was affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*

the Statute was in a more plain and easy Manner complied with, by construing the Estates and Trusts to be void as to the Papist only, but not to let the next Protestant Remainder Man into Possession before his Time, so as to prejudice or endanger a third Person, the Son or Sons of A. the Papist. *Ibid. 363, 364.*

21. Ruled by King C. and given up by the Counsel on all Sides, that since the great Case of *Roper and Radcliffe*, which was resolved in the House of Lords, the latter Clause of the Stat. of 11 & 12 W. 3. c. 4. for preventing the Growth of Popery, and which disables a Papist from taking any Land or Trust, or Interest in or out of Land, by Purchase, must not only be understood to prevent a Papist from buying Lands, but also to disable him from taking any Lands by Purchase; and therefore in the said Case of *Roper and Radcliffe*, where the Devise was of Lands to be sold for the Payment of Debts, and the Surplus to the Papist, forasmuch as the Papist would be intitled to the Surplus of the Estate, paying the Debts, this was construed a void Devise as to the Papist. *Trin. 1726. in the Case of Carrick and Errington, 2 Will. Rep. 362.*

22. If Lands are limited by Lease and Release to the Use of A. a Protestant, for Life, Remainder to B. a Papist, for Life, Remainder to C. a Protestant, and A. dies; in such Case the Remainder to B. the Papist, being void, the next Remainder to C. shall take Effect presently, in the same Manner as if a Remainder were limited to a Monk for Life, or to one who refuses to take, or if such Remainder Man were dead, and there had never been such Limitation. Held per Lord Chan. King, *Trin. 1726. in the Case of Carrick and Errington, ibid.*

23. The Stat. of 11 & 12 W. 3. extends to Trusts as well as legal Estates; and therefore where a Remainder was limited to Trustees to preserve contingent Remainders, and to let the first Remainder Man, who was a Papist, take the Rents and Profits during his Life, this last is a void Trust; but the Trust to preserve the contingent Remainders to the first, &c. Son of the Papist, is good. Declared per Cur', *ibid.*

24. A Papist cannot take by Lease or Grant, and consequently cannot take a Mortgage. This is within the express Words of the Act; for it is an Interest in Land, and on Nonpayment the Estate is absolute in Law, and his Interest is good in Equity to intitle him to receive and enjoy the Profits 'till Redemption or Satisfaction; and on a Foreclosure he has the absolute Estate both in Law in Equity. Per Lord Chief Justice Pratt in the Case of *Roper and Radcliffe, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 196.*

25. A Mortgage made to a Papist, who assigned to a Protestant for a full Consideration. An Ejectment was brought against the Assignee by a subsequent Mortgagee, who recovered by reason of the Disability of the first Mortgagee. All this appeared upon a Bill brought in Chancery; and Lord Chancellor was of Opinion, that a Mortgage to a Papist is void. *Mich. 1729. Pelham and Fletcher, 3 New Abr. of the Law 799.*

A Mortgage made to a Papist is void, for the Incapacity of taking Lands in any Case is meant by the Stat. W. 3. *Ibid. 197.* arg' in Lord Derwentwater's Case.

But in this Case the Assignment to the Protestant, and the Trial in Ejectment, were both before the Alteration.

fore the 3 Geo. 1. which, were it otherwise, would, it seems, have made an Alteration.

26. It has been adjudged, That a *Papist* may devise to a *Protestant*; in which Case it was agreed, That where an Ancestor dies seised of an Estate of Inheritance, it descends upon and vests in his Heir, (tho' a *Papist*), for the Benefit of his Heirs, and the next Protestant Kin has always a Right to the Reception of the Profits during the Nonconformity of the Heir. *East. 1738. C. B. Mallom and Bringloe, ibid.*

Tho' it is objected, That this is not the Case of a Forfeiture, because the Estate was never vested, yet it falls under the same Reason; and an Incapacity or Disability to hold at all by Act of Parliament, is certainly as much a Penalty as the Forfeiture of an Estate by a Person who had a Right to enjoy it before the Forfeiture. *Per Lord Chancellor. Ibid. in S. C.—MS. Rep. accord.*

27. A Bill was brought, praying, that Defendant might discover whether *J. S. (under whose Will the Defendant claimed)* was a *Papist* or not. The Defendant pleaded the Statute of 11 & 12 *W. 3.* and Lord Chancellor was of Opinion, that he was not obliged to discover; that there is no Rule better established than *that a Man shall not be obliged to discover what may subject him to the Penalty of an Act of Parliament*; and there can be no Doubt but this is a penal Law, inflicting *Disabilities* and *Incapacities*. If a Bill is brought against a Person for a Discovery whether he is a *Papist* or not, he is not bound to discover; and where is the Difference between him and the Person claiming under him? Besides, what sways with me very much, is the great Inconvenience that would follow. Should this Plea be disallowed, we should have nothing in this Court but Bills of Discovery whether such and such Persons were *Papists* or not, and Nobody knows what Confusion would follow. *Trin. 12 Geo. 2. Smith and Read, ibid.—MS. Rep. S. C. accord.*

C A P. LXX.

Paraphernalia (a).

(a) *Vide Tit. Baron and Feme, (N) P. 155.*

1 *Vol. Abr. Eq. 66. Ca. 1. S. C. but not S. P.*

1. **J**EWELS and Chamber Plate of 500 *l.* Value bought out of the Wife's *Pin Money* was decreed the Wife as her *Paraphernalia*, the same being of so small Value in respect of her Husband's Estate. *Trin. 1691. Offley and Offley, Prec. in Chan. 27.*

Sir *Jos. Jekyll* said, Creditors may come in against the Wife to have her *Paraphernalia*, but not a Devisee under the

2. The Question was, If the Husband can devise the *Paraphernalia* of the Wife to any other than the Wife? Lord Chan. *Harcourt* said, that this is a Point of Consequence, and he would reserve the Consideration of it 'till after the Master's Report upon the Account; *Curia advisare vult. Trin. 13 Ann. Wilcox et Ux' and Gore et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 5.) Ca. 19. P. 180.*

Husband's Will, and there is not one Case in the Law to warrant such a Devise, and it is no Argument to say that the Husband may dispose of them in his Life time, therefore he may give them away by Will, for he may dispose of his Wife's Wearing Apparel, or a Term in the Wife in her Life-time, but he can dispose of neither by his Will. *A.* the Relict of *B.* did claim her *Paraphernalia* against the Devisee of her Husband, but he said he believed the Matter was made up between the Parties, for he did not remember that any Judgment was given in that Case. See *Cro. Car. 343.—Per North Attorney General*, there is not one Authority in the Law that the Husband cannot devise the *Paraphernalia* of his Wife; it is true, the Husband's Executor shall not take the *Paraphernalia* of the Wife from her, and the Case in *Cro. Car. 343.* goes no farther. It is the constant Practice in great Families to give the Family Jewels to the Wife for her Life, and after her Death to the eldest Son, and he said he never knew such a Devise called in Question, but always submitted to. *Ibid.*

3. Where a Baron borrowed of his Sister Jewels to present to his Wife on his Marriage, *Cowper C.* said, this giving of them is a Change of the Property, and a Kind of Sale in Market-overt, and on a Devise of the real and personal Estate for Payment of Debts, if the *personal* is not sufficient, and the *real* be, and the Husband *devises to her all her Jewels, &c.* she shall have the specifick Legacy of her Jewels. *East. 1715. Parker and Harvey, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 5.) Ca. 20. P. 181.*

4. *A.* by Articles before Marriage, covenanted for himself and his Heirs to lay out 3500 *l.* in a Purchase of Lands to be settled on the Wife for her Jointure, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male successively, and died intestate, leaving *Assets in Fee* descending to his Nephew, who was his Heir at Law, but the *personal* Estate was not near sufficient to pay his Debts. The Widow claims her *Paraphernalia*, and also that she may have her Jointure, and to have the Deficiency of the personal Estate supplied out of the *real* Assets. And the Question was, Whether the Wife's *Jewels, &c.* (of above 200 *l.* Value) in the first Place, and in Ease of the *real* Assets, should be applied to satisfy this Covenant, since *Bona Paraphernalia* were *personal* Estate, and the Rule (as it was said *arg'*) is that all *personal* Estate ought to be applied in Exoneration of the *real*? And Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* decreed that, putting the Creditors out of the Case, the Widow should have her *Paraphernalia* (a). *Mich. 1721. Tipping and Tipping, 1 Will. Rep. 729.*

(a) *Bona Paraphernalia* are preferable

to Legacies, and a *specifick* Legatee shall not compel the Application of the *Bona Paraphernalia* to pay any Debt in Favour and Ease of his *specifick* Legacy, per Lord Chancellor, who denied it to be a Rule that in all Cases the *personal* is applicable in Ease of the *real* Estate, for it shall not be so applied, if thereby the Payment of any Legacy will be prevented, much less where it will deprive the Widow of her *Bona Paraphernalia* (b). *Ibid. 730.*

(b) So decreed by his Lordship in *Casu Puckering and Johnson* the same Term. *Ibid. 731.* in a Note by the Editor.

5. *Bona Paraphernalia* are not deviseable by the Husband from the Wife any more than *Heir Looms* from the Heir, so that the Right of the Wife to her *Bona Paraphernalia* is to be preferred to that of a Legatee. Per Lord *Macclesfield, Mich. 1721.* in the Case of *Tipping and Tipping, 1 Will. Rep. 730.*

6. *Bona Paraphernalia* are liable only to Debts, and in Favour of Creditors, not of an Heir. Per Lord Chan. *Macclesfield, Mich. 1721.* in the Case of *Tipping and Tipping, ibid.*

But any Creditors by Specialty are wholly unconcerned in

this Question, they being by reason of their Bonds, &c. in all Events secure, which must make it indifferent to them whether they are paid out of the *real* Assets or out of the *Bona Paraphernalia*, for still they are sure of being paid. And putting the Creditors out of the Case, the *Bona Paraphernalia* shall be retained by the Wife.

7. *J. S.* upon his Marriage with *A.* settled his real Estate on himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of this Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to his own right Heirs. *J. S.* having a small Estate in Fee-simple, unsettled, devised *A.'s Jewels to her*, and likewise the Use of the Plate to her for her Life, and then by the same Will devised all his *real* Estate subject to his Debts and Legacies, and after the same were paid, to *B.* and died, leaving two Infant Sons of this Marriage. At the Time of *J. S.'s* Death the *real* and *personal* Assets were not sufficient for Payment of his Debts; whereupon the Creditors insisting to be paid, the Widow gave up her Jewels and her Plate and a twenty-five Guineas Purse, (being her Dowry Money), which were all applied towards the Debts. But in the Decree obtained for the Sale of the *real* Estate, and for an Account of the *personal* as well as *real* Assets, the Widow's Claim of her Jewels, Plate,

Plate, and Dowry Money, was saved to her. J. S.'s two Sons died under Age, whereby the *Estate-tail of the Jettled Lands expired*, the *Reversion in Fee falling in*, became liable by the Will to the Debts, and the following Point, and the Points in the Margin, were determined by Lord Chan. Macclesfield. First, That as to the Dowry Money claimed by the Widow, it could not be *Bona Paraphernalia*, for these are confined to the Ornaments of her Person, nor could it be Part of her separate Estate, it being given to herself and not to her Trustee; but this Dowry Money, in the Nature of it, was rather a Gift to the Church, being to be laid upon the Book (a). Cites Gibson's Codex Juris Ecclesiastici, Part 1. P. 519. Trin. 1722. Burton and Pierpont, 2 Will. Rep. 78.

(a) Secondly, That with respect to the Claim of the Jewels, as *Bona Paraphernalia*, the Widow could have no Title to them, and that this Case differed from that of *Tipping and Tipping*, regard being to be had here to the Time of the Death of the Testator when the real and personal Assets were not sufficient for the Payment of the Debts; nay, at the Time when these Jewels were applied to the Debts, there was a Deficiency of Assets real and personal for Payment thereof, and tho' afterwards upon a remote Contingency, which was not to be presumed or waited for, (viz.) a Death without Issue, Assets had fallen in, yet that this should not alter the Case as to the *Bona Paraphernalia*, for the same might not have happened until twenty or thirty Years after the Testator's Death, nor (possibly) until the Death of the Widow, when the End and Design of the Widow's wearing her *Bona Paraphernalia*, in Memory of her Husband, could not have been answered; and therefore it was reasonable that this should be reduced to a Certainty, (viz.) that if there should not be Assets real or personal at the Testator's Death, or at least at the Time when the Jewels were applied towards the Payment of Debts, then the Jewels should be liable. But Thirdly, If the Creditors by Judgment of the Testator should after his Death have taken the Jewels in Execution, when the Heir, or Executor, or Trustees, had other Assets to have paid such Debts, this would have been a Default in the Trustees, for which the Widow ought not to suffer as to her *Bona Paraphernalia*. But in the present Case here was no Default, nor any Thing done, but what ought to have been in regard the Testator's just Creditors were not to be kept out of their Debts, nor the Jewels, which were legal Assets, detained from them in Expectation of that which might never happen; a subsequent Contingency of Assets falling in, must not exempt the Jewels from Debts, which, at that Time, both at Law and in Equity they were liable to answer. However, in the present Case, forasmuch as there was an express Bequest of the Jewels to the Widow, notwithstanding that, at the Time of the Death of the Testator, there were not Assets either real or personal, yet since afterwards, tho' by a remote Accident, Assets had happened, his Lordship held, that there could be now no Inconvenience to any Creditor or others, and that this Legacy should be paid, and the Intention of the Testator performed, and the rather, for that here the real and personal Assets were by the Will made liable to the Debts and Legacies, especially it being the constant Rule, That a Legatee, where the real Estate is made liable to pay Debts on the Creditors exhausting the personal Assets, shall stand in the Place of Creditors, and be paid out of the Land; and that this was stronger in the Case of a specific Legatee (the principal Case), which was to be preferred in Payment before a pecuniary Legacy. — In this Case all the Legatees were decreed to be paid before B. the residuary Legatee took any Thing. Ibid. 79 to 81.

8. A. is Principal in Recognizance of 5000 l. and B. and C. are Sureties. A. does afterwards jointure his Wife before Marriage in some Lands without Notice either to the Wife or her Friends of this Recognizance, and devises his real and personal Estate to B. one of his Sureties, and dies. As to the *Bona Paraphernalia* of A.'s Widow, tho' there be Debts of A. more than the personal Estate will extend to pay, yet as the *Bona Paraphernalia* are liable only in Favour of Creditors, and not of the Heir nor of the Devisee, who stands in the Place of the Heir, and is *Hæres factus*; if the Lands devised be sufficient to pay the Recognizance, the *Bona Paraphernalia* shall be enjoyed by the Widow; but if those devised Lands should prove insufficient, the *Bona Paraphernalia* must be subject before the Sureties Lands shall be extended. Trin. 1729. Tynt and Tynt, 2 Will. Rep. 542.

9. J. S. having a Crochet of Diamonds which was his first Wife's; In 1695 makes his Will, and (int' al') devises this Crochet to his eldest Son, and that it should go in Succession to the Heir of his Family as an Heir Loom. In 1699 he marries a second Wife (the now Defendant), and turns this Crochet into a Necklace, and adds several new Diamonds to it, to the Value of 200 l. which was more than the Value of the Crochet. The Plaintiff as Heir to J. S. (tho' not the eldest Son to whom it was specifically devised) demands this Crochet of J. S.'s Widow. Lord Chan. Parker seemed to doubt at first that turning

turning the *Crochet* into a *Necklace*, and adding new Diamonds to it, and permitting his Wife to wear it, was a Revocation of the Devise, but at last ordered the *Master* to examine and separate the old Diamonds from the new, and decreed the Diamonds of the *Crochet* to the Plaintiff as Heir at Law, and specifically devised to him as an Heir Loom. *Mich. 5 Geo. 1. Calmady and Calmady, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (Z. 5.) Ca. 21.*

C A P. LXXI.

Parish Rates.

1. **T**HE Church-Wardens of *A.* made a Rate on all the Parishioners. Plaintiff being libelled against in the Spiritual Court for Nonpayment, brought his Bill here, suggesting a Custom that he was an Inhabitant of a separate Village within the Parish, which had Time immemorial assessed and collected their own Rates, and was never assessed to the publick Rates of the Parish. Defendant demurred for that all Church Rates were properly consumable in the Spiritual Court, and not elsewhere. Demurrer allowed. *Mar. 15, 1734. Dunn and Coates, MS. Rep.*

For per Talbot
C. Plaintiff has mistaken his Remedy. Inequality of Rates is properly consumable in the Ecclesiastical Court, but where a Custom comes in Question, the

Spiritual Court cannot properly try it, but ought to be prohibited at Common Law. This is nothing but an *English* Bill to prohibit, which is a Method never before thought of. As to the Objection, that it is to establish a Custom, and the Suit here tends to prevent Multiplicity of Disputes elsewhere; it's true that a Bill in this Court is proper to establish a Custom that has been once tried at Law, which this has not, and there is no Colour in objecting Multiplicity of Suits, for every Thing may be tried in one Prohibition. *Ibid.*

C A P. LXXII.

Partition.

1. **A** Partition was decreed of the Estate late *J. S.'s*, two Thirds whereof belonged to *A.* and one Third to *B.* The Estate consisted (*int'al*) of a great House called *Cobham House*, and *Cobham Park* in *Kent*, and of Farm and Lands about it of 1000 *l. per Annum*. *B.* insisted to have a Third of the House and Park assigned to him by the Commissioners, who were to make the Partition; and this coming on before Lord Chan. *Parker* upon Petition, his Lordship held that tho' *B.* must have a third Part in Value of this Estate, yet there was no Colour of Reason that any Part thereof should be lessened in Value, in order that he may have a third Part of it; that if

If there were three Houses of different Value to be divided among three, it would not be right to divide every House, for that would be to spoil every House; but some Recompence is to be made either by a

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Sum of Money, or Rent for *Orvelty* of Partition to those that have the Houses of less Value. It is true, if there were but one House, or Mill, or Advowson to be divided, then this entire Thing must be divided in the

the Manner as the Counsel for *B.* contend for, (which was, that as *B.* was intitled to a Third of the whole, so consequently *B.* should have one Third of the House and of the Park, this would very much lessen the Value of both; and recommended that the *Seat* and *Park* be allowed to *A.* she having two Thirds, and that a liberal Allowance out of the rest of the Estate be made to *B.* in Lieu of his Share of the House and Park. *Trin.* 1718. *Earl of Clarendon et al* and *Hornby*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 446.

he was to have a Third of the House and Park; and that in many Cases in the Law, Things *entire* in their Nature, as an House, a Mill, or an Advowson, might be divided; so a Tenant in Common shall have half the House, every other Toll Dish, and every other Turn of a Church, &c. and that thus it would be at Law in Case of a Writ *de Partitione facienda*, and in this Case *Æquitas sequitur legem*; *sic*us when there are other Lands which may make up *B.*'s Share.——By the same Reason every Farm House upon the Estate must be divided, which would depreciate the Estate, and occasion perpetual Contention; and in the present Case it may be *B.*'s Intent, when this Partition is made, to compel *A.* to give him forty Years Purchase for his Third of the House and Park; wherefore his Lordship recommended it *ut supra*. *Ibid.* 447.

It was objected, That the Will of *J. S.* under whom the Infant Plaintiff claimed, was not proved. *Sed per Cur'*, This will not be material; for an Infant, when Plaintiff, is as much bound, and as little privileged, as one of full Age. *Ibid.* 519.

2. *J. S.* devised Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, *In Trust* for *A.* (married to *B.*) and *C.* (married to *D.*) for *their Lives, Share and Share alike, Remainder to the Heirs of their respective Bodies, and to Heirs of their Bodies respectively*, with divers Remainders over. *J. S.* died, and *C.* and *D.* died, leaving Plaintiff, an Infant, the only Issue of their Bodies. Plaintiff brought his Bill for a Partition, and that the Trustees should convey the legal Estate of the separate Moiety to be allotted to him, or this Partition to him and the Heirs of his Body, in regard tho' there might be a Doubt whether *A.* had more than an Estate for Life, (the Words of Inheritance being subsequent to the Limitation to the Heirs of the respective Bodies of *A.* and *C.*); yet as to Plaintiff, who was the only Son and Heir of *C.* it must be agreed he was intitled to an Estate-tail; which was admitted. Lord Chan. King decreed a Partition, and directed a Commission to allot one Moiety *in Severalty* to Plaintiff, and the other Moiety *in Severalty* to *A.* to hold to them according to their respective Estates under the Will, and to be respectively quieted in the Possession of the Premises severally to be allotted as aforesaid; but because Plaintiff cannot join in a Conveyance of the Moiety to *A.* by reason of his *Infancy*, and so there cannot be mutual Conveyances, the Conveyances to be made by the Trustees of the legal Estate were respited until Plaintiff should be twenty-one, (or until farther Order of the Court), at which Time all Parties interested may join in mutual Conveyances. *Hil.* 1728. *Lord Brook* and *Lord and Lady Hertford*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 518.

C A P. LXXIII.

Partners.

1. **I**F where there are two joint Traders, and one dies, and the Survivor carries on the Trade after the Death of the Partner, the Survivor shall answer for the Gain made by this Trade. *Per Lord Keep. Harcourt, East.* 1711. in *Casu Brown* and *Littleton*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 141.

2. *A.* and *B.* Partners in a Goldsmith's Trade, in 1693 were bound in a Bond to *J. S.* for the Payment of 1000 *l.* and Interest, which 1000 *l.* was *that Year* employed in the Partnership Trade; and in the *same*

same Year they dissolved the Partnership, when *A.* by Ready Money and his own Bond secured to *B.* his Share of the Partnership Stock; and took on himself all the Partnership Debts, *covenanting* to secure *B.* from such Debts. Publick Notice was given to all the Creditors of the Joint Stock that they were either to receive their Money, or to look on *A.* only as their Paymaster. *B.* died, leaving *C.* his Executor, and *D.* his residuary Legatee. *J. S.* in 1708 called in his Money from *A.* but then continued it upon *A.*'s subscribing the Bond at 6*l.* per Cent. *A.* continued solvent 'till 711, and *J. S.* might, 'till that Time, when he pleased, have had his Money. *J. S.* outlawed *B.*'s Executor (*a*), and brought this Bill against *D.* *B.*'s residuary Legatee, to recover the 1000 *l.* and Interest out of the Affets of *B.* *A.* having in 1711 become a Bankrupt, and insolvent. Lord Chan. *Parker* said, the Defendant's Testator being bound in the Bond, he must lie at Stake until the Bond be paid; and tho' *J. S.* continued the Money on the Bond, this was not material, since it was upon the Credit of both the Obligor. As to the Notice given by *A.* to the joint Creditors to bring in their Securities, and that *A.* alone would be thereafter liable, that being *Res inter alios acta*, could not bind *J. S.* and his changing the Interest did not alter the Security, for still it was the Bond of both, but that the Defendant could not be liable to more than 5 *l.* per Cent. for the Arrear of Interest; wherefore *J. S.* had a Decree for his Debt, Interest and Costs. *Mich.* 1720. *Heath and Percival*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 682.

Vide Tit. Bankrupt, P.

C A P. LXXIV.

Party.

(A) Of making Parties to Bills in Equity (b)

(b) *Vide Tit. Bills, (B) P. 165.*

1. CITY of London brought Debt for Rent against their Lessee of the Water-Works. The Assignees file their Bill, and obtain an Injunction. The City file their Cross Bill against the Assignees for a Discovery. It came out by the Defendant's Answer to the Cross Bill, that it was turned into Stock-Jobbing, and divided into Shares. Objected to the Cross Bill, That the Defendants were only Trustees for the Shares; besides, a Demand for Rent was only proper at Law, but if they will come into Equity they must make the *Cestuy que Trust* Parties. But decreed that the Cross Bill was well brought, the Plaintiff in it being driven into Equity by the Defendants, and they might have their Remedy from the Sharers who were their Under-Tenants. 9 Feb. 1702. *Richmond and Mayor of London*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. Party, (B) *Ca.* 15. *P.* 250.

2 *Vern.* 241. *S. C.—Prec. in Chan.* 156. *East.* 1701. *S. C.—Vide P. Ca.*

2. In directing an Issue a bare Trustee ought not to be a Party, for that might hinder his being an Evidence. 1703. *Dawson and Franklin*, *ibid.* Tit. Party, (B) *Ca.* 71. *P.* 257.

3. A Bill was dismissed because the Tenants were only Parties, and not the Lord, they having attorned to a new Title against their first Lessor,

Leffor. 7 Mar. 1717. *Ward and Reily, Vin. Abr. Tit. Party, (B)* in a Note to *Ca. 46. P. 253.*

4. *Appellant* to pay the *Costs of the Day* for want of proper Parties, and to be at Liberty to amend his Bill. 9 Mar. 1718. *Morrison and Nesbitt, Vin. Abr. Tit. Party, (C) Ca. 2. P. 257.*

5. *A.* charged all his Lands in *C. in Essex and Endfield in Middlesex* with 20 *l.* a Year to the Poor of *Enfield*. In a Suit on Behalf of this Charity, for the *Arrears of this Rent-charge*, it is not necessary to make all the *Tertenants of the Lands, out of which the Rent issued*, Parties. *Hil. 1719. Attorney General and Wyburgh et al', 1 Will. Rep. 599.*

6. A *nominal* Person only that has *no Interest* is no necessary Party, and a Suit may go on without him. 12 Mar. 1720. *Butler and Pendergrafs, ibid. Tit. Party, (A) Ca. 5. P. 248.*

7. An Estate is charged with several Incumbrances, come femble; one Incumbrancer may sue without making the rest Parties; at least it is cured by a Decree directing an Account to be taken of all the Mortgages and Incumbrances that affect the Estate. 12 July 1721. *Odell and Graydon, ibid. Tit. Party, (B) Ca. 51.*

8. Where a Settlement is set up, all the *Mesne Incumbrancers*, and likewise the Remainder Man, must be made Parties. 1721. *Edgeworth and Edgeworth, ibid. Tit. Party, (B) Ca. 52.*

It was also objected, That the Occupiers as well as the Land Owners ought to be made Parties to the Bill, for that a Decree against the Land Owners would not affect the Occupiers. To which it was answered, That it would
9. A Decree was made *Temp. Car. 1.* for Payment of 40 *l. per Annum* out of particular Lands, formerly Part of the Forest of *Bladen*, to the Vicar in *C. in Wilts* in Lieu of Tithes. A Bill being brought against the Land Owners to establish a Right to this 40 *l. per Annum*, it was objected, That the Land Owners were Tenants to the Crown of Lands lying within the Bounds of the Forest which formerly paid no Tithes, and that the Attorney General should for that Reason have been made a Party. Answered, That it did not appear by the Bill that they are Lessees under the Crown, and Defendants have not insisted upon it in their Answers, and so that is out of the Case. And the Court took no Notice of the Objection. *East. 12 Geo. 1. Cuthbert and Westwood et al', in Scac', Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 230.*

That it would be endless to make all the Occupiers Parties; and if that was necessary to be done, the Plaintiff could never come at his Right, for there were great Numbers of them, and any single one dying would put the Plaintiff to his Bill of Revivor, and cited the Case of *Biscoe and The Undertakers of the Land Mark*, before Lord Keep. Wright, who said, he would not oblige them to bring them all before the Court, since the Right might be determined by having a few, which the Court thought reasonable; and *per Cur'*, Tho' we can (in the present Case) decree only against the Land Owners who are before the Court, yet that will affect the Land; the 40 *l. per Annum* ought to be apportioned among the Owners, and the original Decree may be carried against the Occupiers. And decreed a Commission should go to enquire into, and ascertain the Value of the Lands, the Owners and Occupiers Names, and what Proportion of the 40 *l. per Annum* each Tenant ought to pay. *Ibid.*

10. In a Court of Equity it may be necessary to make one Person Defendant in the Cause, because another is intitled to his Assistance. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, Hil. 1740. in the Case of Lowther and Carlton, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 361.*

11. Where a real Estate is in the Hands of a Trustee, and the Trustee conveys it over to another who has no Notice of the Trust, if a Bill is brought by the *Cestui que Trust*, the Trustee must be made a Defendant. *Per Lord Chan. Hardwicke, Hil. 1740. in the Case of Harrison and Pryse, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 325.*

12. *J. S.* who had been Governor in the *East-Indies*, in 1720 purchased 1000 *l.* *South-Sea* Stock, and accepted it in the *South-Sea* Books a short Time after he had bought it. There was likewise another *J. S.* who at the same Time was Owner of some *South-Sea* Stock, and he was known by the Description of *J. S. of R.* By some

some Means J. S. of R. got the 1000 l. belonging to Governor J. S. placed to his Account in the *South-Sea* Books, under the Description of 1000 l. *South-Sea* Stock belonging to J. S. of R. In 1725 J. S. of R. transferred this 1000 l. *South-Sea* Stock to B. his Broker, in order to sell it for him, which B. did accordingly. Governor J. S. died, and his Widow became his Representative, and then the Fraud being discovered, the Widow demanded Satisfaction of J. S. of R. which struck him with a great deal of Confusion, and he died the Day after. The Bill was brought by the Governor's Widow against the Administrator of J. S. of R. and likewise against the *South-Sea* Company, in order to have a Satisfaction for this Fraud. On the Hearing it was objected, That B. the Broker, ought to have been made a Party. But Lord Chan. *Hardwicke* was of Opinion, that there was no Occasion for it. *Hil.* 1740. *Harrison and Pysfe, Barnard. Rép. in Chan.* 324.

C A P. LXXV.

Pauper,

PLAINTIFF brought a Bill *in formâ pauperis*, and had a Decree to recover the Duty with Costs; the Master taxes Costs as usual for Persons *not* Paupers. Defendant moves, that he may tax only *pauper* Costs, and said it was unreasonable the Plaintiff should have more Costs than he was out of Pocket, and that it would encourage *Paupers* to be vexatious to be assured when the Cause went against them they should pay no Costs, and if for them, should recover not only the Thing in Demand but a good Sum of Money too, which they never expended; and cited the Case of *Harvey and Tudor*, 22 Dec. 9 W. 3. where the Plaintiff, who was a *Pauper*, having obtained a Decree with Costs, and the Master having taxed Costs as usual, on Exceptions to the Report for that Cause, the Chancellor allowed only *pauper* Costs. On the other Side it was said, that the Council, Clerks and Solicitors, gave their Labour to the *Pauper* out of Charity, and not to his Adversary, and therefore he ought to have Costs as others, where the Decree is for Costs *generally*; tho' the Court may if they find him vexatious, order *pauper* Costs only, but that is by *special* Order, in Cases of Contempt, insufficient Answers, &c. but where Costs are stated, of Course he is to have the same as those that are *not* *Paupers*; and cited the Case of *Hutton and Hager*, where the Plaintiff, a *Pauper*, had a Decree with Costs, and the usual Costs were taxed; and on Petition that it might be *pauper* Costs only, the Lord Somers would not allow it. Lord Keeper said, it was unreasonable any one should have more Costs than out of Pocket; and ordered the Plaintiff and his Solicitor to make Oath before the Master; and what they swore they had paid or were to pay, was to be allowed, but no further. *East.* 1703. *Angell and Smith, MS. Rep.*

C A P. LXXVI.

Pawn,

Upon the Appeal it was insisted, that these Exchequer Annuities, as well as Stocks, were usually sold at the Exchange; and that this was but a Pawn; and that though there was no express Power to sell in the Defeazance, yet by *J. S.*'s Letter it was plainly submitted to, when he desired the Sale might be deferred for a Week; that the Convenience of these Securities among Merchants, was, that after the Day of Payment past, they were taken to be

1. *J. S.* possessed of an Exchequer Annuity for ninety-nine Years, borrowed Money of *A.* and for securing the same, absolutely transferred the Annuity, but with a Defeazance, that if the Mortgage Money was paid at such a Day, the Assignment should be void. The Money was not paid at the Day; upon which *A.* frequently desired the Money, and gave Notice that he would sell, and appointed a Time for that Purpose, desiring *J. S.* to be present to see that the Annuity was sold at the full Value. *J. S.* by Letter desired Forbearance for a Week, which was complied with, and then *A.* dying suddenly, *B. A.*'s Administrator, sold the Annuity at the Exchange by a sworn Broker for the full Value that those Annuities then sold for, and which was less than what the Money due to the Administrator (the Defendant) amounted unto. The Annuities afterwards rose in Value, whereupon *J. S.* brought a Bill to redeem, or to compel *B.* to purchase another Annuity on the same Fund, and of the same yearly Value, to be transferred to him on Payment of Principal and Interest. And *per* Lord Chan. *Harcourt*, Here is no express Power to sell, and Annuities for ninety-nine Years are like Rent-charges out of Lands, and not like Stocks, which may be thought to be of *imaginary* Value, and there being no Decree for foreclosing *J. S.* nor any Agreement in Writing that the Mortgagee should sell, his *Lordship* decreed the Defendant to procure an Annuity of the like Value and upon the same Fund to be conveyed to *J. S.* upon Payment of Principal and Interest, and the *Master* to compute what is due. But on Appeal to the Lords the Decree (for the Reasons in the Margin) was reversed *Nemine contradicente*. *Trin.* 1714. *Tucker and Wilson*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 261.

Ready Money; and that it would be infinitely troublesome and dilatory, if there could be no Sale of such Annuities thus pledged without a Decree of Foreclosure; that this would set aside several Sales that had been made in the like Cases, and occasion Multiplicity of Suits; and that this Case was the stronger, it being that of an Administrator, who was obliged to dispose of the Assets to pay the Testator's Debts and Legacies. *Ibid.* 262.

C A P. LXXVII.

Payment,

1. *J. S.* settles an Estate on *himself in Tail*, and if he die without Issue, then to Trustees for a Term, *In Trust* to raise any Sum not exceeding 1500*l.* for Payment of his Debts which he should owe at his Death. Afterwards *J. S.* borrows 1000*l.* of *A.* and by Deed appoints his Trustees to pay it out of the Trust Estate, and dies

fans Issue, indebted to several other Persons in more than 1500*l.* Decreed the 1000*l.* should be paid in the first Place. *East.* 1692. *Seymour* and *Fotherby*, *Prec. in Chan.* 44.

2. *A.* was bound to *B.* in 1000*l.* for Payment of 500*l.* After *A.* and *C.* as his Surety, give a Bond to *B.* of 200*l.* for Payment of 100*l.* and Interest, as a farther Security for so much of the 500*l.* Then *A.* assigns a Judgment to *B.* of 500*l.* towards Satisfaction of the Debt, and *B.* receives several Sums on this Judgment; and *A.* by the Consent of *B.* receives 30*l.* also Part of the Money secured on this Judgment. This shall not go in Exoneration of any Part of the Money secured by the 200*l.* Bond, as it would do if *B.* had actually received it and lent it to *A.* *Mich.* 1700. *Halford* and *Byron*, *Prec. in Chan.* 178.

3. If *J. S.* owes 40*l.* by Bond for the Payment of 20*l.* at such a Day, and 20*l.* by Contract to the same Person payable at the same Day, and at the Day *J. S.* pays 20*l.* without telling for which it is, it shall be a Payment in Equity upon the Bond, because that is most penal upon him. *Mich.* 13 *W.* 3. *Anon.* Cases in *B. R.* Temp. *W.* 3. 559.

4. A Creditor who obtains Judgment after the Debtor has made a Conveyance of his Estate for Payment of his Debts, shall be paid only in Average. Per Lord Keeper, *Hil.* 1710. *Stephenson* and *Hayward*, *Prec. in Chan.* 310.

Vide Tit. Creditor and Debtor, P.

C A P. LXXVIII.

Policy of Insurance.

1. *J. S.* and others came to the Insurance Office, and bought a Policy for the insuring the Life of *A.* (upon whose Life they had no Concern or Interest depending) for a Year, and the Policy ran whether interest or not interested, and the Premium 5*l.* per Cent. And they took this Way to draw in Subscribers: They agreed with *M.* a known Merchant upon the Exchange, and a leading Man in such Cafes, to subscribe first, but in Case *A.* died within the Year, *M.* was to lose nothing, but on the contrary was to share what should be gained from the other Subscribers. Upon the Credit of *M.*'s subscribing, several others (who had enquired of *M.* about *A.* who was his Neighbour) subscribed likewise. *A.* died in four Months, and the Bill was to be relieved against this Policy; and this Matter being all confessed by Answer, the Policy was decreed to be delivered up, and the Premium to be paid, the Plaintiff deducting thereout his Costs. *Hil.* 1690. *Wittingham* and *Thornborough*, *Prec. in Chan.* 20.

The Court said, this Way of Insuring was first set up for the Benefit of Trade; that when a Merchant happened to have a Loss, he might not be undone by it, the Loss by this Way being born by many; but if such ill Practices were used, it would turn to the Ruin of Trade, instead of advancing it. *Ibid.*

2. *J. S.*

And his Lord-
Ship said, the
 Insured has
 not dealt
 fairly with the
 Insurers; that
 he ought to
 have disclosed
 to them what
 Intelligence
 he had of the
 Ship's being
 in Danger, and
 which might induce him, at least, to fear that it was lost, tho' he had no certain Account of it; for if this had been discovered, it is impossible to think, that the Insurers would have insured the Ship at so small a *Premium* as they have done, but either would not have insured it at all, or would have insisted on a larger *Premium*; so that the Concealment of this Intelligence is a Fraud. *Ibid.*

2. *J. S.* having a doubtful Account of his Ship that was at Sea, (*viz.*) that a Ship described like his was taken, insured her, without giving any Information to the Insurers of what he had heard, either as to the Hazard or Circumstances which might induce him to believe that his Ship was in great Danger, if not actually lost. The Insurers bring a Bill for an Injunction, and to be relieved. And Lord *Macclesfield* decreed the Policy to be delivered up with Costs; but the *Premium* to be paid back, and allowed out of the Costs. *Trin. 1723. De-Costæ and Scandret, 2 Will. Rep. 170.*

3. *A.* had insured for *B.* and Plaintiffs his Assignees, on the Ship *E.* with the Cargo, and the Entry in the Company's Book of the Contract was in short Items called a Label, which was thus: "At and from Fort St. George to London, lost or not lost." And the Policy was soon after made out and taken in the following Words: "That the Adventure was to commence from the Ship's departing from Fort St. George to London." Before the Insurance was made, the Ship was lost in Bengal River, whither she had been sent from Fort St. George to refit. The Bill was brought to have the Insurance Money paid; being 500 *l.* as a Loss, &c. and founded the Equity that the Policy was not made agreeable to the Label, according to which the Risk is to commence from the Ship's coming first to Fort St. George, and the going to Bengal to refit being a Thing of Necessity for performing the Voyage, was no Deviation, and the Loss being during that Time, was within the Intent of the Contract for the Insuring. Lord Chan. *Harwicke* said, this was not proper to determine here. First Question is as to the Agreement. Second, as to the Breach; and doubted as to the Agreement. The Memorandum is not a printed Form as to the material Points, and the Policy must be governed by that, if not varied. The Words in the Memorandum or Label (*at Fort St. George*) include the Stay of the Ship there, and the Policy follows the Words, but adds this; *viz.* The Beginning of the Adventure to be from the Ship's departing from Fort St. George for London, which excludes the Risk whilst the Ship stayed there; and this seems an Inconsistence in the Policy first to describe the Voyage at and from, &c. and then to exclude the Risk at, &c. This seems a Mistake in writing the Policy, as is to be rectified as in the Case of *Articles* and a *Settlement*. And decreed the Words to be added in the Policy, *For the Adventure to commence at and from Fort St. George.* Dec. 6, 1739. *Motteux and London Assurance, Vin. Abr. Tit. Bottomry-Bonds, (A) Ca. 10. P. 281.*

Vide Tit. Bonds, &c. P.

C A P. LXXIX.

Posthumous Child.

(A) How favoured in Equity.

1. *A.* Conveys a Term for Years to *J. S.* Upon Trust to raise 1500 *l.* for such Child or Children of *A.* as should be living at his Death. *A.* dies, leaving no Child, his Wife *ensient* with a Daughter, which was afterwards born. And Lord Keep. Somers declared that this *posthumous* Daughter is a Child living at the Death of *A.* within the Meaning of the Trust, and that a Direction of a Trust is not to be strictly construed as a Limitation of an Estate at Law; and one *Lutterel's* Case was cited in Lord *Bridgeman's* Time, where a Bill was exhibited on the Behalf of an Infant *in Ventre sa mere* to stay Waste, and an Injunction granted upon it (a). *Mich.* 1692. *Hale* ^{(a) Vide} and *Hale*, *Prec. in Chan.* 50. _{2 Vern. 711.}

2. *A.* gives a Bond to pay 900 *l.* to his Daughter in Case he should have no Son living at his Death, and he died, his Wife being *ensient* of a Son. Decreed that the Daughter should not have this 900 *l.* for altho' there was no Son living at *A.*'s Decease, so that it is not recoverable at Law, yet it cannot be presumed to be his Intention that if a Son was born after his Decease, the Daughter should run away with the Estate; and in this Case it appeared that the Mother was quick at the Death of the Father. And by the Civil Law *Posthumous pro nato habetur*. *Mich.* 1698. *Gibson and Gibson*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 223.

3. A *posthumous* Child shall be intitled within the Stat. 1 *Jac.* 2. c. 17. *sect.* 7. to a Share in a Brother's or Sister's personal Estate, equally as if such Child had been born in the Life-time of the Brother or Sister. *Per Lord Chancellor*, *Hil.* 1740. *Wallis and Hodson*, *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 272.

4. A *posthumous* Child shall (upon the Statute of Distributions) claim the Benefit of a Share in the personal Estate of a Father equally with another Child. This is agreeable to that Statute, and to that Debt of Nature which Parents owe their Children, nor will any Inconveniencies arise from this, because the Event of there being such Child must happen in a reasonable Time. *Ibid.* 273.

5. An Infant *in Ventre sa mere* is capable of taking within the Statute of *Jac.* 2. equally with other Persons. *Ibid.* 274.

C A P. LXXX.

Portions.

(A) Portions, by what Means and at what Times to be raised and paid, &c. — And in what Cases a Portion shall carry Interest, and from what Time. — And here of Maintenance, — Satisfaction, &c.

(B) Of vested Portions.

(C) Portions lapsed or merged, et econt'.

(D) Portions and Provisions for Children favoured in Equity.

(A) Portions, by what Means and at what Times to be raised and paid, &c. — And in what Cases a Portion shall carry Interest, and from what Time. — And here of Maintenance, — Satisfaction, &c.

1. **P**ORTION charged by Virtue of a Power [was decreed] to be raised by Sale or Mortgage, and not by Perception of Rents. Feb. 28, 1701 or 1707. *Kelly and Bellew, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (A) Ca. 1. P. 432.*

2. Sir *W. D.* had an Estate in *S.* by his first Lady, which was to her in Tail; they levy a Fine, and declare the Uses to them and the Issue of their Bodies, Remainder to Sir *W.* and his Heirs; they have a Daughter *Mary*, and the Feme dies. On this Marriage there were Articles that Sir *W.* should leave his Daughter 2500 *l.* if the Trustees demanded it within one Year after his Death, &c. Sir *J.* the Father of Sir *W.* was then living. Sir *W.* marries a second Wife, and by her had several Daughters. By Deed executed in his Life-time he gives the Estate in *S.* to *Mary* and her Heirs; and by Deed also charges his Lands in *D.* which he had purchased, with 5000 *l.* apiece to the three Daughters, and dies. *Mary* demands the 2500 *l.* and Interest. Lord Keep. *Harcourt* decreed *Mary* the 2500 *l.* with Interest from her Father's Death at 5 *l.* per Cent. That the Estate in *S.* could not be an Equivalent, because it moved from her Mother, and was the Condition of the Agreement for the 2500 *l.* That the Reversion of the Lands in *D.* could not be so, because Sir *W.*'s Father was then living, and there was no Respect had to these Reversions, neither were they then in Being, and to make it an Equivalent, it ought to be in Being and in View at the Time of giving the Equivalent. *Mich. 9 Ann. Vin. Abr. Tit. Condition, (E. d.) Ca. 38. P. 292.*

3. In a Marriage Settlement the Term raised for Daughters Portions at their Ages of seventeen, provided, that if the said A. should have Issue Male upon the Body of the said M. that should attain the Age of

twenty-one,

twenty-one, or should marry, or if the said A. should have no Daughters, or if the Person inheritable should pay off the Portions intended to be raised, the Term shall cease. A. had a Son who attained twenty-one. Decreed that the Term cease, and the Daughters lost their Portions; tho' it was urged, that the Meaning must be, that if he had a Son he should not pay 'till he arrived at twenty-one Years, which was enough in Favour of the Heir. Feb. 12, 1706. *Colt and Arnold, Vin. Abr. Tit. Charge, (G) Ca. 18.*

4. J. S. settled his Estate upon himself for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, with a Proviso, that if B. his Son should die without Issue Male, and leave a Daughter, the Trustees should raise out of Part of the Premises 5000 l. to be paid to such Daughter within a Year after her Marriage or at her Age of twenty-one, which should first happen. B. on his Marriage settled all the said Estate (including the Premises charged with the 5000 l.) on himself for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to Trustees for two hundred Years, In Trust to raise 8000 l. for Daughters Portions (if no Issue Male), payable at eighteen, if then married, or when married, after. B. having no Issue Male, devised all his Lands to C. in Tail Male, chargeable with his Legacies, and devised to E. his Daughter for her Portion, 8000 l. viz. 4000 l. to be paid at eighteen, and 4000 l. within a Year after Marriage, or in all Events at twenty-one, and devised to her 150 l. per Annum until eighteen, and afterwards 200 l. per Annum for her Life. E. the Daughter brought her Bill for the Recovery of all these Sums of 5000 l. 8000 l. and 8000 l. insisting, that none of them being given in Satisfaction of the other, and it being the Case of an Heir at Law, and these Sums payable at different Times, some less beneficial than others, therefore all these Portions, or at least the 5000 l. given by J. S. and the 8000 l. given by B. the Father, should be paid her. But Lord Chan. *Harcourt* decreed that she should only have but one 8000 l. but that she may when of Age elect which of the Portions she pleases. *Trin. 1711. Copley, an Infant, and Copley, 1 Will. Rep. 147.*

5. J. S. was Tenant for Life, Remainder to such Woman as J. S. should marry, for her Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Sons of J. S. in Tail Male, Remainder to A. in Tail Male, Remainder to J. S. in Fee, with a Power to J. S. by Deed or Will to charge the Lands with 2000 l. for Portions for younger Children living at his Death. J. S. marries, and has Issue two Daughters only, M. and N. N. was born after his Death. J. S. by Will charges the Lands with 2000 l. to his Daughter M. payable at twenty-one or Marriage; but if the Child with which his Wife was then enient should prove a Daughter, then he directs that the 2000 l. should be equally divided betwixt them. J. S. dies, and the two Daughters M. and N. being of very tender Years, brought their Bill for the raising of this 2000 l. out of the reversionary Estate, and to have Interest in the mean Time for their Maintenance. With Regard to that Part of the Bill which prays to charge the Remainder only with this 2000 l. Lord Chan. *Harcourt* held, that the Power and the Charge made pursuant thereto did affect the Wife's Estate for Life, as well as the Remainder; and that it was like the 2000 l.

In this Case it was objected, That the elder Daughter is not intitled to any Part of this 2000 l. because it was only to go to the younger Children, and the younger Daughter cannot claim any Part of it, because she was not living at the Time of J. S.'s Death; and by the Words of the Settlement

the younger Children that J. S. should have living at his Death. But per Cur', The eldest Daughter, tho' first born, when there is a Son, has been often ruled to be a younger Child (a). Every one but the Heir is a younger Child in Equity, and the Provision which such Daughter will have is but as a younger Child's, in regard the Son goes away with the Land as Heir; so here, the Estate by the Settlement goes all to the Remainder Man, who is *Heres factus*, and neither of the two Daughters is Heir; wherefore the eldest Daughter having no more

(a) Vide the Case of *Butler and Duncombe*, 1 Will. Rep. 448.

more than like a Power of leasing, which over-reaches all the Estates; for which the *younger*, Reason it is usual to insert a proviso to such Power of charging, that is (as to this Provision) a it shall not prejudice the Jointure, or other precedent Estates. *Hil. younger Child*, 1713. *Becke and Becke*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 244.

and consequently capable of taking it. *Ibid.* His Lordship said, it would be very hard in a Court of Equity, that a Child, because it happened not to be born at such a Time, must, therefore, be unprovided for; but as the Law in many Respects regards an Infant *in Ventre sa mere*, so as to allow such Child to be (a) vouched; also, as the Mother may be guilty of the Murder (b) of a Child *in Ventre sa mere*, if she takes Poison with an Intent to poison it, and the Child is born alive, and afterwards dies of the Poison, so there is more Reason that Equity should consider such Child, in order to its being provided for. And therefore this *posthumous* Child may be well looked upon in Equity to be (c) living at her Father's Death *in Ventre sa mere*. *Ibid.* 245, 246.
 —*Prec. in Chan.* 405. S. C. (a) 1 *Inst.* 390 (b) 3 *Inst.* 50, 51.
 (c) *Vide Northey and Strange*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 340. and *Burdet and Hopegood*, *ibid.* 486.

Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 31. S. C. 6. By a Marriage Settlement, after the common Limitations to the first, &c. Sons, a Term was limited to Trustees for three hundred Years, In Trust upon Failure of Issue Male to raise with all convenient Speed 3000*l.* for Daughters Portions, payable at eighteen or Marriage, which should first happen after the Death of the Father or Mother; they have Issue two Daughters only, and no Son, and the Father by Will taking Notice of this Provision for his Daughters, devised to them 500*l.* apiece more, to be paid at the same Time as their original Portions; but in Case either of them died before eighteen, then the additional Portion of 500*l.* apiece to both was to cease; but the Estate charged with these Portions he devised to J. S. The Daughters were about sixteen at the Death of their Father and Mother. The Plaintiff intermarries with one of the Daughters, and she being now about the Age of twenty, the Bill was brought against J. S. the Devisee, &c. and against the Trustee of the Term, to have the Portion raised, and Interest from the Death of the Father. And Lord Chan. *Harcourt* was of Opinion, that the Daughters ought to have either Interest or Maintenance from their Father's Death, (he being the Survivor), and thought it much the same whether it was called Interest or Maintenance; that the Father never intended they should starve 'till their Portions became payable, and therefore referred it to a Master to see what Maintenance was reasonable from the Time of their Father's Death, and decreed the original Portions to be raised by Sale, &c. with Interest at 5*l.* per Cent. from their respective Ages of eighteen, unless J. S. should by Payment prevent such Sale; and his Lordship would allow but 5*l.* per Cent. being charged on Land, tho' it was pressed to have 6*l.* per Cent. *East.* 1713. *Greenhill and Waldoe*, *Prec. in Chan.* 367.

7. In a Marriage Settlement a Power was lodged in Trustees to raise 3000*l.* for a Daughter to be paid her at twenty-one or Day of Marriage, which should first happen, when J. S. and his Wife should die without Issue Male; and in the mean Time 100*l.* per Annum to be paid to her for Maintenance. Resolved by Lord Chan. *Cowper*, upon the Authority of the Duke of *Southampton's* Case, that the Words *when J. S. and his Wife should die without Issue Male*, amounted to a Condition precedent, and that the Time of raising the Portion did not commence when one of them should be dead without Issue Male, and so the other be Tenant in Tail after Possibility of Issue extinct, but when both of them should be dead without Issue Male. Resolved that the mean Time in which the 100*l.* per Annum was payable for a Maintenance, must necessarily relate to the intermediate Time between the raising the Money and her attaining the Age of twenty-one or Day of Marriage. *East.* 1 *Geo.* 1. *Champney and Champney*, *Lucas's Rep.* 314, 315.

8. J. S.

8. J. S. seised in Fee of a real Estate, upon his Marriage settled the same upon himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder to Trustees for ninety-nine Years, Remainder to his first, &c. Son, Remainder to the first and every other Son of B. his Brother in Tail Male successively. The Trust of the Term of ninety-nine Years was declared to be, that if J. S. should die without Issue Male of the said Marriage, and should leave one or more Daughters, then the Trustees should out of the Rents and Profits raise 8000*l.* for the Daughters of that Marriage, to be paid them as soon as conveniently could be, without limiting any express Time when the Portions were payable; but then a farther Trust of the Term was declared, that if there should be a Son and a Daughter or Daughters by the Marriage, in such Case the Trustees should as soon as possible raise 1000*l.* apiece for the Daughters, payable at twenty-one or Marriage. This Term of ninety-nine Years was not made without Impeachment of Waste. J. S. and his Wife both died, leaving three Daughters (the Plaintiffs) all married, but no Son, and the Remainder in Tail became vested in Defendant, the Nephew of J. S. On a Bill brought by the Daughters, the Questions were, First, Whether this 8000*l.* should be raised otherwise than out of the yearly Rents and Profits, or by Sale or Mortgage? And Secondly, Whether it should carry Interest, and from what Time? And it was insisted for the Daughters, that the Portions being payable presently on J. S.'s Death, (the Daughters being then twenty-one) they consequently would carry Interest, and the rather since they were to arise out of Land which yielded yearly Rents and Profits. And Lord Chan. Parker farther observed, that by the Trust if there were a Son and a Daughter, or Daughters by the Marriage, the Son should pay Interest to his Sisters for their Portions from their Age of twenty-one or Marriage, and it could not be imagined that J. S. would be kinder to his Nephew in excusing him from paying Interest, than to his own Son, if he had one, who was bound to pay Interest; wherefore it was decreed that the Portions should be raised by Sale or Mortgage, as should be agreed by the Master and the Parties, with Interest from J. S.'s Death, and Costs. *East*. 1718. *Traf-*
ford and Ashton, 1 *Will. Rep.* 415.

In this Case it was said for the Daughters, and so ruled per Curiam; that they were Purchasers of the Portions by the Mother's Marriage and the Marriage Portion, but the Limitation to the Defendant (who was the Grantor's Brother's Son) was voluntary. That the Meaning of the Word (Portion) was a Provision for Marriage; but the less sure Way of raising Money by yearly Rents would not answer such End. That the Words [Profits of Lands] especially when to pay Debts or Portions, implied any Profits that the Land would yield, either by selling or mortgaging, and that this had been the constant Con-

struction in the like Cases. And 2 *Chan. Cases* 205. *Lingen and Holey*, and 1 *Chan. Cases* 176. (*Vide Prec. in Chan.* 586). and 2 *Vern.* 420. *Warberton and Warberton*, were cited. And it was insisted, that here was a certain Time appointed for Payment of the Portions, and that implied, tho' not expressed, viz. it was said that they should be paid as soon as conveniently might be. Now that this was presently, for the Daughters being twenty one at J. S.'s Death and marriageable, it was then convenient they should have the Portions. That tho' the Words [yearly (a) Profits] might make a Difference, yet here that was not material; the Word [yearly] being omitted. *Ibid.* 418. — *Lucas's Rep.* 401. *East.* 4 *Geo.* 1. *Ashton* and —, in *Chancery*, S. C. here was a Time limited for Payment of these Portions, viz. upon the Death of the Father without Issue Male (which was the Case), for then says the Deed the Portions shall be raised as soon as conveniently they may, which is in Judgment of Law presently, from which Time the Portions are to carry Interest. Per the Opinion of Lord Chancellor, who decreed accord. *Ibid.* 402. — *Traf-*
ford and Ashton, 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 213. *Ca.* 8. is not S. C. nor P. (a) 1 *Vern.* 104.

9. J. S. seised in Fee of some Lands in Possession, and of others in Reversion after the Death of A. and having a Son and a Daughter, devises the Lands in Possession to his Wife for Life, and after her Death, and the Death of the Lessee for Life of the other Lands, he devises these respective Premises to his Son and his Heirs, upon Condition, "That the Son should within a Year after the Death of B. (after whose Life it was said, but not proved, that the Testator had

Prec. in Chan. 500. S. C. says, his Honour decreed the Portion to be raised by Sale of the Reversions to be sold, and the 1000*l.* to be paid to the Plaintiff, with

Interest from twelve Months after the Death of B. and said, that the Clause which gave a Power of Entry was only to be intended in Case the Estates for Life fell in the mean Time, so that the Daughter might thereby

enter, but not to delay the Payment of the Portion 'till that Time, but says nothing of the Decree being affirmed on Appeal to Lord Chancel-
lor. *Ibid.* 502.

“ other Lands in Reversion) pay 1000 l. to J. S.'s Daughter, with a Proviso, that upon Nonpayment the Daughter might enter.” B. dies, and a Year after her Death the Daughter marrying, brings a Bill for Sale of this Reversion, in order to raise the 1000 l. Portion, and Interest from the End of the Year of B.'s Death. The Master of the Rolls decreed the Portion to be raised by Sale, unless the Son should pray it might be done by Mortgage (a). *Mich.* 1718. Bacon and Clerk, 1 Will. Rep. 478.

(a) This Decree was affirmed by Lord Chan. Parker, *ibid.* 481.

And his Lord-
ship said, that
as Lord
Cowper in the
Case of Corbet
and Maidwell
had declared
that he would
not go beyond
the established
Precedents in
Cases of this
Nature, as
taking it that
the Court had
already gone
too far, so he
should observe
the same Rule,
not having
been able to
find out one
single Prece-
dent for mort-
gaging a Re-
version for
Maintenance,
and that it
was less rea-
sonable in the
present Case,
because B. the
Grandfather
had offered in
Court to
maintain both
the Son and
Daughter.
Ibid. 494.
Prec. in Chan.
503. Lady
Pierpoint and
Lord Cheney,
S C. says, Lord
Chancellor said
he was of the
same Opinion
of those who
had sat in this
Court before

10. Upon the Marriage of A. eldest Son of B. with C. (which C. had 2000 l. a Year in Land, and 20,000 l. in Money, and A. being an Infant) the Settlement was made by a private Act of Parliament (9 Ann.) whereby (*int' al'*) the Manor of Dale (being together with the casual Profits about 1000 l. *per Annum*) was settled upon said B. for Life, Remainder to said A. for Life, Remainder to Trustees for one thousand Years, In Trust for raising 20,000 l. for a Daughter of this Marriage, if but one, payable at twenty-one or Marriage; and in the mean Time 300 l. *per Annum* for her Maintenance until twelve Years of Age, and after 4000 l. *per Annum* until the Portion should become due; the Maintenance and Portion to be raised by the Trustees either by the Rents and Profits, or by Sale or Mortgage; the Maintenance to be paid Quarterly, the first Payment to be made at such of the four most usual Feasts as should next happen after the Decease of A. the Husband. A. dies, leaving Issue of this Marriage a Son and a Daughter, and the Daughter brings a Bill for the 300 l. *per Annum* Maintenance, and to have it raised by Sale or Mortgage, in regard it could not be raised by the Profits, B. the Grandfather being alive, and having an Estate for Life in the Premises. Lord Chan. Parker said, he would consider the Infant's Good, and take Care that her Demand of Maintenance should not defeat her other Demand of her Portion, it being one and the same Fund that is to provide both. That it is a hard Case to mortgage a Reversion, to heap Interest upon Interest, and subject the Estate to a Foreclosure, for that it might come to such a Sum as that many Persons may be under a Necessity of calling it their Money; and that tho' he did admit that he must take the Act as he found it, *viz.* the first Quarter Day after the Death of A. the Maintenance Money is to be raised by Profits, Mortgage or Sale, yet that this Court (which is the Guardian of the Infant) must consider the Good of the Infant, and that it might be for her plain Benefit, and a Kindness to her, that her Maintenance should not be raised; wherefore he decreed the Master to see what was the Value of the Estate charged with the Maintenance and Portion, together with the Incumbrances that were upon it, and his Lordship said, that this would influence his Judgment. *Mich.* 1718. Pierpoint and Lord Cheney, 1 Will. Rep. 488 to 494.

him, that it was hard to extend the Construction on these Settlements to the Sale or Mortgage of such a reversionary Interest, and that in Settlements drawn with Skill, there was always a Restriction that it should not be done 'till the Term commenced in Possession; but that since there was no Restriction in the present Case, and yet that this was only for raising the Maintenance, and not the Portion itself, which might by subjecting the Term to an immediate Mortgage or Sale, be in Danger of being very much lessened or sunk, his Lordship sent it to a Master to enquire and state the Value of the Estate, and then to refer to the Court for farther Directions. *Ibid.* 504.—Note; In the Report of this Case in *Prec. in Chan.* it is stated as if by the Words of the Act of Parliament, this Maintenance Money was to be raised out of the Rents and Profits of the Term, and that the Daughter was for having that extended to a Sale or Mortgage by an equitable Construction only; whereas this is a Mistake, and the Words [Sale or Mortgage] being expressly mentioned in the Act, and the Reader will observe that good Part of the Argument in Mr. P. Williams's Report of the Case is founded thereon. 1 Will. Rep. 488 by way of Note.

11. A Term of forty Years was limited for raising 2000 *l.* either by Profits or Sale of the Term. The Trustee takes Possession, and it seems he made no Interest of the Profits. Lord *Somers* decreed that no Interest should be paid for the 2000 *l.* because the Trustee was admitted into Possession. But this Decree was reversed, because the Trustee had Power to raise it immediately, and the Estate was sufficient. 26 Jan. 1720. Lord *Roseberry* and *Taylor*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions*, (D. 2.) Ca. 1.

12. Where Portions are limited by Deed to be raised as soon as conveniently they may be, they are due in Judgment of Law presently, and carry Interest from that Time. *East. 4 Geo. 1. in Casu Ashton* and ———, *Lucas's Rep.* 402. *Vide Ca. 8; P. 641.*

13. *J. S.* on his Marriage with *M.* in Consideration thereof, and of 5000 *l.* Portion, settled Lands of 587 *l. per Annum* to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder as to Part of the Premises (amounting to 500 *l. per Annum*) to *M.* for her Life, as a Jointure, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to Trustees for five hundred Years *sans Waste*, In Trust to raise Portions for Daughters, the same to be raised by Sale or Mortgage or by Rents and Profits, viz. 5000 *l.* if but one Daughter, 6000 *l.* if more than one, and to be paid to the Daughters at twenty-one or Marriage, if after fourteen or under, if with the Consent of the Mother, and two other Persons, if then living. *J. S.* had Issue four Daughters and no Son by *M.* and on her Death married again. The eldest Daughter after fourteen married the Plaintiff, who brought this Bill for the raising of his Wife's 1500 *l.* (being a fourth Part of the 6000 *l.*) in the Life-time of the Father. On hearing the Cause, the Scantiness of the Estate being insisted upon, and that it would be greatly detrimental to sell or mortgage the Reversion in the Life-time of the Father, especially as the Daughters had other Provisions left them by their Grandmother, and that this Matter of Trust was entirely in the Discretion of the Court; Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* referred it to a Master to state the Value of the Estates comprised in the Settlement; and afterwards on the Cause coming on, his Lordship decreed that the Trustees should sell or mortgage a sufficient Part of this Term (subject to a Power reserved to the Father by the Settlement of making a Jointure of 150 *l.* on a second Wife) for raising a Portion of 1500 *l.* and Interest from the Marriage, saying, that tho' this was a Matter of Trust, yet since all the Contingencies had happened, and nothing remained to suspend the Execution of such Trust of the Term, and it did not evidently appear but that the Parties intended the Portions should be raised out of the reversionary Term, therefore his Lordship did not look upon it to be within the Discretion of the Court any more than in the Option of the Trustees, whether they would raise the Money or not, but said it was a Thing not to be encouraged. That as to the other Provisions left by the Grandmother, his Lordship did not think that material; for if they had a Right to their Portions by the Settlement, they ought not to lose their Right by another Relation's Kindness in leaving them a farther Provision. *Trin. 1721. Sandys and Sandys*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 707.

His Lordship observed that the selling or mortgaging Reversions seems a great Hardship, being in Effect to ruin a Family for the raising of Daughters Portions; and therefore his Lordship said, he would not go one Step farther than Precedents should force him. That this Method cannot fail of tempting Daughters to Disobedience towards their Fathers, and encouraging improvident Marriages. That had the Portion been intended to have been raised by Sale of the reversionary Term in the Father's Life-time, it should (and in his Lordship's Opinion would) have been so expressed. By the same Reason that a reversionary Term may be sold for the raising

Daughters Portions, so may it be for the raising Portions for younger Children by Virtue of the common Clause in Marriage Settlements to that Purpose, which would be ruining an Heir at Law for the Sake of younger Children. That the Intention seems to have been against any Sale or Mortgage, until such Time as the Trustees could take the Profits; the Word (*Profits*) standing in Opposition to the Words (*Sale or Mortgage*) and the Case of the Mother's leaving Daughters which should claim their Portions against their Father, does not appear to have been within the View of those who made the Settlement. But at length (*animo reluctante*) his Lordship decreed *ut supra*. *Ibid.* 709. ——— 2 *Will. Rep.* 486. S. C. cited *per* his Honour, *Mich. 1728.* in the Case of *Brome and Berkley*, that tho' nothing appeared in the Trust of the Term, shewing it to be the Intent of the Parties that the Portion should not be raised out of the reversionary Term, yet the Portion was decreed (tho' *reluctante Curia*) to be raised in the Father's Life-time.

14. If there be one or more Sons and but one Daughter, such Daughter to have 500 *l.* and to every other younger Daughter 200 *l.* apiece in a Deed of Settlement; there being three Daughters, the eldest shall have but 200 *l.* the Estate being small, and not able to bear a greater Charge. *April 26, 1721. Chamberlain and White, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, Ca. 7.*

15. The Trust of a Term was (in Default of Issue) for raising Portions for Daughters by Rents and Profits, or by Sale or Mortgage, and payable at eighteen or Marriage, provided, that no Maintenance should commence until the Death of the Father; but the same to begin at the first Quarter Day after; and provided, that if all the Daughters die before eighteen or Marriage, then the five hundred Years Term to be void, with a Power to the Father, with Consent of Trustees, to revoke all the Uses. The Mother died without a Son, and leaving only one Daughter, who married *A.* without her Father's Consent. *A.* and his Wife brought a Bill for the Recovery of her Portion of 3000 *l.* praying a Sale or Mortgage of the *reversionary* Term in her Father's Life-time for raising the same. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* thought that the Portions remained yet subject to a Contingency, and therefore not to be raised until this Contingency is out of the Case, which cannot be during the Life of the Father. *Hil. 1722. Reresby and Newland, 2 Will. Rep. 93. Decree affirmed in Dom. Proc', ibid. 102.*

16. *J. S.* being seised in Fee of Lands pursuant to Marriage Articles, settled the same on *himself for Life*, Remainder as to Part to his *Wife for Life*, for her Jointure, Remainder as to the Whole to his *first, &c. Sons of the Marriage in Tail Male*, Remainder to Trustees for one hundred and twenty Years for raising Portions for Daughters of that Marriage, on Failure of Issue Male, Remainder to *himself in Fee*. The Trust of the Term was, that the Trustees should raise and pay out of the Rents and Profits of the Premises, as well by Sale for one, two or three Lives, or for any Number of Years determinable thereon, or for twenty-one Years absolutely at the old Rent, 1500 *l.* to be paid to the only Daughter of the Marriage, if but one, and to be divided amongst them, if more than one. There was but one Child of the Marriage, a Daughter, named *J.* who married *H. G.* the Defendant *G.*'s Father, but the Portion was not paid on the Marriage, nor raised 'till after the Father's Death (*a*). *J. S.* having reserved to himself the Reversion in Fee, settled the same expectant on his own Death, without Issue Male, and subject to the said Term to Trustees for ten Years, Remainder to *A.* his Nephew for Life, Remainder to his *first, &c. Son in Tail Male*, Remainder to *B.* Son of his said Daughter *J.* for Life, Remainder to his *first, &c. Son in Tail Male*, Remainder to *himself in Fee*. The Trust of the ten Years Term was, that in Case *J.* and her Husband should release 1500 *l.* Portion secured by the first Term, then the Trustees of the ten Years Term should raise 1900 *l.* viz. 1500 *l.* of it to be laid out in Land for the Benefit of *J.* and her Husband, and 400 *l.* to be paid to the Husband of *J.* himself. *J. S.* died without Issue Male, leaving *B.* his Grandson his Executor. *J.*'s Portion not being yet paid, *A.* the Nephew entered by Virtue of his Estate for Life, given by the voluntary Settlement subject to the one hundred and twenty Years Term for Daughters Portions, but for four Years afterwards *J.*'s Portion was unpaid. *J.* having administered to the surviving Trustee of the one hundred and twenty Years Term, she and her Husband and the

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parent. *Ibid.*
—Prec. in
Chan. 583.
S. C.—

2 Will. Rep.

504. S. C. cited by his Honour, *Hil. 1731.* in the Case of *Evelyn and Evelyn, vide P.*

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(a) *Quære* If the Wife of *J. S.* was not dead? It seems to me she was,

the Remainder Man *A.* the Nephew, join in assigning the one hundred and twenty Years Term to the Plaintiff's Father, who advanced the 1500 *l.* *A.* (who had the Remainder for Life, subject to the one hundred and twenty Years Term for raising Daughters Portions) died *without Issue Male*, having enjoyed the Premises from the Death of his Uncle *J. S.* to his own Death, but left no Assets. The Question was, Whether by the Words of the Trust, the Portion could be raised by Mortgage or any other Way than by annual Profits or leasing? And Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* said, he thought it very material to know the yearly Value of the Premises charged with this Portion, in order to see within what Time the Portion would be raised, tho' it seems as if by the second Settlement for creating a Term of ten Years, &c. the Parties thought the same would, in a reasonable Time, be a proper Fund or Security for the raising of this lesser Portion of 1500 *l.* That he took it to be a Rule, that where a Trust of a Term for raising Portions for Daughters does direct a particular Method for raising them, it implies a Negative, that they shall not be raised any other Way; and when the Trust of a Term (as in the present Case) is to raise the Portions by leasing for one, two or three Lives, or for any Term of Years determinable, &c. or for twenty-one Years absolutely, it shall not be raised by any other Way; and that it is considerable, that even by this Way, (*viz.*) of leasing, it could not be raised, but by making such Leases upon which the old Rent was reserved. That the natural Meaning of raising a Portion by Rents, Issues and Profits, is by the yearly Profits; but to prevent any Inconvenience, the Word [Profits] has in some particular Instances been extended to any Profits which the Lands will yield either by Sale or Mortgage (*a*); but where there are subsequent Words to explain and restrain it, as by leasing, his Lordship said, he had not heard of any other Method to be made use of for raising of it. That it is as much the Intent of the Settlement to confine the Manner of raising this Portion to leasing, as to secure any Portion at all; and consequently it would be a plain Breach of Trust to raise it any other Way. And his Lordship said, that at the Time of making this Settlement in 1657, he thought the Word [Profits] was not extended to signify the Profits which might be made of Land by Sale or Mortgage. And decreed that the Master see how far the Lands might have been charged by leasing, and whether any Lives were vacant, and reserved the Consideration how far the Estate shall be chargeable thereby, and that the Representatives of *A.* the Nephew pay the Mortgage Money, as far as the Assets will extend. *East.* 1722. *Ivy and Gilbert et al'*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 13 to 21.

(a) Vide the Case of *Trafford and Ashton, P. Ca.*

—This Decree in Feb. 1723 was affirmed in the House of Lords, tho' thought a very hard Case. *Ibid.* 21.

17. Where a Portion is to be raised by annual Profits or Fines, if no Time be appointed, the Portion is due when the Profits can raise it, and it carries no Interest in the mean Time. *East.* 1722. in the Case of *Ivy and Gilbert et al'*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 20.

18. Upon the Marriage of *J. S.* with *M.* a Term of five hundred Years was limited to Trustees to raise 2000 *l.* apiece for Daughters of the Marriage (in Case of no Issue Male by the Marriage) payable at eighteen, with Maintenance at the Rate of 40 *l.* per Annum to each Daughter from the Deaths of their Father, and Grandfather by the Mother's Side, until their Portions should become payable. *J. S.* died,

His Lordship said, that it was against his Opinion to raise a Portion or Maintenance by selling a reversionary Term, and

this under the Colour of the Word (*Profits*), but that it had been ruled before his Time that (*Profits*) shall extend to any Advantage which shall be made of the Land by Sale or Mortgage, as well as Rents, especially

in Cases of Necessity, and when the Daughter has had no other Maintenance, it has been decreed to be raised by a Mortgage of a reversionary Interest of a Term. But his Lordship said, that the present Case was much stronger, for here the Trust Term for raising this Maintenance and Portion is come into Possession, died, leaving two Daughters, one eight and the other nine Years old. The Term did not commence in Possession until the Death of the Father-in-Law of J. S. which happened some Time afterwards. The Trust of the Term was to *raise the Portions by Sale, Mortgage or Profits*, but the Trust to *raise the Maintenance was by Rents and Profits*. It was objected, That the Maintenance should not begin until the five hundred Years Term commenced in Possession, at which Time only the same could be raised by Rents and annual Profits. But Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* decreed the Arrears of the Maintenance Money from the Time the same became payable by the Settlement to be raised out of this Term; and tho' it was objected, that the Daughters had other Provision by the Will of their Father, and also by Descent from him, yet his Lordship held this not to be material, as long as by the Settlement there was no other Provision, except this Maintenance Money, until the Portion should become payable, and that any Matter subsequent to the Settlement ought not in Justice to vary the Construction thereof (a). *Trin. 1723. Ravenhill and Darsey, 2 Will. Rep. 179.*

so that at present the Maintenance Money may be raised out of the annual Profits; it is like a Rent granted out of a Reversion to commence presently, in which Case tho' the Reversion does not fall into Possession until many Years after, yet when it does fall, it shall answer all the Arrears; and so decreed *ut supra. Ibid. 180.*
(a) *Vide the Case of Sandys and Sandys, P. Ca.*

And his Lordship observed, that in all the Cases cited, the second Sum was more or at least equal to the first Provision; and so decreed both Sums to be raised, and that the greater Sum be raised, with Interest and Costs from the Time the Contingency happened, which was the Death of the Brother within Age and without Issue Male. *Ibid.*

19. A Provision was made by a Marriage Settlement for Daughters Portions, and after a further Provision was made of a further Sum, amounting to half the first Sum, and this is made by the Father's Will by Virtue of a Power in the Marriage Settlement. The less Sum was certain, the greater was on a Contingency, which happened after the less was to be received; and it was observed, that in Case of double Portions, there was no Instance where the second Provision is less than the first, that ever it was held a Satisfaction. And Tracey J. (who sat for Lord Chancellor) held *accord'*. *Trin. 1725. Savile and Savile, Select Cases in Chan. 32.*

(a) In another MS. it is raised. *Ibid.*

20. Where Portions are to be raised out of the Rents and Profits, no Interest is to be allowed 'till the whole is paid (a). *Mar. 13, 1725. Bagnal and Bagnal, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (D. 2.) by way of Note to Ca. 1.*

And the Reporter says, that the Court (as he understood it) declared that the surviving Daughters should not have their Shares of B.'s Part until they should respectively have attained twenty-two, or be married, it not being the Intention of the Testator to trust any of his Daughters with their Portions until twenty-two or Marriage. *Ibid. 272* — *Select Cases in Chan. 15.* S. C. says, the Court was of Opinion it should be paid when the Deceased would have received it, because else it would be so many several Divisions of it as each Person's Title to it accrued, whereas it was designed to be one entire Payment.

21. J. S. has three Daughters, A. B. and C. and being seised in Fee, by Will charges his Lands with Payment of 1000 l. apiece to his Daughters, payable at twenty-two or Marriage, and if any die before her Portion becomes payable, the Share of her so dying, to go to the Survivors. B. died before twenty-two, unmarried. A. attains her Age of twenty-two. Held by Lords Commissioners Jekyll and Gilbert, that B.'s Share shall not be paid to the surviving Daughters 'till such Times as such deceased Daughter, had she lived, would have come to twenty-two. *East. 1725. Feltham and Feltham, 2 Will. Rep. 271.*

22. By a Trust in a Marriage Settlement, Portions for Daughters were to be raised, payable at eighteen or Marriage, and Maintenance

in the mean Time payable half yearly, at *Lady Day* and *Michaelmas*, until the Portions become payable. The eldest Daughter attained eighteen on 16 *August*. The Question was, If any Proportion of the Maintenance was to be paid from the *Lady Day* to the 16th of *August*, when the Portion became due? And the *Master of the Rolls* decreed Maintenance to be paid for that Time in Proportion, and said that Maintenance is always favoured, being for the daily Subsistence of Children, and not like Interest, which is only for Delay of Payment of what is due; but in this Case the Portion is not due 'till eighteen or Marriage, and therefore no Delay. *Mich.* 1728. *Hay and Palmer*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 501.

23. This was a Bill brought by the Plaintiff against Sir *Gilbert Rivers* and a Trustee in his Settlement, to have a Term of five hundred Years limited in Remainder after the Death of Sir *Gilbert* and his Lady, sold for raising Daughters Portions, of whom the Plaintiff had married one; and the Trust of the Term was, that in Default of Issue Male the Trustees might out of the Rents and Profits after the Commencement of the Term, or by Sale or Mortgage of the Premises, or any Part thereof, raise the Sum of 4000 *l.* if one Daughter, 5000 *l.* if two, 6000 *l.* if more, payable at nineteen or Marriage, with Interest at 4 *l. per Cent.* from the Death of Sir *Gilbert* or Lady *Dorothy* his Wife, which should first happen, until their Portions should become payable. Sir *Gilbert* had two Sons by his Wife, but she and the Sons all died without Issue Male. And per Lord Chan. King, the Trust was governed by the Words in Default of Issue Male, and that in Equity the Term became subject to be sold from that Time; and so decreed the Term expectant on the Life Estate of Sir *Gilbert* to be sold, and Interest to be paid from the Year 1727, when the last Son died, Lady *Rivers* dying long before; and that if after Payment of the 6000 *l.* there should be any Surplus, that it should be paid to Sir *Gilbert*, who had the Inheritance. 4 *Geo.* 2. *Goodall and Rivers*, *MS. Rep.*

24. *J. S.* was Tenant for Life sans Waste, Remainder to his eldest Son *J.* for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively, Remainder in like Manner to his second Son *G.* Remainder to his third Son *E.* (the Defendant) in like Manner, with Trustees to support all these contingent Remainders, Remainder to the Heir Male of the Body of *J. S.* Remainder to him in Fee, with a Power to *J. S.* by Deed or Will to charge by Lease, Mortgage or otherwise, the Premises with raising or paying any Sum not exceeding 6000 *l.* also with a Power to every one of the Sons when in Possession, by Deed attested, &c. to limit before or after Marriage to the Wife of any of the said Sons for a Jointure, all or any Part of the Premises, so as such Jointure should not exceed 100 *l. per Annum* for every 1000 *l.* which such Son should have received as his Wife's Fortune, with farther Power to the said Sons respectively, when in Possession, by any Deed, &c. attested, &c. to make any Leases for Years sans Waste (but without Prejudice to any Jointure to be made by Virtue of the said Power) for the raising of Portions for the Daughters of such Sons, but such Portions not to exceed their Mother's Fortune, and so as such Leases should not take Effect until there should be a Failure of Issue Male of such Son making such Lease, with the usual Power to *J. S.* the Father, and his said Sons respectively when in Possession, to lease for twenty-one Years at the most improved Rent. *J. S.* by another Settlement settled other

In this Case his Honour cited the Case of *Ivy and Gilbert*, (P. 645. Ca. 16.) as decreed by Lord *Macclesfield* and affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*, where a Trust Term was limited to raise 1500 *l.* for Daughters Portions by Rents, Issues and Profits, and decreed that the directing the Portion to be raised in this particular Manner, implied a Negative that it should be raised in no other Manner; and

therefore not by Mortgage or Sale, or any more Money to be raised than the 1500 *l.* without Interest, which his Honour said, was exactly the same with the principal Case; an Instance of a Portion to be raised by Perception

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Lands of which he was seised in Fee to the *same Uses*, with this Difference only, (*viz.*) that as to the Son's Power of leasing for raising Daughters Portions, these Words were added, [*so as such Lease or Leases should cease and determine upon the raising of such Portions, and Costs and Charges for raising the same.*] J. S. died, then J. the eldest dying without Issue, G. the second Son entered upon the Premises comprised in the Settlement, and on his Marriage with M. in Pursuance of the said Power, limited a Term of five hundred Years to Trustees, to commence from and after Failure of Issue of the said G. by and out of the Rents, Issues and Profits, or by Sale, Mortgage or Leases, or otherwise *as soon as conveniently might be after his Decease*, (or in his Life-time, if he should think fit to have the same sooner raised, and so direct) raise 8000 l. (so much being M.'s Fortune) for Daughters Portions, to be paid to her or them, if more than one, Share and Share alike, with a Proviso, that the Term should not prejudice the Jointure; and that immediately after the raising the 8000 l. with all Costs, &c. the said Term should cease. G. died intestate, leaving three Daughters of this Marriage, but no Son, who by their Mother brought their Bill against E. the third Son of J. S. and James his eldest Son, (being the Remainder Man in Tail) praying a present Sale of the five hundred Years Term to raise the Portions; the eldest Daughter of G. not being then above four Years old. It was agreed by Lord Chan. King, Raymond C. J. and the Master of the Rolls, that the 8000 l. should be raised out of the Rents, Issues and Profits of Premises comprised in the five hundred Years Term, and not by any Sale or Mortgage thereof; and that no more than 8000 l. in the whole should be raised, and the Profits to be accounted from the Death of G. the Husband. And his Honour took Notice of the different Limitations in the two several Settlements, and that thereby it was plain that a Sale was not intended, and that it was not possible that the Term could cease upon raising the Portions in any other Sense or Way than by raising them out of the growing Profits. And Raymond C. J. relied much on the Intent of the Maker of the Settlement, which appeared to be plainly to preserve the Estate in the Male Line of the Family; and so thought there could be no Design to extend the Power for raising Portions for Daughters to a Sale or Mortgage, consequently such Power being neither *expressed* or *implied*, nor any Thing limited for the Payment of the Portions, it would (he thought) be extreme hard for the Court to decree that which would be the Destruction of the Estate against the Intention of the Party. *Hil.* 1731.

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659.

Evelyn and Evelyn, 2 Will. Rep. 591 (a).—This Decree was afterwards appealed from to the House of Lords, where on the 2d of May 1733, the Parties on both Sides came to an Agreement, which (7 Geo. 2.) was confirmed by Act of Parliament. *Ibid.* 605.

25. Where no Time is limited for Payment of Portions, and the Claimants are of very tender Years, tho' the Right to the Portions vested in such Infant Daughters, yet they are to be raised by Rents and Profits. *Per* his Honour, *Hil.* 1731. in the Case of *Evelyn and Evelyn*, 2 Will. Rep. 603.

26. Where a particular certain Time is limited for the Payment of a Portion, it may imply a Power of Sale. *Per* his Honour, *Hil.* 1731. in the Case of *Evelyn and Evelyn*, 2 Will. Rep. 601.

27. A particular certain Time being limited for Payment of a Portion, it carries Interest from that Time. *Per* his Honour, *Hil.* 1731. in *Casu Evelyn and Evelyn*, *ibid.*

28. The Plaintiff *Garnier's* Bill was to have a Trust executed for raising his Wife's Portion under the Settlement of Sir *John Cowper* her late Father, against *William Cowper* her Brother, and the Defendants *Lebeups*, as Mortgagees under him. The Case was thus: Sir *John Cowper* by his Marriage Settlement made in 1691 conveyed certain Messuages and Lands to the Use of himself for Life, and from and after his Decease to the Use of Trustees for five hundred Years, Upon Trust that in Case the said Sir *John Cowper* should at the Time of his Death have living more Children than one Son by him begotten on the Body of *Ann* his then intended Wife, then the Daughter and Daughters, and younger Son and younger Sons of the said Sir *John Cowper* on the Body of the said *Ann* to be begotten, should have the the Sum of 3000 *l.* to be shared and divided amongst them, and the Survivor of them, by such Shares and Proportions, in such Manners and at such Times, and with such Interest in the mean Time, until Payment thereof, as the said Sir *John Cowper* by any Deed or Writing, or by his last Will, attested by two or more credible Witnesses, should direct or appoint. The said Sir *John Cowper* survived his Wife, and had Issue by her *William Cowper* his eldest Son, and also *Thomas Cowper* and the Plaintiff's Wife *Ann Garnier*, his younger Children. In February 1722 Sir *John Cowper* by Deed Poll appointed that 1500 *l.* Part of the said 3000 *l.* should within six Months after his Decease be raised out of the Premises, chargeable therewith, and paid to the said *Thomas Cowper*, with Interest until Payment thereof, he having before made the like Appointment in Favour of the Plaintiff *Ann* his Daughter. *Thomas Cowper* afterwards died intestate in the Life-time of Sir *John* his Father, and shortly after Sir *John* died, whereupon the Plaintiff *Ann Garnier* became intitled to have her Portion raised. The Defendant *William Cowper* took Administration of the Goods, &c. of his Brother *Thomas*, by Virtue whereof he pretended a Right vested in him to have the 1500 *l.* that Sir *John Cowper* had appointed should be raised for the said *Thomas Cowper*. For Plaintiff *Ann* it was insisted, that her Father had no Power to appoint any Part of the Money to any Child who should not be living at the Time of his Death, and that she being the only surviving younger Child, was intitled to the whole 3000 *l.* The Cause was heard on Bill and Answer before his Honour, who, upon hearing the Settlement read, decreed the whole 3000 *l.* to the Plaintiff *Garnier* and his Wife, with Interest from Sir *John Cowper's* Death, and their Costs of Suit. *East*. 1732. at the Rolls, *Garnier et Ux'* and *Cowper et al'*; and *Lebeups et al'* and *Cowper* and *Garnier et Ux'*, MS. Rep.

29. The *Quantum* of a Provision for a Child is in the Father's Power and Discretion, and a Man is bound by Nature to provide for all his Children. *Per Lord Chancellor, Hil. Vac. 1733. Vin. Abr. Tit. Copyhold, (W. e.) Ca. 12.*

30. Lord Chan. *Talbot* said, that in Cases where the Portion is to be raised out of the reversionary Term after the Tenant for Life's Death, and to be paid at twenty-one or Marriage, and the Child marries, and then dies, it would be very hard to decree it to merge. That in *Butler* and *Duncomb's* Case, 2 *Vern.* 760. a Sum was borrowed by Direction of the Court to assist the Husband in his Trade, the Term not yet being come into Possession. That in the Case of *Brome* and *Berkley*, 1 *Vol. Abr. Eq.* 340. the Lord *Trevor* delivered his Opinion in

Indeed in Cases where the Child dies so young that the Portion could never be wanted, the Court will not decree it to be raised, because there is no Occasion for it, as in the Case of *Brewen* and *Brewen*, 2 *Vern.* 439. and in that of *Tournay* and *Tournay*, but that there is no Precedent where the Court has dealt so hardly with a Child who dies after Marriage, as to take away what was intended

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intended for the House of Lords, That in all Cases where the Portion is contingent, it's Provision; and the Child marries, and then dies, the Representative shall have it. and that a future Interest *—Vide Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 122.* is an Interest, tho' not so good as an Interest in Possession; and it is and may be a Consideration of Marriage, that tho' such an Interest does not absolutely vest, yet it is carrying it too far to say it does not vest at all, or so as that it may not be transmissible. *Per his Lordship, ibid.*

His Lordship said, that the Precedents in raising Daughters Portions have gone both Ways, some Times they have been decreed to be raised in the Parent's Life-time, and at other Times not, which shews that the raising or not raising must depend upon the particular penning of the Trust. That in this Case, all the Contingencies precedent to the raising of the Portions have happened, as that of not having Issue Male, (by reason of M.'s Death without such Issue, which in this Court is decreed a total Failure of Issue Male between them), and also the Daughter's marrying or attaining twenty-one. That J. S.'s Death is made no Part of the Condition; and tho' the raising it out of the Rents and Profits cannot be done during J. S.'s Life, and that the Mortgage or Sale is to be during the Term, which is not to commence in Possession 'till J. S.'s Death, yet they may be raised in J. S.'s Life time, it being no where said, that the Portions shall not be raised 'till such Time as the Term should take Effect in Possession. That indeed had there been no express Authority given to the Trustees to sell or mortgage, there might have been some Difficulty, but now they may do either; and that the Proviso to make the Term void in Case J. S. in his Life-time should prefer the Daughters in Marriage with Portions equivalent, will not controul such Power of the Trustees. And so decreed *ut supra. Ibid.*

31. J. S. on his Marriage with M. settled his Estate to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to his first and other Sons in Tail Male, Remainder to Trustees for one thousand Years, Remainder to his Brother C. for Life, Remainder to the Heirs Male of his Body hereafter to be begotten. And then the Trust of the Term was declared to be, that in Case of no Issue Male of the Bodies of J. S. and M. begotten which should live to twenty-one, or be married, and have Issue, and that there should be one or more Daughter or Daughters of the Bodies of the said J. S. and M. that then such Daughter, if but one, should have 4000*l.* for her Portion, and if two or more, 5000*l.* equally to be divided between them, payable at their Ages of twenty-one or Marriage, which should first happen. And if one Daughter only, then she to have 100*l.* a Year Maintenance, payable half yearly; and if two or more, then the like Sum of 100*l.* to be paid half yearly, in equal Shares, 'till their respective Portions should be raised and paid. And in Case of Nonpayment of the Portions, then the Trustees, their Executors, &c. out of the Rents, &c. or by Mortgage or Sale of the Premises, or any Part thereof, during the Term, were to raise and pay the several Portions before limited; provided, that if J. S. should in his Life-time prefer them in Marriage with Portions equivalent to those herein limited, or that after his Death the Remainder Man should upon their Marriage pay them Portions equivalent, or that there should be no Daughter or Daughters who should live to attain twenty-one, or be married, that then the Term should cease. M. died, living J. S. leaving no Issue Male, but only three Daughters, who were *all unmarried* (a). The Question was, If the Portions were to be raised in J. S.'s Life-time. And Lord Chancellor decreed the Portions to be raised, with Interest, from M.'s Death, at which Time they first vested. *East. 1734. Hebblethwaite and Cartwright, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 31.*

(a) So in the Original, but by what is said by Lord Chancellor, *ibid.* P. 33. it appears that they were *all married* and twenty-one.

32. In a Settlement a Term was raised for Daughters Portions, *i. e.* 10,000*l.* with a Proviso, that if the Father by Deed or Will should give or leave 10,000*l.* to his said Daughters, it should be a Satisfaction. The Father leaves Land to the Daughters of 10,000*l.* Value. This is no Satisfaction. *East. 1734. Chaplin and Chaplin, 3 Will. Rep. 245.*

33. A. by Settlement after Marriage creates a Trust Term of one hundred Years by Mortgage or Sale to raise 2000*l.* for the Portion of each of his Daughters, provided they married with their Mother's Consent, and directs a yearly Payment out of the Rents 'till they marry, and if any of them die before Marriage with such Consent,

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her Portion to cease, and the Premises to be exonerated thereof; and if it be raised, to be paid to such Person to whom the Premises should belong. And by Will he creates another Trust Term to raise by Sale or Mortgage 4500 *l.* whereof 2000 *l.* to be paid to each of his Daughters in Augmentation of their Fortunes, subject to the Conditions in the Settlement. And by a Codicil (in Pursuance of a Power of Revocation) he creates another Trust Term for the better raising of his Daughters Portions. *A.* dies. The Daughters married without Consent. Tho' this Provision is only *in terrorem*, and makes no Forfeiture, yet upon the Husbands applying to the Court for Payment of their Wives Portions, the *Master of the Rolls* ordered the same to be raised; but that Proposals be made before the *Master* as to the settling the Wives Fortunes. *Mich. 10 Geo. 2. Hervey and Ashton, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 212.*

34. An Objection arising from double Portions, holds only where both Portions come from one and the same Person. *Per Lord Chancellor, Trin. 1740. in the Case of Sir Robert Walpole and Lord Conway, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 156.*

(B) Of vested Portions.

1. **B**Y a Marriage Settlement a Term for five hundred Years was created to raise 5000 *l.* for *Daughters Portions, payable at twenty-one or Marriage, Proviso, that if any of the Daughters should attain the Age of twenty-one, or marry in the Life of the Father, then her Portion to be paid at the End of the Year after the Death of the Father; and with another Proviso, that if any of the Daughters should die before her or their Portion or Portions became payable, and before her or their Age of twenty-one or Marriage, her or their Share or Shares to go to the surviving Daughter or Daughters.* There was Issue by the Marriage one Son and three Daughters, *A. B. and C.* *A.* married, and had a larger Portion given her than was secured to her by the Marriage Settlement, and so her Third of the 5000 *l.* was satisfied. *B.* attained twenty-one, married, and died in the Father's Life-time, without Issue, and her Husband administered. It was insisted by *Talbot* Solicitor General, on the Behalf of the Husband the Administrator, that *C.* (who survived both her Sisters) could not be intitled to *B.*'s Share, because *B.* attained twenty-one, and was married; whereas to intitle *C.* to take, *B.* must have died under twenty-one, or before Marriage; that *B.*'s Share could not sink into the Land, because the Reason of that Construction was for the Benefit of the Heir, in Preference to the Administrator of the deceased Daughter, where such Daughter died before twenty-one or Marriage, so that she had no Occasion for her Portion, no want of it to advance her in Marriage, nor could she dispose of it by Deed or by any Act in her Life-time until her Age of twenty-one; whereas that Reason could not hold in the present Case, *B.* having attained twenty-one, and being married. That the Meaning of this Proviso was a prudent Caution to prevent a Sale of the Reversion of the Land limited to the Father, in the Father's Life-time, which had been found by Experience to distress and ruin Family Estates; but that it was hard when the Term

His Lordship observed that Equity had strained sometimes to help a Daughter married in her Father's Life-time to her Portion, but never to deprive a married Daughter thereof. And that this first Proviso, that if any of the Daughters attain to twenty-one Years or Marriage, &c. was without any Negative Words that she should not be paid her Portion 'till then, but that the Meaning of it was, that then in all Events, even tho' the Grandfather of such Daughter, who had Part of the Estate comprised in his five hundred Years

was Term limited to him for his

Life, had been living, the Reversion should notwithstanding have been sold for the raising of this Portion. And his Lordship decreed that the Husband of *B.* should have the third Part of the 5000 *l.* with Interest from the End of the Year after the Father's Death, to be raised by the Sale of a third Part of this Term; and if that is not sufficient,

was come into Possession, that the Husband who married this Daughter should have no Portion with her. And of this Opinion was Lord Chan. King. *Hil. 1728. Petfield's Case, 2 Will. Rep. 513.* And if the Son who was Tenant in Tail, should happen to die without Issue Male, and under twenty-one, the Husband of *B.* should have Liberty to apply to the Court to be paid what remained due out of another Term, which was to arise by the Settlement on the Son's Death without Issue. *Note; This was a Cause by Consent. Ibid.*

But where the Land was limited to *A.* for Life, Remainder to *B.* his Wife for her Jointure, Remainder to Trustees to preserve contingent Remainders, Remainder to the first and every other Son of the Marriage in Tail Male, Remainder to Trustees for a Term of Years, On Trust that if there should be no Son born in the Life-time of the Father, or after his Decease, or if there should be a Son who should die before twenty-one, and there should be Daughters of the Age of sixteen, then to raise 6000*l.* for their Fortunes, equally to be divided amongst them, with Benefit of Survivorship; and if only one Daughter, then the said 6000*l.* to be paid at her Age of sixteen, in Case either *A.* or his Wife should be then dead, or if both living, within six Months after the Death of one of them. Provided, that at the Time of Failure of Issue Male of *A.* by his said Wife, there be no such Daughter, or shall not after be born, or shall die before sixteen, then the Term to attend the Inheritance. *A.* had a Daughter, Plaintiff's Wife, who died about twenty-two, living her Father and Mother, and the Mother dying afterwards without any Son, Plaintiff, as Administrator of his Wife, brought his Bill for the Portion. But it was dismissed; for the Fortune not being to arise but in Case there be no Son born of the Marriage, and that not being to be known 'till after the Death of the Husband or Wife who had survived the Plaintiff's Wife, the Portion must always be contingent 'till the Death of the Mother, and there being no Daughter living at that Time, nothing could ever vest. *Gadon and Sir Richard Raynes, East. 5 Geo. 2. Decreed with the Assistance of Lord Raymond and the Master of the Rolls, MS. Rep.*

Portions, payable at twenty-one or Marriage; and if the Portions be not then paid, the Trustees to raise them by Rents and Profits, or by Mortgage, &c. Provided, if the next in Remainder should pay the Portions at the Days of Payment before appointed, or if *A.* in his Life should prefer his said Daughters in Marriage with equal or greater Portions, then the Term to cease. *B.* died first, and then *A.* the Portions being unpaid; and held that the Trustees might upon the Death of *B.* without a Son have raised the Money out of the Rents, tho' they could not sell. And as to the Power that the Father had of discharging the Estate, by giving equal Portions in his Life, the Court held that was for the Father's Benefit; that after the Marriage of the Daughters, or their Arrival to twenty-one, the raising their Portions was not to be suspended, the Term being vested immediately on the Death of *B.* And Interest was decreed them from that Time.—Another Point was, that one Daughter married, and died before the Death of *B.* And the Question was, Whether her Representatives were intitled to a Share of the 5000*l.* But this was not determined. And the Lord Chancellor approved of the raising of the Money when the Children wanted it, without staying for the Death of Tenant for Life; and said, that tho' the Father had it in his Power during Life to prefer his Daughters in Marriage, that was to be understood only of their first Marriage, and a second not to be expected. *Ibid.*—And this seems to be the Case of *Heblethwaite* and *Cartwright*.

(C) Portions lapsed or merged, et econt'.

2 Freem. Rep. 1. **P**LAINTIFF being a Suitor to Defendant's Daughter-in-Law, came to a Treaty with him; and the Defendant being then possessed of the personal Estate that was left by his Wife's former Husband, a Share whereof was due to Plaintiff's Wife, the Plaintiff and Defendant entered into Articles, in which it was recited, where an Agreement was to pay the Marriage Portion to such Person as he should appoint in the Space of six Months, and he was in Consideration thereof to settle certain Lands. The Marriage took Effect, the Wife died, and the six Months elapsed and no Person appointed to receive the Money; and yet the Portion was decreed

cited, that whereas the Defendant was to pay the Plaintiff 1000 *l.* for the Wife's Marriage Portion, the Plaintiff covenanted to settle certain Lands, &c. It fell out that the Share of the personal Estate which the Plaintiff was intitled to was but 320 *l.* But it was decreed that he should pay the 1000 *l.* And *per Cur'*, An Action of Covenant will lie upon this Recital. Whereupon it was insisted, that the Plaintiff ought to be dismissed to Law, and bring his Action of Covenant. But *per Lord Chancellor*, Where there is a Remedy at Law for one Thing in a Bill which is complicated with other Matters which are proper in Equity, there this Court will determine the whole Matter. And altho' it was objected, That the Wife lived but six Months, and that the Plaintiff was not able to have made the Settlement he agreed upon, and that the Wife had very bad Usage from the Plaintiff the Time she lived with him, yet decreed *ut supra.* Trin. 1680. *Graves and White, MS. Rep.*

2. *J. S.* married *M.* without her Father's Consent. Afterwards *M.*'s Father by Articles agreed with *J. S.*'s Father to pay 1000 *l.* into Trustees Hands to be laid out in the Purchase of Lands, to be settled to the Use of *J. S.* for Life, and then to his Wife, Remainder to the Issue of their Bodies. Before the Articles were executed, *M.* died sans Issue, and *J. S.* brought his Bill for the Portion. And the Court decreed Payment of the 1000 *l.* to *J. S.* it being the Wife's Portion; and it appearing that a Settlement was made upon *J. S.* by his Father in Pursuance of the Articles. Trin. 1694. *Harvey and Chamberlaine, 2 Freem. Rep. 200.*

their Issue, and no Limitation over, and the Wife dying without Issue before the Money laid out (as in the above Case) the Portion was decreed to the Husband by the Lord *Jefferies.* Ibid.

3. *J. S.* having mortgaged Part of his Estate to *A.* for one thousand Years for securing 6000 *l.* settled his Estate upon himself for Life, Remainder to *B.* his Son, and the Heirs of his Body, Remainder to his own right Heirs; and afterwards made his Will, and thereby gave his Daughter *C.* 4000 *l.* for her Portion, if she married with her Mother's Consent, (otherwise but 1000 *l.*), to be paid at her Marriage or Age of twenty-one, and appointed that the mortgaged Term should be kept on Foot for the better raising of the Legacies. *C.* dies at sixteen, her Mother took out Administration, and married the Plaintiff, and afterwards made her Will, and thereof Plaintiff Executor, who also administered to *C.* And the sole Question was, Whether Plaintiff was intitled to the 4000 *l.* or any Part thereof, or, Whether the same was to sink for the Benefit of the Heir, *C.* dying between twenty-one or Marriage? And Lord Keeper and his Honour both agreed that the 4000 *l.* was sunk for the Benefit of the Heir, it being by the Will to be raised out of Land, inasmuch as the Testator appointed the mortgaged Term to be kept on Foot for raising of this 4000 *l.* and that since Lord Pawlett's Case it had been the constant Practice of this Court, that where a Legacy or Portion by Will or Deed is appointed to be raised out of Lands, there, if the Party dies before it is payable, it shall sink for the Benefit of the Heir. And the Court held that altho' (in the present Case) the Mortgage Lease, out of which the 4000 *l.* is to be raised, be but a Term for Years, yet it is not a Term in gross, but a Term attendant upon the Inheritance (and such a Term is not forfeited as a personal Estate or Chattel in gross is) after the

decreed to be paid to the Lord *Dela-*ware, without examining his Capacity to make a Settlement according to the Agreement. Ibid.

In this Case Sir *Jonathan Atkins's* Case was cited, where the Husband's Friends and the Wife's did article to lay out 1500 *l.* apiece in Land, to be settled upon them and

Prec. in Chan. 140. Hil. 1700. *S. C.* states it thus: *J. S.* seised of the Manor of *P.* mortgaged it for one thousand Years to *A.* for securing 6000 *l.* and Interest; and afterwards by Deed and Fine settled it to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to *B.* his Son, in Tail, with other Remainders over, Remainder to himself in Fee; and by Will devised the said Lands, and all his Lands not before settled in Jointure, to his Wife and two other

their Heirs, Upon Trust by Sale, &c. to raise Money to pay his Debts, provided, that upon paying of the said Mortgage, the same should be kept on Foot for securing his Daughter's Portion; and his other Legacies and Debts,

if the Lands devised were not sufficient to pay the same; and thereby devised to his Daughter 4000*l.* for her Portion, if she married with the Consent of her Mother

Debts paid, and the Trusts performed; but if it had been a Term in gross, it had been a Chattel and personal Estate; but it is not so here. And Lord Keeper held that if this 4000*l.* had been to have been paid out of the *personal* Estate, the Plaintiff could have had no Title to it, because it is given upon a Contingency, which not happening in the Life-time of C. was never vested in her, and so could not go to the Administrator, for she never married, nor came to twenty-one; and that this is a Condition *precedent*, and all one as if J. S. had said, *If my Daughter marry with Consent of my Wife, I give her 4000*l.** Hil. 1700. *Yate and Fettiplace*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 243.

and Trustees, payable at twenty-one or Marriage, otherwise but 1000*l.* and made his Wife Executrix, and died. The Daughter died about sixteen. Afterwards the Mother married Plaintiff, and took out Administration to her Daughter, and by Will made Plaintiff Executor and Devisee of all, who by Virtue thereof pretended to be intitled to a Moiety of the 4000*l.* devised to the Daughter, and also to so much of the *personal Estate* of J. S. as was not specifically devised away (a), for that he had made Provision for Payment of his Debts by his Lands, and had, as was pretended, directed E. who drew his Will, to give his personal Estate to his Wife; but that he had omitted to do, because he thought that the making of her sole Executrix was a Gift of it in Law, and had examined E. to that Purpose, (and whose Deposition was allowed to be read). Plaintiff brought his Bill to have an Account of J. S.'s *personal Estate*, and that he might have the Surplus of it; and for a Moiety of the 4000*l.* And the Infant Heir of J. S. brought a Cross Bill against him for an Account of the real and personal Estate of his Father, (his Mother having been the only acting Trustee). The Creditors brought their Bill to have the Trust performed, and their Debts paid. An Account being directed, and the Master having made his Report, Lord Somers, assisted by his Honour, dismissed the Bill as to the Plaintiff's Demands touching the Surplus of J. S.'s Estate, but took farther Time to consider of his Demand as to a Moiety of the 4000*l.* But before any Judgment was given therein, the Seal was given to Sir N. Wright, and on a Rehearing, Lord Keeper, assisted with his Honour, affirmed Lord Somers's Order as to the Demand of the personal Estate, and also dismissed the Bill as to the Demand of a Moiety of the 4000*l.* And this Dismissal was affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*, *ibid.* 142. — 2 *Vern. Rep.* 416. S. C. and states, that the Devise for Payment of Debts and Legacies was of some *Leasehold* and *personal* Estate; and that on the Part of the Plaintiff it was endeavoured to distinguish this Cause from that of *Pawlet and Pawlet*, First, Because that was by Deed, and this by Will. Secondly, There it was to be raised out of Land only, whereas here the *personal Estate* is liable as well as the Land, and has been applied in Part to pay off the Mortgage that was on the Land. But Cur' held it to be within the Reason of that Case. — Cases in B. R. Temp. W' 3. 276. Hil. 1698. *Yates and Fettiplace*, S. C. but states it thus: A. seised of Lands in Fee, had Issue a Daughter, and by Will charged his Lands with 5000*l.* for her Portion, payable at twenty-one or Marriage; and dies. The Daughter dies at sixteen; (six in the Original). The second Husband of the Daughter's Mother takes out Administration to the Daughter, and to the Mother his Wife. And the Question was, If he should have the 5000*l.* or if it should be sunk for the Benefit of the Heir? And Lord Somers decreed for the Heir; and held that in all Cases where a Man charged a Sum certain to be paid, as here, out of the real Estate, there, if the Person dies, the Money shall be sunk for the Benefit of the Heir. But if a Man devises a *personal* Legacy, or a Sum, to be paid out of a Term for Years, and the Legatee dies before the Age, &c. the Executors or Administrators of the Legatee shall have the Money, because it was *debitum in presenti*, tho' *solvendum in futuro*. *Ibid.* (a) Note; In 2 *Freem. Rep.* 243. nothing is said of the Devise being of a *personal* Thing, but rests it wholly upon the Lands devised, and the keeping on Foot the mortgaged Term.

4. The Reason why a Legacy or Portion charged upon Land shall sink into the Estate for the Benefit of the Heir, where the Party dies before it becomes payable, and that not to do so when it is charged upon the personal Estate, is, because the Heir is more favoured at Law and in Equity than an Executor or Administrator; and because the Heir is looked upon to be the Stay and Support of the Family; when an Executor is sometimes a mere Stranger to it. Per Lord Keep. Wright, Hil. 1700. in the Case of *Yate and Fettiplace*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 244.

5. Where a Child's Portion is to be raised out of a Trust Estate, created by a voluntary Family Settlement, with a Power of Revocation, and the Child dies unmarried and intestate before his Father, Equity will never raise the Portion, but it must sink into the Estate. 1702. *Warburton and Warburton*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (1) Ca. 8.

6. By a Marriage Settlement, a Term is created for raising 400*l.* apiece for younger Children, by Rents, &c. or by Mortgage or Sale of the Term, to be paid within a Year's Time after the Father's Death, with Interest at 5*l.* per Cent. from his Death till paid. There were three Daughters and a Son, and one of the Daughters dies after the Father, but within a Year after his Death. Her Mother takes out Administration, and brings this Bill against the Trustees and the Heir at Law, to have the 400*l.* raised and paid, with Interest. And per Lord Chan.

Chan. *Cowper*, the 400*l.* apiece was raisable by the Trustees presently after the Father's Death, if they had thought fit, but the Children could not have demanded it 'till after the Year; 'twas *not* absolutely due upon the Commencement of the Term, because there was a whole Year given for the raising of it; and that therefore since one of the Daughters is dead within the Year, and before such Time as she could have demanded it, in Favour to the Heir, and for the Benefit of his Inheritance, the Cases have all gone this Way, that such Portions should sink, and not be raised at all (a). And decreed accordingly. *Hil.* 1709. *Tournay and Tournay, Prec. in Chan.* 290.

were also Plaintiffs) an Account was decreed to be taken of the Rents and Profits of the Term, and their Portions to be forthwith raised and paid by Sale or Mortgage. *Ibid.*

7. A Term of ninety-nine Years was raised to secure Daughters Portions; the Trust thereof is declared to be, that if the Husband should die without Heirs Male of his Body by *M.* and leaving a Daughter or Daughters, that then such Daughter or Daughters should have 3000*l.* if but one, but if more, 3000*l.* amongst them, payable at their Ages of twenty-one or Marriage, with a Proviso, that if the Husband should not have any Daughter by *M.* living at his Death, then the Term to cease. The Husband had no Issue Male by *M.* but had a Daughter *E.* who attains twenty-one, and marries the Plaintiff, and has Issue by him. *M.* dies, and *E.* dies in her Father's Life-time, and then the Father dies. And Plaintiff having administered to *E.* his Wife, brings a Bill for this Portion. But Lord Chan. *Cowper* held that he was not intitled to his Wife's Portion (b). *Hil.* 1717. *Wingrave and Palgrave*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 401.

Trust of the Term never arises, that being to commence upon a Condition precedent, (*viz.*) if the Father should die without Heir Male, and leaving a Daughter or Daughters, which cannot be intended having had a Daughter, but leaving a Daughter; and the Father leaving no Daughter at his Death, the Trust of the Term does not arise. That the Proviso determines the Term itself by not having a Daughter living at his Death, and that if the Term be determined at Law by the express Provision of the Parties, it would be very strange for Equity to revive it. That the Intention of the Settlement might be and probably was, that this Term should cease, and that no Portion should ever, in such Case, be raised for the Benefit of an Executor or Administrator, after the Daughter's Death, for whose personal Advantage this might be designed; but in Case of her Death in the Life of the Father, the Intent of the Parties might be, to prefer the Heir of the Family (who in this Case was the Defendant, a Son by an after-taken Wife) before any Executor or Administrator of a deceased Daughter. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.* 402.

8. Part of Lands charged with 400*l.* Portion are devised to the Party to whom the Portion is payable; altho' the Lands devised are more than the Portion, yet it is no Extinguishment of the Charge. *Feb.* 28, 1725. *Rushout and Rushout, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (I) Ca.* 11.

9. *J. S.* being seised in Fee of a considerable Estate, and having no Children, covenanted to suffer a Recovery of all his Lands to the Use of himself for Life, then to his Wife for Life, then to the Issue of their Bodies, and for want of such Issue, In Trust for his Sister *A.* for her sole and separate Use, during Life, and after her Death if *E.* her Husband should survive her, to permit him to receive the clear yearly Sum of 1000*l.* during his Life, and afterwards to *D.* (eldest Son of said *E.* and *A.*) for Life, Remainder to his first, &c. Sons, with like Remainders to *T.* and all the other Sons of said *E.* and *A.* Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *A.* with the Consent of the said *E.* her Husband, and for the said *E.* her surviving, from Time to Time, by Sale, Mortgage, or otherwise charging the Premises, to raise and secure such Sums of Money (not exceeding

tain direct Charge of 3000*l.* for each Daughter, and 2000*l.* for each younger Son, without any Provision (as there is in the first Clause) that the whole should not amount to more than 12,000*l.* That by such

(a) But as to the other Children (who

(b) For by the first Words the

His Lordship held that tho' by the first Clause 12,000*l.* only was to be raised, yet that the second Clause is subsidiary to the first, and that in Case the first does not take Effect, then the second was to prevail, whereby *J. S.* made a cer-

such Children only can be considered as intitled to any Share under the Appointment as were living at the Survivor's Death; but no Appointment having been made, it stands upon the second Clause, which is a direct Charge upon the Land of 2000 l. for each Son, and 3000 l. for each Daughter. — That tho' the Payments were to be at twenty one, yet no certain Interest vested in any of the Children until the Survivor's Death, and altho' some of them attained their Ages of twenty-one in their Mother's Life time, yet all being contingent until the Survivor's Death, no Interest can be due but from the Time of the happening of the Contingency. And so decreed *ut supra*.

ing in the whole the Sum of 12,000 l.) as the said A. notwithstanding her Coverture, shall, with the Consent in Writing of the said Husband, think fit, and for the said E. her surviving, as he shall think fit, for the Maintenance and Portion of any of the Children of them the said E. and A. born or to be born. And if the said E. and A. his Wife, or the Survivor of them, shall not appoint in what Proportion such their Children shall be provided for, then all the Parties to these Presents are agreed that 2000 l. apiece shall be raised and payable to each such younger Sons, and 3000 l. apiece for the Daughters of the said E. and A. And if there shall be but one Daughter, then 6000 l. for such only Daughter, at their Ages of twenty-one, with Interest for the said several Sums after the Rate of 5 l. per Cent. for their several and respective Maintenances until their respective Portions shall become payable; and such Maintenance to begin from the Time that shall be appointed by the said E. and A. his Wife, or the Survivor of them; and in Case no such Appointment, then from the Death of the Survivor of them, the said E. and A. his Wife. Then comes this Proviso, that if any of the younger Children die before their respective Shares become payable, then the Share of such Child so dying shall be equally divided among the surviving Children. J. S. died soon after without Issue, and then in 1722 E. died, leaving Issue by A. his Wife four younger Sons, and two Daughters G. and H. which last died an Infant soon after her Father's Death; and in 1734 the Mother died, having never charged the Lands with the 12,000 l. or any other Sum for the Childrens Provision, nor given any Direction in what Manner or Proportion they should be provided for. Some of the Children attained their Age of twenty-one in her Life-time. Lord Chancellor decreed the whole 12,000 l. to be raised, and Interest from the Mother's Death only. Hil. 1735. Rolt and Rolt, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 189.

3 Will. Rep. 414. S. C. in Dom. Proc', states it accordingly, and says that Lord Talbot's Decree was affirmed by the Lords 16 Mar. 1735, with Costs.

10. J. S. being possessed of a considerable real and personal Estate, devises thus, (*viz.*) " I give and bequeath unto my Daughter M. at her Age of twenty-one, or Day of Marriage, which shall first happen, the Sum of 2500 l. and my Will and Meaning is, that if my Son A. should die without Issue Male of his Body then living, or which may afterwards be born, that then my said Daughter should have and receive at her Age of twenty-one, or Day of Marriage, which shall first happen, the farther Sum of 3500 l. over and above the said Sum of 2500 l. But in Case the Contingency of my said Son's dying may not happen before the said Age of my Daughter, or her Day of Marriage, that then she shall receive and be paid the Sum of 3500 l. whenever it might after happen." Then the Testator devises his real Estate to his Son in Tail, and for want of such Issue, Remainder to his Brother in Fee; and then says, " And my Will and Meaning is, that the Lands and Premises hereby devised shall be liable to and chargeable with the Payment of the said Sum of 3500 l. whenever it shall become due and payable;" and directs, that in Case of Failure of Issue of his Son, his Daughter, her Heirs or Assigns, should join in a Surrender of some Copyhold Lands to the Use of his Brother, otherwise the Legacy of 3500 l. to be void. The Daughter marries, having attained her Age of twenty-one, and dies in her Brother's Life-time, leaving the Plaintiff her Husband, who administered to her, and then her Brother dies without Issue Male. And the Question was, Whether

Whether the 3500 *l.* Legacy should be raised out of the *Land*, the *personal Estate* being deficient? And Whether it was such an Interest in the Daughter as should go to her Administrator? And Lord Chancellor observed, that three Things were by the Will necessary to happen to intitle *M.* to this Legacy of 3500 *l.* viz. the Death of *A.* the Son without Issue Male, Marriage, or attaining her Age of twenty-one; and that all three had happened; and that tho' it is to be raised out of *Land*, it remains Money still; and tho' she has not lived to receive it, yet the Contingency having happened, it must go to her Husband, who is her Representative, and who may well be thought to have married in Contemplation of this additional Fortune of 3500 *l.* tho' depending upon a Contingency; and decreed accord'. Trin. 1735. King and Withers, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 117.

16 Mar. 1735, this Decree was affirmed in Dom. Proc'. Ibid.— 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 112. King and Withers, is not S. C.

11. *J. S. Tenant for Life, Remainder to A. his eldest Son in Tail.* They two agreed to resetttle the Estate, and a Recovery was accordingly suffered to the Use of *J. S. for Life as to Part*, then to Trustees for two hundred Years to raise 1100 *l.* to be paid to *B.* (the second Son of *J. S.*) within six Years after *J. S.*'s Death, or as soon after as the same could be raised, and in the mean Time Interest (after the Rate of 5 *l.* per Cent.) from *J. S.*'s Death, for and towards his Maintenance until the Portion be paid him, Remainder to said *A. for Life*, and to his first, &c. Sons in Tail, &c. *B.* died indebted, leaving no Assets, and two Years after him *J. S.* died, by whose Death an Estate of 700 *l.* a Year came to *A.* Lord Chancellor thought that this 1100 *l.* must be considered as a Portion, as it moved from the Father, and was intended by him as a Provision for his Child. The Term and Trust are not to arise 'till the Father's Death, but no particular Time is limited for Payment of the 1100 *l.* but barely within six Years after *J. S.*'s Death, and not made payable to him, his Executors and Administrators, but barely to him, with a Proviso, that from *J. S.*'s Death 5 *l.* per Cent. shall be raised for and towards his Maintenance, which looks like an Intent to postpone the vesting 'till *J. S.*'s Death, since the 5 *l.* per Cent. for and towards his Maintenance can never be raised by them to that Purpose, when he died in *J. S.*'s Life-time. This first Act which the Trustees are to do, viz. that of providing for his Maintenance, necessarily supposes him living at *J. S.*'s Death, and where the Interest is contingent, as here it is, it is most conformable to Reason to consider the Principal as contingent likewise; and should the Construction be otherwise, the Term by the express Words of the Trust can never cease, it being to endure for and towards his Maintenance until the Portion be paid unto him, which it can never be, since he died in *J. S.*'s Life-time; and his Lordship thought the whole contingent, Principal as well as Interest, and that the Portion must sink for the Benefit of the Owner of the Estate; and so dismissed the Bill. East. 1736. Bradley and Powel, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 193.

The Rule of Portions sinking in the Land, where the Party dies before the Term out of which they are to arise comes into Possession, has not always held without Exception, as appears from Butler and Duncombe's Case, 2 Vern. 760. where the Words were from and after the Commencement of the Term, and therefore the Portion not payable during the Life of the Father and Mother, the Term not being yet commenced, but yet the Court enabled the Husband and Wife to raise Money upon the Interest by way of Mortgage, which was to consider it in

some Sort as already vested; so in that of Broome and Berkeley, 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. Ca. 340. notwithstanding the Portions were decreed not to be raised immediately, yet they were considered as transmissible Interests; the same in King and Withers, in Dom. Proc'. In all these Cases the Limitation was, that the Portions should be paid them at such a Time, as upon Marriage, or at such an Age, and the Intent of the Parties was plain that upon either of these Contingencies happening the Child should be intitled to the Portion, altho' it was contingent, since a contingent Interest is transmissible, and a future Provision may well be looked upon as a Consideration for Marriage. Per Lord Chan. Talbot, ibid. 194, 195.

12. In general where Land is charged for Payment of Portions, and the Legatee dies before the Time of Payment, the Legacy shall not be raised, but sink for the Benefit of the Estate. But where Portions are directed by a Will to be raised and paid within two Years after the Death of the Testator, and a Daughter survives these two

Years, and then dies, this is not within the above general Rule, but had she died within the two Years it had been otherwise. *Per Parker J.* who sat for Lord Chan. *Hardwicke, East.* 1740. in the Case of *Webb and Webb, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 89.

(D) Portions and Provisions for Children favoured in Equity.

¹ *Vol. Abr.*
Eq. P. 66.
Ca. 1. Offley
and *Offley*, is
not *S. P.*

1. **I**N a Marriage Settlement there was a Term for raising 10,000*l.* for a Daughter, but it was so short that the ordinary Profits of the Lands would not raise above half the Sum; but there was a Coal Mine in the Land, which was open at the Father's Death, which the Court ordered should be wrought, and the Trustees to have Power to make *Soughs* and *Drains* in any other the Lands of the Heir, as Need should require, so as it were done in an orderly Manner, so that the Money might be raised. And Lord Commissioner *Hutchins* said, that in such Case where the usual Profits of the Land will not raise the Money appointed within the Time, this Court may order Timber to be felled off the Land to make it up. *Trin.* 1691. *Offley and Offley, Prec. in Chan.* 26, 27.

2. Money placed out upon Bonds by a Father in the Name of a Child, shall be looked upon to be towards a Provision for such Child. *Feb.* 14, 1706. *Parker and Lamb, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (L) Ca. 4.*

3. A Father upon his Son's Marriage settles Lands, which he covenants to be 800*l.* per Annum, and reserved Power to himself to charge 1200*l.* for his younger Children. He charges the Estate with 600*l.* only, and dies. The Son objected to the Payment of the 600*l.* because the Value of the Lands was defective, being only 600*l.* a Year, which ought to be made 800*l.* a Year before the Charge should take Effect. But decreed that the Money was well charged, the Father having only charged a Moiety of the 1200*l.* and in Case there were a Deficiency, he ought to sue for Satisfaction out of his Father's Estate for the Breach of Covenant. *Jan.* 12 (a) 1712. *Ormsbey and Dodwell, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (L) Ca. 7. P.* 454.

(a) In another
MS. it is
20 Jan. 1702.
Ibid.

4. The Interest of 500*l.* was settled to be paid to the Wife for Life, then the Principal and Interest to Trustees, to be paid to such Daughter or Daughters as shall be begotten on the Body of the Wife, Share and Share alike; but if the Husband should die without any Daughters, then the Money was to be paid to the Wife. At the Time of making this Settlement there was a Daughter, and the Husband died without any other Daughter. Insisted that this Daughter was intitled to nothing under this Settlement, because being in *esse* at the Time when it was made, she was not within the Words of the Settlement, which run in the future Tense, which shall be begotten upon the Body of the Wife, Share and Share alike. But Lord Chan. *Parker* declared that this was to put the most absurd Interpretation upon a Settlement that could be supposed, viz. that Parents should be solicitous for Children *in embryo* and unborn, and take no Care of a Child *in esse*. That the *Futurity* meant by the Settlement did not relate to the Time of the Birth of the Daughters, but to the Death of the Husband, at which Time all the Daughters then in Being, that were the Offspring of the Coverture, became intitled to the Money by this Settlement. *East.* 4 *Geo. 1. Slingsby and ———, Lucas's Rep.* 397.

5. What is expressly paid towards a Portion shall be first applied to discharge the Interest of such Portions. *Feb.* 17, 1724. *Lord Kingstand and Lady Tyrconnel, Vin. Abr. Tit. Portions, (L) Ca. 8. P.* 454.

C A P. LXXXI.

Power.

(A) Of the right Execution of a Power;—Where Equity will aid or supply a defective Execution of a Power;—And in what Cases Equity will decree a Power unexecuted to be executed.

(B) Concerning the Revocation and Extinguishment of a Power.

(A) Of the right Execution (a) of a Power;—Where Equity will aid or supply a defective Execution of a Power;—And in what Cases Equity will decree a Power unexecuted to be executed.

(a) If A. has a Power by B.'s Will to dispose of 400*l.* in his Will, and A. makes a general Will of his personal Estate, as the 400*l.* was

not an Interest vested in him, his Will shall not amount to an Execution of his Power, neither can parol Evidence be permitted to shew his Intention to execute it, nor will Equity supply it as a defective Execution in Favour of Volunteers, tho' otherwise there will not be Assets to pay Legacies. *Moulton and Hutchinson (b), MS. Rep.*—A Power to make Leases under Hand and Seal. They were sealed, but not signed, by reason of the Gout. Not well executed. *Blockwill and Ascott (c), MS. Rep.*—If A. covenants under a Power to limit several Estates, being of particular Value in Jointure, and there is no Covenant that they are or shall continue of that Value, or to make up the Value, it seems any Defect in Value shall not be supplied. *MS. Notes.*

(b) *Quære* What Term and Year.

(c) *Quære* What Term and Year.

1. **I**N a Marriage Settlement was a Proviso, that the Baron by Deed or Will might limit any of the Lands (except those in Jointure) to such Persons and for such Estates as he should think fit for raising 500*l.* apiece for younger Children, to be paid at such Times and in such Manner as he by Deed or Will should declare, and covenanted to do so accordingly. The Baron died, leaving several younger Children of the Marriage, but made no Appointment, tho' some Lands not settled in Jointure were limited to the Baron for Life, and after to the Issue Male of his own Body, with Remainder over; yet it was decreed that it was a Charge on the Land, and bound the Issue in Tail; and the 500*l.* was ordered to be raised for each of the younger Children immediately. Note; The Covenant in this Case was looked upon as an Execution of the Appointment in Pursuance of the Powers. Cited as the Case of *Dr. Sarth and Lady Blankfrey*, 1695. *Vide Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 166, 167.

2. A. Tenant for Life, Remainder to his first and other Sons in Tail, 2 *Will. Rep.* Remainder to B. for Life, Remainder to his first and other Sons in Tail, 231. S. C. Remainder to C. with a Power to B. after A.'s Death without Issue to make a Jointure. B. marries in the Life of A. and before Marriage covenants to make a Jointure, and to execute this Power when he should come into Possession. A. dies without Issue Male, and B. survives, but dies without making a Jointure, or executing this Power. cited arg' in the Case of Lady Coventry and Earl of Coventry. B.'s Widow brought a Bill against C. to have a Jointure made, because

B.

B. surviving *A.* he might have executed this Power, and had covenanted so to do; and decreed *accord*. Cited as decreed at the Rolls 1709, in the Case of *Alford* and *Alford*. *Vide Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 167.

¹ Vol. Abr.
Eq. P. 216.
Ca. 6. Hutton
and Simpson,
S. C. but not
S. P.

3. *J. S.* by Will gives his personal Estate to such Uses as his Wife, with the Consent of his Trustees, should direct, and the Wife takes upon her to dispose of it by her Will without any such Consent. *Per Lord Chancellor* (after Time taken to consider of it) This is a void Disposition, and the Testator, as to that, must be said to die intestate *ab initio*; and ordered a Distribution accordingly. *Mich.* 1716. *Sympton* and *Hornsby*, *Prec. in Chan.* 452.

4. A general Power to raise Daughters Portions restrained by a particular Proviso. *Feb.* 16, 1718. *Fane* and *Duke of Devonshire*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Powers*, (A. 13.) Ca. 3. P. 477.

Vide ¹ Vol.
Abr. Eq. 42.
Ca. 5.

5. A Settlement is directed to be made on *A.* with a Power to make a Jointure of a *Moiety* of the Premises. *A.* before the Settlement made by the Trustees to him makes a Jointure of more than a *Moiety* of the Premises. And *per Lord Chan. Parker*, here neither is nor can be any Jointure, for as yet *A.* has no legal Estate 'till the Trustees convey to him, and until he has an Estate he can pass none; and therefore his *Lordship* said, he could take no Notice of this equitable Appointment, nor can it properly come in Question at this Time, not being to take Effect 'till after *A.*'s Death, and perhaps never will, as he may survive his Wife. *Hil.* 1719. *Blackborn* and *Edgley*, *1 Will. Rep.* 604.

(a) *Vide Wag-*
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2 Will. Rep.
258.

6. A Feme, before her Marriage with *J. S.* did with his Consent convey her Estate to Trustees to such Uses and for such Purposes as she should by Deed or Will, or by any Writing in the Nature of a Will, appoint. *Lord Chan. Macclesfield* doubted if a Will, attested by two Witnesses only, would be a good Appointment, because when a Power is given to appoint the Uses of Lands by Deed or Will, the Will must be intended (a) such an one as is proper for the Disposition of Land, and consequently should be subscribed by three Witnesses in the Presence of the Testatrix according to the Statute of Frauds; for this is within all the Inconveniencies that this Statute intended to prevent; and the other Words, *in the Nature of a Will*, mean the same as a Will, which must therefore be subscribed by Witnesses in the Presence of the Testatrix. *Mich.* 1721. *Longford* and *Eyre*, *1 Will. Rep.* 740, 741.

7. If *A.* has a Power to charge Lands by Writing under his Hand attested by three Witnesses, with 7000 *l.* for Childrens Portions, and he (in Fear of sudden Death, and being absent from home, and so not being able to have a Sight of the Deed where this Power was contained) by a Paper attested by two Witnesses charges it with 8000 *l.* it is good as to the 7000 *l.* *East.* 8 *Geo.* Cites *Parker* and *Parker*. *Vide Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 168.

Lucas's Rep.
463. *East.* 8
Geo. 1. S. C.
And *per Lord*
Chancellor,
As to the
500 *l.* per
Annum M.
has certainly
a very strong
and a very fa-
vourable Case;
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8. *J. S.* by Virtue of his Father's Will was Tenant for Life, with Power to make a Jointure of 500 *l.* per *Annum*, so as such Wife brought a Portion equivalent to such Jointure. *J. S.* on his Marriage with *M.* and previous thereto, by Articles in Consideration of the Marriage, and 10,000 *l.* Marriage Portion, covenants on Request, &c. according to the Power given to him by the said Will, or otherwise, to settle Lands of the Value of 500 *l.* per *Annum* upon the said *M.* his intended Wife, for Life, as her Jointure. The Marriage takes Effect,

no Question whether, tho' there may from whence, she ought to have it. His *Lordship* said the Judges were of Opinion, that the Marriage Articles entered into by *J. S.* together with the Deed of Settlement drawn by his

Effect, and J. S. being requested to make a Jointure of the 500 l. per Annum pursuant to the Power, did accordingly direct the Jointure to be made, and Lands were set apart for that Purpose of 500 l. a Year within the Power, and the Draught of the Jointure was drawn and ingrossed, but J. S. dies suddenly before it was executed, without Issue Male, leaving A. his only Daughter (the Wife of B.) Executrix and residuary Legatee; and the Estate came to C. the Remainder Man, by Virtue of the said Will. M. brought her Bill for a specific Performance of the Articles against the said A. and B. her Husband, and C. the Remainder Man. Lord Chancellor Macclesfield conceived M. ought to be relieved, she claiming under a valuable Consideration, but whether against the Remainder Man or out of the personal Estate of J. S. remained a Question with his Lordship, and therefore he desired to be attended with Precedents; and afterwards on a second Hearing, and after great Debate, his Lordship being assisted by his Honour and the Barons Gilbert and Price, decreed that the Remainder Man should during his Life confirm and make good the Jointure. 16 May 1724. *Countess Dowager of Coventry and William Earl of Coventry and Sir William Carey et Ux*, 2 Will. Rep. 222 to 233.

his Direction in Pursuance of the Articles, was such an Execution of the Power reserved in the Will of his Father as was binding in Equity; and accordingly it was decreed that M. should have for her Jointure the Lands mentioned in the said intended Settlement. *Ibid.* 479, 480. — 2 Will. Rep. 597. (but should be 665.) S. C. cited per Lord Chan. King, Hil. 1731.

thus: J. S. on his Marriage with M. (J. S. being but Tenant for Life, with a Power to make a Jointure of Lands not exceeding 500 l. per Annum on any Wife he should marry) covenanted in Consideration of the intended Marriage, that he or his Heirs would after the Marriage, according to the Power given him by his Father's Will, or otherwise, settle Lands of 500 l. per Annum on his Wife for her Jointure; and it being in Proof that J. S. directed his Steward to look over his Rent Rolls for a fit Parcel of the Estate to make good the Jointure, and afterwards the Jointure Deed was drawn and ingrossed, but not executed; tho' this depended only on a Covenant, yet the Jointure of Land being the chief Thing in View, the Decree was, that the Land should be settled, and the Covenant not made good out of the personal Estate. — *Ibid.* 625. S. C. cited per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 1731. who said, that this Case being adjudged upon solemn Debate, and with the Assistance of the Judges, is a great Authority, and to be observed by him; and that from thence it may be inferred, that whatever is in the Power of the person covenanting to do, provided the Covenant be for a valuable Consideration, Equity ought to look upon as done, and supply the Want of Circumstances against a Remainder Man. *Maxims in Equity* at the End, S. C. reported. — *Gilb. Eq. Rep.* 160. S. C. — 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 348. Ca. 19. S. C. but it being a very particular Case, I have here inserted it.

9. J. S. and M. his Wife by Deed of 18 Jan. 1698 covenanted to levy a Fine of several Manors, &c. being M.'s Inheritance, of the yearly Value of 1200 l. the Uses of which Fine were declared to be to A. and B. and the Survivor of them, and Executors, &c. of such Survivor, for one thousand Years, In Trust to raise 2500 l. for the Benefit of J. S. and after the Determination of that Estate, to the Use of J. S. for Life, without Impeachment of Waste, with Remainder to Trustees, to preserve, &c. with Remainder to M. for Life, without Impeachment, &c. Remainder to the Issue of the Marriage, Remainder to the Issue of M. by any after-taken Husband, Remainder in Default of such Issue to J. S. and his Heirs for ever. Provided, that if M. should die in the Life-time of J. S. and there shall be no Issue of her Body by him lawfully begotten, or to be begotten, at the Time of such her Decease, that then and in that Case it shall be lawful for the said M. at any Time or Times during her natural Life, by any Deed or Deeds in Writing, or by her last Will and Testament in Writing, or any Writing purporting her last Will and Testament, the same to be respectively attested by three or more credible Witnesses, to charge all and every the said Manors, &c. or any Part or Parts thereof, with any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding 1000 l. in the whole, to be paid to such Person or Persons, and at such Days and Times, and in such Manner as the said M. shall by such Deed, &c. from Time to Time appoint; and by the same Deed or Deeds, &c. for that Purpose, to limit or appoint any Term or Number of Years of and in the said Manors, &c. or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, re-

deemable and to become void on Payment of such Sums of Money as shall be thereon charged or appointed, not exceeding 1000*l.* so as such Sums of Money be not payable till the End of six Kalendar Months next after the Decease of D. any Thing to the contrary, &c. Provided also, that if said J. S. shall happen to die, and M. shall him survive, and there shall be no Issue of this Marriage living at the Death of M. then in such Case it shall be lawful for the said M. at any Time or Times during her Life, by any Deed (ut supra) to charge the said Manors with any Sum, not exceeding 2000*l.* And then goes on as in the other Proviso, only says 2000*l.* instead of 1000*l.* A Fine was accordingly levied, and by Indenture of the 17 July 1703 inter said M. of the one Part, and T. N. of the other Part, reciting the said Deed of the 18 Jan. 1698, and the said Powers for M. to charge the Estate with 1000*l.* in Case she died before J. S. and with 2000*l.* in Case she survived him; and in Consideration of 150*l.* said M. pursuant to the said two several Provisoes, did thereby charge all and every the said Manors, &c. in Manner following, (viz.) That in Case said M. should die in the Life-time of J. S. and there should be no Issue of her Body by the said J. S. lawfully begotten, &c. living at the Time of such her Decease, then she did thereby charge all and every the said Manors with 1000*l.* and she did thereby direct and appoint the said 1000*l.* to be paid to said T. N. or his Assigns, in Manner following, (viz.) 500*l.* on the first Day after the End of six Kalendar Months next after the Decease of the said D. and 500*l.* Residue of the 1000*l.* on the Day next following the said first Day, both which Payments to be made at or in the Guildhall of the City of Exeter between the Hours of Two and Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, of the same respective Days, and M. did for that Purpose limit and appoint the two thousand Years Term of and in the said Manor to the said T. N. his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, the said Term to commence and begin immediately from and after such Death of the said M. nevertheless redeemable and to become void on Payment of the 1000*l.* in Manner as aforesaid; and if the said J. S. should happen to die, and the said M. should survive him, and that there should be no Issue of the Body of the said M. by the said J. S. lawfully begotten, &c. living at the Time of the Decease of her the said M. then in such Case the said M. did thereby charge the said Manors, &c. with the Sum of 2000*l.* and did thereby direct and appoint the said 2000*l.* to be paid to the said T. N. or his Assigns, in Manner following (to wit) 1000*l.* Part thereof, on the first Day after the End of six Kalendar Months next after the Decease of said D. and 1000*l.* Residue of the said 2000*l.* on the Day next following the said first Day, both which last mentioned Payments to be made in the Guildhall, &c. between, &c. ut supra. And the said M. for that Purpose did thereby limit and appoint the said Term of two thousand Years of and in the said Manor, &c. to the said T. N. his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, the said last mentioned Term to commence and begin immediately from and after the Death of said J. S. nevertheless redeemable and to become void on Payment of the said 2000*l.* in Manner as aforesaid; which said Deed was executed by M. and attested by six credible Witnesses. D. died in the Life-time of J. S. and then J. S. died, after whose Death M. brought her Bill against W. N. Heir at Law, and Executor of said T. N. to be relieved against the Assignment of her Interest in the said two Powers, offering to pay the said 150*l.* and Interest to this Time: And W. N. brought his Cross Bill against M. to establish the said Assignment, and to have the Benefit of it as to the 2000*l.* Upon hearing of the Causes, Lord Chancellor directed that as to N.'s Demand

mand of 2000*l.* under the Deed of 17 July 1703, that a Case should be made on the said Deeds of the 18 Jan. 1698 and of the 17 July 1703, and that the same should be laid before the Judges of *B. R.* for their Opinion upon these Questions, First, Whether the Deed of the 17 July 1703 be a good Execution of the Power by *M.* to raise the said 2000*l.* Secondly, Supposing it to be a good Execution then when the said 2000*l.* is to be raised. The Judges (a) were of Opinion, (a) viz. Lord Chief Justice Raymond, Page, Reynolds and Probyn J. that the Deed of 17 July 1703 was a good Execution of the Power to raise the 2000*l.* and that the same ought to be raised upon the Death of *J. S. Sclater* and *Travell*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Authority*, (G) and *Ca. 8. P. 427.* but has no Date.

10. The Husband, Tenant for Life, has a Power to make a Jointure on his Wife by Deed under his Hand and Seal. The Husband having a Wife for whom he had made no Provision, and being in the *Isle of Man*, by his last Will under his Hand and Seal devised Part of his Lands within his Power to his Wife for her Life. His Honour held this a good Provision, and the legal Estate being in Trustees, they were decreed to convey an Estate to the Widow for her Life in the Lands devised to her by her Husband's Will. *Mich. 1728. Tollet* and *Tollet*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 489.

and that as a Court of Equity would, had this been the Case of a Copyhold devised, have supplied the Want of a Surrender, so where there is a defective Execution of a Power, be it either for Payment of Debts or Provision for a Wife, or Children unprovided for, he said he would equally supply a Defect of this Nature. That the Difference is betwixt a *Nonexecution* and a *defective Execution of a Power*; the latter will always be aided in Equity under the Circumstances mentioned, it being the Duty of every Man to pay his Debts, and an Husband or Father to provide for his Wife or Child. But this Court will not help the *Nonexecution* of a Power, since it is against the Nature of a Power which is left to the free Will and Election of the Party whether to execute or not, for which Reason Equity will not say he shall execute it, or do that for him which he does not think fit to do himself. *Ibid.* 490.

11. Baron and Feme seised in Fee, in Right of the Feme, by Deed and Fine settled the Premises to the Use of the Baron and Feme for their Lives, Remainder to Trustees, to preserve, &c. Remainder to their first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively, Remainder to their Daughters in Tail general, Remainder to the Husband and Wife; and their Heirs, with a Power to the Husband at any Time during the joint Lives of him and his Wife, by his last Will, or any Writing purporting to be his last Will under his Hand and Seal, attested by three or more credible Witnesses (if he should die before his Wife without any Issue between them then living) to charge the Premises with any Sum or Sums not exceeding 2000*l.* to be paid to such Persons and in such Proportions as he should appoint, with the like Power to the Wife if she should die without Issue in the Life of her Husband. There was no Issue of the Marriage, and the Husband by his last Will attested by three Witnesses, but not sealed, reciting his Power, disposed of the 2000*l.* Two of the Witnesses to the Will swore, that the Will was signed by the Testator in the Presence of all the three Witnesses; but the third swore, that the Testator having written and signed the Will before, called for the Witnesses and declared that Writing to be his last Will, and that all the three Witnesses were then present and subscribed their Names in his Presence. King C. for the Satisfaction of both Parties, and as it was a Matter of Law, referred it to the Judges of *B. R.* and they determined (upon Argument) that the Will was void as a Charge for want of being sealed. *Hil. 1728. Dormer et al'* and *Thurland et al'*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 506 to 511.

First, In respect of the Husband, who could make a Will, and Secondly, In respect of the Wife, who could not make a Will, but only a Writing purporting to be a Will; but for the Satisfaction, &c. referred it *ut supra.*

12. 20 Nov. 1711 J. S. and M. his Wife were admitted to the Copyhold Premises in Question, *Habendum* to them two, and to the Heirs of J. S. In Sept. 1717 J. S. and M. surrendered these Copyhold Premises to the Use of the Wife for Life, and afterwards to such Uses as she by any Writing or by her last Will, attested by three Witnesses, should appoint. M. by a Writing, purporting to be her last Will, and attested by three Witnesses, gave, devised, limited and appointed the Premises to her Daughter in Tail, Remainder to her Brother in Fee. Afterwards M. surviving J. S. (he being attainted of Treason and executed) on her Marriage with a second Husband, by Deed or Writing, attested by two Witnesses only, covenanted to surrender the Premises to the Use of her intended Husband and herself, and the Heirs of the intended Husband, who covenanted within twelve Months to settle an Annuity or Rent-charge of 30*l.* per Annum on M. for Life. The Marriage took Effect, and M. died within the Year. The Husband brought his Bill against the Infant Daughter of M. by her first Husband, to compel her to perform her Mother's Covenant. Lord Chan. King said, that these Articles being for a valuable Consideration, (*viz.*) that of Marriage, tho' not in Strictness pursuant to the Power, yet he would supply the Want of Circumstances in the same Manner as he would the Want of a Surrender; otherwise had the Agreement been voluntary. And decreed the Plaintiff to enjoy; and the Daughter (when of Age) to convey, unless she shews Cause to the contrary within six Months after she attains twenty-one. *Trin.* 1731. *Cotter and Layer*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 623, 625.

13. An Estate (*int' al'*) is devised to J. S. for Life, with Power to make a Jointure (when in Possession) of 100 *l.* per Annum for every 1000 *l.* which any Wife should bring as a Marriage Portion, and so for more, more, &c. The Jointure to be for the Wife's Life, and to commence and take Effect from the Death of the Husband, with the like Power for every Tenant for Life. J. S. previous to his Marriage with M. by Articles, reciting the Power, and thereby in Consideration of 8000 *l.* left M. by her Father's Will, covenanted to settle within a Month after the Marriage 800 *l.* per Annum Jointure on M. for her Life, and also to make an additional Jointure of 100 *l.* per Annum for every 1000 *l.* which he should receive, or be intitled by Virtue of M.'s Father's Will, and so in Proportion for any lesser Sum than 1000 *l.* M. being then an Infant, the Articles were signed by her and her Guardians. The Marriage took Effect, and within a Month a Jointure of 800 *l.* per Annum was settled on M. for her Life. Afterwards J. S. received 1500 *l.* more, and made a further Settlement of 150 *l.* J. S. died without Issue. Defendant, the next Remainder Man, entered upon such Part of the Estate as was not comprehended in the Jointure, M. being by her Father's Will intitled, together with her Sister, to a Moiety of the Surplus of his personal Estate, and likewise by the Will of her Mother having a Right to some Lands in Fee-simple in Ireland. And J. S. dying much indebted, it was prayed by the Creditors Bill that they might have the Benefit of M.'s Share of her Father's and Mother's Estate, and in Lieu and Recompence thereof she might have an additional Jointure made to her after the Rate of 100 *l.* per Annum for every 1000 *l.* which they should recover out of her Estate, towards Payment of their Demands. And M.'s Bill was, that she might have such an additional Jointure made to her pursuant to J. S.'s Covenant, but in Case she could not, then that no Part of her Estate should be taken from her by the Aid of Equity, unless she had the Recompence which it was agreed she should have by her Marriage

Marriage Articles, viz. after the Rate of 100 *l. per Annum* for every 1000 *l.* she should bring. The only Question of Difficulty seemed to be, how far the Power given by the Will for every Tenant for Life to make a Jointure, and the Covenant by *J. S.* to make a Jointure of 100 *l. per Annum* for every 1000 *l.* which *M.* his Wife should bring, in regard it was not executed by *J. S.* in his Life-time, could bind the Defendant the Remainder Man. And *per Lord Chan. King*, the Intention of this Power is to enable every Tenant for Life under the Will to settle a Jointure after the Rate of 100 *l. per Annum* for every 1000 *l.* &c. That accordingly *M.* has had a Jointure of 800 *l. per Annum* for 8000 *l.* and 150 *l. per Annum* for 1500 *l.* which she has brought; and it not appearing that she brought any further Portion to *J. S.* he did not see she could be intitled to any additional Jointure. That it was not reasonable that the Estate for Life of the Defendant, or of any other of the subsequent Remainder Men (who in no Sort claimed under *J. S.*) should be bound or affected by *J. S.*'s Covenant for making a Jointure, any further than the original Power warrants, which is to settle 100 *l. per Annum* for every 1000 *l.* &c. such Wife should bring her Husband. That the Estate of the Testator so carefully settled ought not to be incumbered with Jointures to take Effect upon remote Contingencies, or Possibilities of further Portions coming in, when it does not appear what they are, or when, or whether they will ever come in. On the other hand his *Lordship* did not think it reasonable that *J. S.*'s Creditors should have any Benefit of the Residue of *M.*'s Fortune, if ever *that* should be recovered, in regard she cannot have the Recompence in Consideration whereof it was agreed by the Articles that she should part with it. And decreed her therefore to keep such Overplus of her Estate to herself, without having any additional Jointure out of the Testator's Estate. *Mich. 1731. Holt and Holt, 2 Will. Rep. 648.*

14. A Power arose upon a Settlement made with the Approbation of Trustees by a Person during his Infancy, and confirmed by Act of Parliament. By the Settlement a Power was reserved of charging divers Lands at any Time during his Life with 3000 *l.* He borrowed this Sum of *A.* and having executed his Power while an Infant, died soon after he came of Age. Plaintiff his Son brought his Bill to redeem on Payment of the principal Sum borrowed; but the Court decreed a Redemption on the common Terms of Payment of Principal, Interest and Costs, because here was a Power given to him to raise Money, and immediately to give Security, which was actually done; and altho' (perhaps) had he been of Age at that Time, he should have been obliged to keep down the Interest during his Life; yet being an Infant at the Time intended for the Execution of this Power, and therefore not capable of making his Person liable to any Part of the Engagement, the Land must, from the Necessity of the Thing, have stood engaged for Interest as well as Principal, or it had been impossible for him during his Infancy to have raised any Money at all which the Nature of the Transactions required. *Per his Honour, Hil. 1731. in the Case of Evelin and Evelin et econt'. Cites it as the Case of Lord Kill-* (a) 2 *Salk.*
murry and Dr. Gery, out of 2 Salk. 538 (a). Vide 2 Will. Rep. 603 (b). 538 no State
of the Case,
and reports it *East. 12 Ann. Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 341. Ca. 4.* (b) 603 in the Original, but should be *P. 671.*

15. *H. T. Tenant for Life, with Power to make Leases for Years* His Honour
determinable on three Lives, &c. Remainder to T. T. his Son, for said, that one
Life, of the Leases
claimed by

the Plaintiff is only an Agreement that the Covenantee should enjoy, whereas the Covenant is to make good Leases to be made by the Mortgagee, and not Agreements for Leases, &c. Lord Chancellor said, that as to the

two Leases before the Assignment to the Defendant, the Question is, What Influence the Marriage Settlement and the Covenant of the Mortgagee should have on these two Leases? And held this not good within the Settlement, and by the Mortgage the Power was gone; and as to the Covenant, it must be shewn that the Lease is within the Limitations. A Covenant or Agreement to make a Lease by Mortgagor, is not within the Power which is to make good all Agreements for Leases, but Leases actually made.

As to the two

subsequent Leases, when T. joined in the Assignment and granted all his Estate, &c. this Power under the Covenant was gone. As to the last Lease made by the Receiver under the Order of this Court, tho' by the Order the Receiver was to make Leases generally with Consent of T. that must be with reasonable Restriction, *i. e.* to make Leases in order to receive the Profits annually; and here is a Lease made for a Life upon a Fine much less than the Value, therefore not good; and no Proof of Payment of the Fine nor Possession, which shews it fraudulent. *Ibid.*

(a) I have seen a MS. Rep. of this Case (which I now cannot find), and to the best of my Remembrance this Case is there more clearly stated.

Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 72. Menzies and Walker, East. 1735. S. C. states it thus: Mr. Walker upon his Marriage settled his Estate upon himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife, Remainder to Trustees for a Term of three hundred Years, Remainder to his first, and other Sons; and the Trust

16. *Job Walker*, before his Marriage with R. Daughter of Lord Folliat, settled Lands (amongst other Uses) to Trustees for a Term of Years to provide a Portion for Daughters in Case there should be no Son of that Marriage; with this further Limitation, that if the said Job Walker shall have any Son living at the Time of his Decease, or which shall be after born, then in such Case to raise, pay and satisfy such Sum or Sums of Money for Portion or Portions, and Maintenance of all and every the Child and Children of him the said Job Walker and R. his Wife, begotten or to be begotten, in such Manner and Form, at such Times and under such Limitations as he the said Job Walker, by his last Will, or by any Deed or Deeds in Writing under his Hand and Seal, to be testified by three credible Witnesses, should appoint, so as all the Sums for Portions do not exceed 2000 l. nor those for Maintenance 120 l a Year; and for want of such Limitation and Appointment, the Trustees are by Lease or Mortgage to raise and pay the Sum of 2000 l. for

of the Term was declared to be for the raising such Sum and Sums of Money for the Portion and Portions, and Maintenance of all and every Child and Children of that Marriage (other than an eldest Son), in such Manner and at such Time, and under such Limitations as said Mr. Walker should appoint by his last Will, or by Deed under

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for the Portion of all and every the Child and Children of the said Job and R. in equal Shares, (except only the eldest Son); if Females, at the Age of twenty-one, or Marriage; if Sons, at the Age of twenty-one Years. Job had two Sons and two Daughters, and by his Will, reciting the Power, gave the whole 2000*l.* to his second Son Thomas Folliat Walker, and nothing to the Daughters. Plaintiff purchased the Land from the eldest Son of Job, who had barred an Estate Tail limited to him by the Settlement; and now brought his Bill to know in what Manner and Shares he was to pay the Money charged on the Estate, (and I suppose also to have the Term assigned to him). Thomas the second Son, in Support of the Assignment, attempted to prove that his Sisters were otherwise provided for by their Grandfather Lord Folliat. But this was not properly made out, neither did it appear, that admitting such a Portion, it was made before the Father's Death. And Sir Joseph Jekyll, on hearing the Cause, decreed the 2000*l.* should be equally divided among the younger Children (a). And from this Decree Thomas appealed; and for him were cited 1 Vern. 355, 414. 2 Vern. 513.—*Lister and Robinson, Mich. 1732.* where a Man gave Power to his Wife to devise a Sum of Money to and among such Child and Children, and in such Manner and Proportions to each Child as she should think fit. There were two Children, and the eldest being otherwise provided for, the Wife devised the whole to the younger, and the eldest brought his Bill for his Share; which was dismissed, because the Execution of the Power was reasonable, he being provided for before.—*Austin and Austin, 2 Mar. 1733.* (heard before Lord Chancellor) where the Trust of a Term was declared, "That if Robert Austin the Father shall happen to die, leaving Issue by his Wife a Son, and other Issue then living, then to raise a Sum not exceeding 1500*l.* as soon as may be, for the sole Benefit and Advantage of such Child or Children, (other than the eldest Son of that Marriage, in such Proportions, Manner and Form, in all Respects, as the said Robert Austin shall for such Purpose, by his last Will in Writing, direct, limit and appoint; and in Default of such Direction and Appointment, then to the sole Benefit of such Child, if but one, and if more (other than the eldest) to them equally." Robert Austin by his Will directed the Money to be raised, and appointed 450*l.* of it to Robert one of his younger Sons, and 1050*l.* to his Daughter Jane, but gave nothing to Edward another younger Son, who brought his Bill to be let into a Share of the 1500*l.* but it appearing he was otherwise provided for by Sir George Shute, who had given him an Estate of 4 or 500*l.* per Annum before the making of the Will, and because there was a discretionary Power in the Father which he had exercised in a reasonable Manner, the Bill, after long Consideration, was dismissed.—*Talbot Lord Chancellor: The first Question is, If Job Walker has pursued the Power of the Settlement, and if he has observed the Terms of it? And the second is, If he has exercised it in a reasonable Manner? As to the first, If the Power is not rightly pursued 'tis the same as if there had been no Execution at all, and then the 2000*l.* is to be equally divided by the Direction in the Settlement. The Persons in Favour of whom this Power was created are all and every the Child and Children of Job Walker and his Wife, except the eldest Son, by which 'tis plain the Power, if executed, was intended to be for the Benefit of all the younger Children, and not for such particular Child or Children as the Father should think fit, and therefore, I think, he has not pursued the Power, so that it is not material whether the Disposition be reasonable or not, for the Direction*

Hand and Seal, attested, &c. so as such Sum or Sums do not in the whole amount to above 2000*l.* if but one younger Child, or 3000*l.* if more than one, and so as all the Sums for such Maintenance do not in the whole amount to above 120*l.* per Annum; and for want of such Appointment, then In Trust to raise such Portion or Portions, equally to be divided amongst all his younger Children, Share and Share alike, to be paid to them respectively at the Age of twenty-one, or Day of Marriage. The Testator had three younger Children, and by Will duly executed, reciting that his two Daughters were amply provided for by their Grandfather, he appoints the Sum of 2000*l.* to his second Son. And decreed at the Rolls, that this was not a good Appointment; and affirmed by Lord Chan. Talbot. *Ibid.* 78.

(a) Every one but the Heir is a younger Child. 1 Will. Rep. 244.

rection in the Settlement must take Place. If *A.* has a Power to appoint a Sum of Money to three Persons, and he limits it to one or two of them, no one can say he has observed his Power. Tho' the Father might have made some Difference in the *Quantum*, yet, I think, each must have had something; tho' 'tis not necessary now to determine that Matter. The Reasonableness of such Executions may come under the Consideration of the Court, where the Power has been regularly pursued in the Terms of it, or where the Application is made to supply a defective Execution of it; but there's no Occasion to enter into that now, because this Power is not followed; but if it were to be determined, the Provision of Lord *Folliat* would be a Matter very proper to be considered; for if a Father has a Power to appoint the whole to one, and the rest are sufficiently provided for otherwise, I should think it a great Stretch to set such an Appointment aside for Inequality only, if it was reasonable for the Father so to do, therefore I should send that Matter to a *Master* to enquire whether there was any such Provision from Lord *Folliat* or not. As to the *1 Vern.* 355, 414. it is incorrectly reported, and in the other Cases the Power given to the Party was strictly pursued, and then tho' the Appointment directed more to be paid to one than the other, yet if that was done on reasonable Grounds, what Power could this Court have to controul the Disposition? So Sir *Joseph Jekyll's* Decree was confirmed. *East.* 8 *Geo.* 2. *Mearey and Walker et al'*, *MS. Rep.*—*Note Midmay's Case*, 1 *Co.* 175. *a.* 177. *a.*

17. Where there is a Sum of Money provided for younger Children, and one of the younger Children becomes eldest, he shall have no Part of this Money; but where the Money was by a private Act of Parliament appointed to be among *A. B.* and *C.* (naming them) and *A.* afterwards becomes eldest, he is capable of an Appointment in his Favour. *East.* 1735. *Jermyn and Fellows, Cases in Eq. Temp.* Lord *Talbot* 93.

18. If a Feme Covert assigns her personal Estate in Trust, with a Power to appoint 1500 *l.* to whom she thinks proper; when the Power is executed, the Money vests in the Appointee, as if it had never been comprised in the original Trust. *Mich.* 9 *Geo.* 2. *Manfell et al'* and *Price, at the Rolls*, *MS. Rep.*

19. In this Case was great Variety of Questions, and amongst others these following: *A.* upon his Marriage covenanted, that his Estate should be chargeable with 1000 *l.* for the Benefit of younger Children; and his Wife having an Estate of her own, she and her Husband after Marriage levied a Fine of it, and the Uses declared were, that *A.* and his Wife should have a Power by any Deed or Writing under their Hands and Seals, or the Survivor, by his or her last Will, to appoint and divide the Estate among their younger Children in such Proportions as they or the Survivor should think proper. *A.* survived, and by his Will gave his Daughter (who was the only younger Child) 3000 *l.* which he declared should be in Lieu and in full Satisfaction of the 1000 *l.* covenanted to be raised out of his own Estate, and charged the 3000 *l.* upon his Wife's Estate, intending thereby to execute his Power. Upon this two Points were made, First, If this was a good Execution of the Power. Secondly, If the Covenant upon the Marriage Settlement was discharged. It was urged, that this was a naked Power, and ought to be executed in the very Terms of it, and was compared to a Condition, which must be strictly performed. But resolved *per* Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*, that the Power was in Substance well executed. It is true the direct

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Terms of the Power are not pursued, but the Intent and Design of it are. It is admitted that the Father might have appointed Part of the Estate to be sold, and the Money raised by such Sale, and what is done is exactly the same Thing; this Court may order a Sale. It is the same to the Heir or Remainder Man which Way the Child is to be provided for, only that giving a Portion of the Estate itself might be a Means to tear it to Pieces; whereas now the Estate will be kept entire, and it is better for the Daughter, and perhaps thought so by the Testator, that she should have a Sum of Money than a small Estate; and tho' the Will may not enure as a good Execution of the Power in Strictness, yet within the Meaning and Design of it, it is a good Charge for the young Lady's Benefit; and the Case of *Thwaytes and Dye*, 2 *Vern.* 80. is a very strong one to this Purpose; but still I think this will not discharge the Covenant. Where a Gift is to discharge a former Debt, something should move from the Giver, but here the whole is to arise out of his Wife's Estate; and therefore to satisfy the Father's Covenant, this Declaration is entirely void; however, as an Intention was only to give his Daughter 3000 *l.* and it does not appear she was to have any Thing more, I think only 2000 *l.* ought to be raised upon the Wife's Estate, and the other 1000 *l.* out of *A.*'s own Estate. And it was decreed accordingly. 8 Dec. 1738. *Roberts and Dixall*, before Lord Hardwicke at Lincoln's Inn Hall, *MS. Rep.*

20. *E. H. Tenant for Life, and M. his eldest Son, Remainder Man in Tail of Lands of 900 l. Value*, in 1715 joined in a Settlement (a) on the Marriage of *M.* whereby Part of the Lands were agreed to be to the Use of *E. H.* for Life, Remainder as to the other Part to *M.* for Life, Remainder in that Part which was to *M.* to the Wife for Life, Remainder in the whole to the first and every other Son of *M.* in Tail; provided, that if *C. the Wife of E. H.* should die in his Lifetime, and he should marry any other Wife, that then and so often *E. H.* might settle so much of the Premises as should be of the yearly Value of 603 *l.* per Annum for a Jointure and Provision for such Wife, for and during her natural Life. *C.* died, and *E. H.* intermarried with *J.* and previous to this Marriage, in Consideration thereof, and of 2000 *l.* Fortune, in 1725 a Settlement was made of all the Lands comprised in the first Deed, to Trustees and their Heirs, to hold during the Life of *J.* the intended Wife, On Trust out of the Rents and Profits to raise 100 *l.* a Year for the separate Use of *J.* during the Coverture, and after the Decease of *E. H.* to raise 300 *l.* per Annum for the Benefit of *J.* during her Life, for a Jointure; and upon this farther Trust to permit the Owner of the Premises to receive the Residue of the Profits. In September following, subsequent to the Marriage, another Deed was made by *E. H.* of the same Premises, and to the same Trustees, in like Manner during the Life of *J.* to secure to her another Annuity of 300 *l.* per Annum. In 1731 *E. H.* made another Deed, reciting the said several Deeds, whereby the same Premises were conveyed to the same Trustees, In Trust to raise 100 *l.* per Annum for the separate Use of *J.* during the Coverture, and after *E. H.*'s Decease to raise an Annuity of 600 *l.* per Annum for her Life, by way of Jointure. And it was declared that the above recited Indenture was made to secure the said Sum of 600 *l.* during the Coverture for her separate Maintenance, and after *E. H.*'s Decease to secure to her a Sum not exceeding 600 *l.* per Annum, according to the Power reserved to *E. H.* by the Indenture of 1715. *E. H.* died, *J.* survived him, and thereupon she brought her Bill against *M.* and the Trustees, to have the Benefit of the 600 *l.*

(a) Without suffering a Recovery to dock the Intail under the original Settlement in 1679. Vide *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 110.

per Annum secured to her by the last mentioned Deed. Lord Chancellor said, that the Execution of the Power by the Deed in 1725 was void both in Law and Equity, and decreed that it be referred to the Master, to set out so much of the Lands comprised in the Settlement of 1725 as should be sufficient to make the Plaintiff a Jointure of Lands of 600*l. per Annum.* East. 1740. *Harvey and Harvey, Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 103 to 109. This Decree was affirmed on a Rehearing. *Ibid.* 116.

His Lordship said, that the Rule which had been laid down, that a Wife or Child who comes into Equity to have the Benefit of a defective Execution of a Power, or a defective Provision for them, must be a Wife or Child totally unprovided for, is a wrong Rule. That in Cases on this Subject it has been rightly said by the Court, that the Husband or Father are the proper Judges whether the Wife or Children are

sufficiently provided for or not, and the Court will not examine whether the Provision made was a suitable Provision or not, but will leave it to the Husband or Father to judge when they shall be sufficiently provided for; and was the Court to enter into any Enquiry of that Sort, it must examine into such Circumstances of Families which would not be fit for them to do. If the Father or Husband has said, that they are not sufficiently provided for, and has considered them as such, the Court has considered them in the same Manner; but on the other Hand, the Court has considered whether a Wife or Child has been totally unprovided for, or left in such a Condition as is not fit for their State or Quality, and has given Relief where a sufficient Provision has not been made, but has never relieved by reason of the Excess of it; and tho' it has been said that no Case can be cited for that Purpose, yet the Countess of Oxford's Case, cited in 1 *Chan. Cases* 264. contradicts that Assertion (b). Per Lord Chancellor, East. 1740. in the Case of *Harvey and Harvey*, upon a Rehearing, *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 113. (b) His Lordship said he had directed that that Decree should be searched for, but the Decree could not be found. *Ibid.*

22. If a Power reserved over a legal Estate is executed defectively at first, such a Power may be executed over again, and the last Execution shall stand, because the first is a mere Nullity. Per Lord Chancellor, East. 1740. in *Casu Harvey and Harvey*, *ibid.* 111.

(B) Concerning the Revocation and Extinguishment of a Power.

1. *J. S. voluntarily makes a Lease for ninety-nine Years, In Trust for His Lordship raising 6000*l.* for his Children, with a Power to revoke it with the Consent of his Lady and three of her Friends. Afterwards he having taken this Difference, that if a Man reserves such a Power with the Consent of B. who is his own Relation, or one that may be supposed to be at his Command, that shall be fraudulent within the Statute; but if it be with the Consent of others, as here it is of* Occasion for Money; prevails with his Lady and the other three, to consent to a Revocation, which they did, so far as to charge it with 2000*l.* which *J. S.* borrowed of *A.* and then to be subject to the first Charge. Afterwards *J. S.*'s Lady died. This being settled upon her for her Jointure, the Jointure Settlement took Notice of this Power and the Revocation, and the Mortgage to *A.* but it did not appear either by the Mortgage to *A.* or by the Jointure Deed, whether or no this Revocation was total or not. Lord Chancellor held that this Settlement should not be held fraudulent within the Stat. of 27 *Eliz.* because this was not an absolute Power in *J. S.* but he must have the Consent of his Lady and the other three. *Mich. 1676. Lord Banbury's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 8.*

the Wife's Friends, who cannot be supposed to consent but upon very good Grounds, there it will not be fraudulent. And he cited *Bennet's Case, 19 Jac.* where it was adjudged, that a Grant of an Annuity, with a Power of Revocation, provided he settled an Annuity as good, was not within the Statute; and he said, in that Case Lord *Hobart* held, that if there were a Power to revoke with (on) the Payment of 20*l.* only, that should make it not within the Statute.

2. A Man made a Settlement, with Power of Revocation, and limited new Uses, in the Presence of two or more Witnesses; and he revoked, and limited new Uses by his Will, in the Presence of two Witnesses. And decreed by Lord Chancellor to be good enough; for the Appointing three Witnesses was only that there might be clear Proof that it was done; and here it was clear enough, tho' here were only two Witnesses. *Hil. 1680. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 63.* This seems to me to be the Case of *Sayle and Freeland, 2 Vent. 350. Vide 1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 345. Ca. 15.*

3. Lands were conveyed to Trustees for such Uses as *M.* should direct, limit and appoint. *M.* voluntarily by Writing under her Hand and Seal limited the Uses to the Plaintiff, and (she being a Feme Covert) the Deed was kept in her's or Husband's Hands. Afterwards she destroyed this Deed, and limited the Uses to the Defendant. And there was no Power of Revocation reserved in the Deed to the Plaintiff. And the Question was, Whether she was so bound by the first Limitation that it was not in her Power to alter it? And Lord Chancellor said, that tho' this was a Case of Value, yet there was no Difficulty in it; for when the Power was once executed by Deed, there being no Power reserved by that Deed to revoke or alter it, a subsequent Limitation by another Deed will be void; for the first Deed and the last Will always take Place. But otherwise it is if the Limitation be by Will; for there the Party may make his Will *toties quoties*, and the last shall take Place (a). *Mich. 1680. Anon. MS. Rep.* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 61. *Mich. 1680. Hat-cher and Curtis and Sir Richard Alderson, S. C. in totidem verbis.*

limit a Trust by Deed or Will, if it be once limited by Deed, it can never afterwards be altered; but a Will being of it's own Nature revocable and alterable, it may be revoked or altered as the Party pleaseth, for Trusts are governed by the Rules of Law, tho' the Execution of them is compellable only in this Court; but if the Power reserved to limit by Deed be from Time to Time, then he may limit and revoke *toties quoties*.

4. *J. S.* settles great Part of his Estate upon *A.* with a Power of Revocation by Deed or Will, to be executed in the Presence of six Witnesses, three whereof to be Peers, and upon Tender of 6*d.* About six Years afterwards he makes his Will, attested by six Witnesses, but none of

of them Peers, and gives his Estate to B. and no Tender was made of the 6 d. It was agreed that this was not a legal Revocation, because the Circumstances were not pursued according to the Power, there being no Peers Witnesses to the Will, nor any Tender made of the 6 d. And Lord Keeper, assisted by the two Chief Justices and Baron Parker, delivered their Opinions for A. and that the Deed of Settlement was not revoked by the Will neither in Law nor Equity. *East. 1692 and Mich. 1693. Dutcheffs of Albemarle and The Earl of Bath, 2 Freem. Rep. 121.*

5. Lands settled to the Use of A.'s Wife during her Life, Remainder to B. in Tail, &c. with a Power for A. and his Wife to revoke the Uses, and limit others. A. having Occasion for Money to purchase a Place, prevailed with his Wife to join with him in raising of it by Virtue of the Power, upon a Promise it should be repaid out of the Profits of the Place, and takes the Assignment of the Mortgage Term to himself, and left the Money charged to his younger Children. Decreed for the younger Children, but reversed for the Debt, being the Debt of A. and he having covenanted to repay it, the Term shall attend the Inheritance. *Jan. 8, 1702. Earl of Huntington and Countess, Vin. Abr. Tit. Estate, (B. b. 2.) Ca. 17.*

And per Lord Chancellor, there are two Sort of Powers, one annexed to the Estate as a Power to make Leases, &c. which is destroyed by parting with the Estate; another, which may be termed colla-

teral to the Estate, as this Power of charging it with Money; and this last J. S. would have had, tho' he should have survived the Term of ninety-nine Years, for still he might charge the Premises therewith, so might he have done tho' he had assigned in the Term, but having joined in the new Settlement, he must not now derogate from his own Act, or undo what he has done before. *Ibid. 778.*

His Lordship, in Answer to the Objection that it would be a Breach of Trust in the Trustees to join in such Revocation, said, that it might not be only a justifiable, but commendable Thing in the Trustees, under some Circumstances,

to consent to such Revocation; as suppose the Daughter should be drawn in to marry some very unworthy Man, who should use her in a most barbarous Manner; and the Daughter should afterwards die without Issue, upon which the Husband should sue for the Portion; in this Case it would be very reasonable in the Trustees to join with the Father in revoking these Uses; or suppose the Daughter should leave Children by such Marriage; it would be reasonable for the Trustees, by consenting to the Revocation, to prevent the Portions going to the Husband, and (if practicable) to carry it to the Children of the Daughter, so that this Power seems to be still a subsisting Power, which there may be hereafter very good Reason to put in Execution; and for these Reasons his Lordship thought the Portion remained as yet liable to a Contingency, and therefore not to be raised until this Contingency is out of the Case, which cannot be during the Life of the Father.

7. The Trust of a Term in a Marriage Settlement was for raising 3000 l. Portions for Daughters, in Default of Issue Male, payable at eighteen, or Marriage, or as soon after as the same might conveniently be raised, with a Power for the Father, with Consent of Trustees, to revoke all the Uses. The Wife died, leaving no Son, and only one Daughter, who afterwards married. It was insisted, that when the Portion became absolutely due (as here it was) it would be then too late for the Power of Reversion to divest what was actually vested. But Lord Chan. Macclesfield held the Power of Revocation to be still subsisting, and consequently suspends and prevents the Portion from being as yet payable, because the Father, by the Consent of the Trustees, may revoke at any Time during his Life, and before the Portion

Portion is raised and paid; and if the Term falls, the Trust for raising the Portion must fall also. *Hil. 1722. Reresby and Newland, 2 Will. Rep. 93, 102.*

Father. *Ibid.*
101, 102.

—This Decree was af-

firmed in the House of Lords. *Ibid.* 102.

8. A Settlement was made, with *Power of Revocation by Deed, sealed in the Presence of two Witnesses, and Tender of a Guinea to the Defendant*. The Proof was, that the Party who had this Power being in a Passion with the Defendant, high Words passed between them, and she told him she would undo the Settlement, and in her Anger threw a Guinea upon the Ground. *Per Cur'*, This shall not amount to a Revocation in Equity; but if it had been proved that a Guinea had been deliberately tendered, and the Party had at the same Time declared that she did it with an Intent to revoke the Settlement, altho' the Deed had never been sealed; or if it had been sealed to revoke it, and no Guinea tendered, this Court would have supplied the Defect of one particular Circumstance where it appeared that the Party did deliberately and advisedly intend the Thing, but what was said in Passion the Court will not regard. *Trin. 1688. Arundel and Philpott (a), 2 Freem. Rep. 102.*

2 Vern. 69.
S. C. mentions it as a voluntary Settlement, with *Power of Revocation on Tender of a Guinea*; that she never tendered the Guinea, or ever declared she intended to revoke the former Settlement, which, had she done, and it had been a sober,

solid Act, and done *animo Revocandi*, it would in Equity have been sufficient, tho' it had not all the Formalities mentioned in the Power; and *per Cur'*, this Court may supply an *informal or defective Revocation*; but cannot make a Revocation where there is no Revocation. *Per Lord Chan. Jefferies.*—*Lucas's Rep. 476.* S. C. cited by Mr. Talbot, *East. 8 Geo. 1.* in the Case of *Lady Coventry and Lord Coventry*, says, the Plaintiff could not prevail to set aside the Settlement (even in a Court of Equity) for want of being able to prove the Tender of a Guinea; but being a *Volunteer*, was sent to Law to have it tried *revoked or not revoked*; and at Law the Party was so fortunate as to prove the Tender.—*2 Freem. Rep. 196. Mich. 1693.* S. C. cited *per Mr. Baron Powel*, says, it was held that the Guinea being tendered was no Revocation, the Deed not being executed.

(a) This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

9. Resolved *per Cur'*, that after the Stat. 27 *Hen. 8.* of *Uses*, the Courts of Common Law held, that Powers of Revocations of Estates executed were to be taken strictly, and so if not pursued, they would not impeach or destroy an Estate already executed by legal Conveyances; but in the Courts of Equity they soon found that the Construction was too artificial, and not according to natural Equity, and so they construed those Powers as a Reservation of so much of the antient Dominion of the Estate, to be under the Controul of the Tenant for Life, *et cujus est dare, illius est disponere*; and as often as any such Dominion is reserved, the Tenant for Life may contract about it; and that when a Marriage Contract is made in Contemplation of such a Power, it was a Lien upon the Estate. *East. 8 Geo. in Casu Lady Coventry and Lord Coventry, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 165.*

10. If a Man has a Power of Revocation, and of limiting new Uses, and he grants to new Uses, that has been over and over determined to be a Revocation; but if he has other Lands, then there is something for the Words to operate upon, and will not be a Revocation. If a Man has Lands over which he has a Power of Revocation, and other Lands; if he gives all his Lands, that will not amount to a Revocation, in respect of the Lands over which he has a Power, because the Words may be satisfied as to the other Lands. *Trin. 11 Geo. 1. 21 July 1725. Degg and Earl of Macclesfield, Select Cases in Chan. 44.*

11. *J. S.* Tenant for Life of Lands in *Dale*, with a Power by any Instrument in Writing, attested by two or more credible Witnesses, to revoke these Uses. *J. S.* by Will, attested by three Witnesses, expressly devised all his Lands in *Dale* to *B.* and *C.* to different Uses, &c. *J. S.* had no other Lands in *Dale* excepting these Lands. Upon a Re-

ference to the Judges of C. B. they determined that the Will operated as a Revocation of the Power, tho' the Will made no Mention of the Power. *Trin. 1727. Deg and Deg, 2 Will. Rep. 412, 415.*

(a) Without any Recital of the Power in the Deed of Revocation. *MS. Rep.*

12. A Conveyance to *different (a) Uses* is an effectual Revocation. *June 1730. Fitzgerald and Lord Fauconberge, Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 215.*

C A P. LXXXII.

Precedents.

(b) *East. 22*
Car. 2. in

(A) Precedents regarded in the Law (b).

Chan. Vaughan C. J. in the Case of *Fry and Porter*, said, he wondered to hear of citing of Precedents in Matters of Equity, for if there be Equity in a Case, that Equity is an *universal Truth*, and there can be no Precedent in it; so that in any Precedent that can be produced, if it be the same with this Case, the Reason and Equity is the same in itself; and if the Precedent be not the same with this Case, it is not to be cited, but not to that Purpose. But *Bridgeman* Lord Keeper said, certainly Precedents are very necessary and useful to us, for in them we find the Reason of the Equity to guide us; and, besides, the Authority of those who made them is much to be regarded. We shall suppose they did it upon great Consideration, and weighing of the Matter, and it would be very strange and very ill if we should disturb and set aside what has been the Course for a long Series of Time and Ages.—Lord Chief Baron *Hale* said, he knew there is no *intrinsic* Difference in Cases by Precedents, but there is a great Difference in a Case wherein a Man is to make, and where a Man sees (and is to follow a Precedent); in the one Case a Man is more strictly bound up, but in the other he may take a greater Liberty and Latitude, for if a Man be in Doubt in *Æquilibrio* concerning a Case, whether it be equitable or no, in Prudence he will determine according as the Precedents have been, especially if they have been made by Men of good Authority for Learning, &c. and have been continued or pursued. *Mod. 307.*—A Counsellor ought not to be heard to speak against common Precedents. *1 Show. 124. Cites 13 Hen. 7. 23.*

It is dangerous to alter old established Forms. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, East.*

1. **T**HE altering settled Rules concerning Property is the most dangerous Way of removing Land Marks. *Per Lord Chief Justice Parker, Hil. 1717. in the Case of Goodright and Wright, 1 Will. Rep. 399.*

1736. in the Case of *Hunter and Maccray, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 196.*

2. Where Things are settled and rendered certain, it will not be so material how, as long as they are so, and that all People know how to act. *Per Lord Chief Justice Parker, Trin. 1718. in the Case of Butler and Duncombe, 1 Will. Rep. 452.*

3. Lord Chan. *Talbot* said, he thought it much better to stick to the known general Rules than to follow any one particular Precedent which may be founded on Reasons unknown to us; such a Proceeding would confound all Property; and then citing the Case of *Lady Laneborough and Fox*, as of the strongest Authority to the Case in Point, his Lordship said, that tho' it had not been in the House of Lords he should have thought himself bound to go according to the general and known Rules of Law. *Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 26, 27.*

C A P. LXXXIII.

Presentation and Collation.

1. **D**efendant *A.* and others were Trustees of an Advowson by Settlement, Upon Trust to present such Person as the Heir of J. S. should by Writing under Hand and Seal nominate, and in Default of such Nomination, to present in their own Right, as they should think fit. The Church becomes void, and the Heir of J. S. is about nine Months old. The Trustees contend that the Infant is not capable of nominating by Writing, &c. and that therefore they have Right to present *Proprio Jure*, &c. Bill was brought by the Infant to compel the Trustees to present according to his Nomination, &c. Injunction was granted as to Defendants to restrain them from presenting without Leave of the Court, and an Order that the Archbishop of York (the Ordinary) should not admit, &c. And the Question was, Whether this Order would prevent the Archbishop from collating when the six Months for presenting expired, or that there should be a particular Order to restrain the Archbishop from collating, &c. And after a good deal of Debate it was agreed by Lord Chancellor *et omnes*, that the Order to prevent Admission was sufficient to prevent Collation, because Collation was Admission, Institution, and every Thing but Induction; and at Law, upon a *Quare Impedit* and *Ne admittas*, the Ordinary cannot collate or take Advantage; and this Order is in its Nature an English *Ne admittas*. And as to the Question, Whether the Bishop in this Case could take Advantage of Lapse or not, Lord Chancellor held clearly that he could not; for as at Law Lapse was prevented by a *Ne admittas*, so when the Title is in Equity, the Bishop is equally restrained and prevented of Lapse by an Order not to admit pending the Dispute in this Court. And this was observed to have happened several Times before in the Case of Mortgagor and Mortgagee, where the Mortgagee having the legal Title pretended to present, whereas in Equity the Presentation or the Right of Nomination belongs to the Mortgagor. As to the main Point, Lord Chancellor seemed strongly to incline that the Nomination by the Infant was good; for, by Law, Infants of never so tender Age are to present, and theirs, and all other Presentations, are usually in Writing, and cannot be otherwise (but) when the Infant cannot speak, &c. But a Difference was endeavoured to be put, that here was a particular Method prescribed by the Trust, *viz.* by Writing under Hand and Seal, &c. which must suppose the Person who created the Trust did intend the Heir to nominate, and should exercise a Discretion, and be capable of knowing as well as executing a Writing, &c. *Mich. 4 Geo. 2. Arthington and Sir Walter Coverly et al (a), Vin. Abr. Tit. Collation, (A) Ca. 10. P. 550.*

(a) Vide Tit. Infant, P. 518. Ca. 3. Hil. 6 Geo. 2. S. C. from a MS. Rep.

C A P. LXXXIV.

Prohibition.

Salk. 672.
the same Point
argued, but
no Resolution.

1. COX was libelled against in the Spiritual Court at *Exeter* for teaching School without a Licence from the Bishop, and on Motion an Order was made to shew Cause why a Prohibition should not go, and in the mean Time all Things to stay, which Order was from Time to Time continued, and it being now moved to discharge the Order, Lord Keep. *Wright* declared, that he always was, and still is of Opinion, that the keeping of School is by the old Laws of *England* of Ecclesiastical Cognizance; and therefore discharged the Order for a Prohibition. But being moved, that the Libel was for teaching School generally, without shewing what School, and that the Court Christian could not have Jurisdiction of *Writing Schools, Reading Schools, Dancing Schools, &c.* which his Lordship assenting to granted a Prohibition as to the teaching of all Schools but Grammar Schools, which he thought to be of *Ecclesiastical* Cognizance. *Mich. 1700. Cox's Case, 1 Will. Rep. 29.*

(a) Vide Salk.
549. And
1 Will. Rep.
657. *Saunders*
and
Clagget in
B. R.

2. If one be sued in an inferior Court for a Matter out of the Jurisdiction, the Defendant may either have a Prohibition from one of the Common Law Courts out of *Westminster-Hall*, or in regard this may happen in the Vacation, when only the Chancery is open, he may move that Court for a Prohibition; but then it must appear by Oath, that the Fact did arise out of the Jurisdiction, and that the Defendant tendered a Foreign Plea, which was refused. And if a Prohibition has been granted out of Chancery *improvidè*, and without these Circumstances attending it, the Court will grant a *Supersedeas* thereto. But in case it shall happen on the Face of the Declaration, that the Matter is out of the Jurisdiction of the Court, then a Prohibition will be granted, *without* Oath of having tendered the Foreign Plea. And in these Cases Equity imitates the Common Law (a); and in a late Case, which was moved the last Seal after *Trinity* Term, where the Court had granted a Prohibition to an Action brought in the Courts at *London*, upon an Affidavit that the Matter arose out of the Jurisdiction, it appearing at another Day that the Defendant had imparled generally (which admitted the Jurisdiction), and so could not afterwards be allowed to plead a Foreign Plea, the Court granted a *Supersedeas* to the Writ of Prohibition. *Trin. 1718. Anon. ibid. 476.*

C A P. LXXXV.

Purchasor.

- (A) Who is deemed a Purchasor in Equity.
- (B) Purchasors, in what Cases favoured in Equity.
- (C) Where a Purchasor pleads himself such for a valuable Consideration, &c.
- (D) Purchasors, in what Cases affected; — And here of Purchasors without Notice, and of presumptive Notice.
- (E) Dispute, Interest, Vendor and Vendee.

(A) Who is deemed a Purchasor in Equity.

1. **T**HE Wife joins with her Husband in letting in an Incumbrance on her Jointure Lands, and barring the Estate-tail, and then limits the *Uses to the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life for her Jointure, Remainder to the Sons of them two in Tail, then to the Daughters in Tail*. The Husband died without Issue Male, leaving two Daughters of that Marriage. *Per Lord Keep. Wright*, the Daughters are not Purchasors so as to shut out a Judgment Creditor of the Husband's, antecedent to the Barring of the Estate-tail (a). *Trin. 1700. Ball and Burnford, Prec. in Chan. 113.* (a) His Lordship observed that the Wife's joining to bar her Jointure, and letting in the Incumbrance, (tho' this might have been a good Consideration) was not expressed in the Deed to be any Consideration for settling the Estate upon the Daughters, so that the same was a voluntary Gift of the Wife to the Husband, and therefore the Daughters Estate must be taken to be voluntary, and so a Judgment Creditor ought to have the Assistance of this Court before them. *Ibid. 114.*

2. Every Lessee is a Purchasor. *Per Lord Chancellor, Mich. 10 Geo. 1. in the Case of Ashton and Bretland, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 59.*

3. J. S. seised in Fee, settled his Estate in 1712 to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to B. in Tail, but with Power of Revocation by any Writing attested by three Witnesses. In 1715 J. S. by Deed, attested by two Witnesses only, reciting that he was indebted, as in a Schedule annexed, conveyed his Estate to W. R. and W. S. and their Heirs, *In Trust to pay his said Debts by the Profits, Mortgage or Sale, and after Payment thereof to pay the Overplus, and reconvey such Part as should be unsold to him the said J. S. or such other Person, and for such Uses, as he by any Writing, signed and sealed by him, attested by two Witnesses, should direct*. J. S. died without Issue, but left B. and C. the Daughters of two Sisters, his Heirs at Law. The Deed of 1715 was kept private till after the Death of W. S. the surviving Trustee, in 1724, and was then laid before the Counsel, who directed that the Heir of W. S. should assign the legal Estate to the Trustees in the Deed of 1712, which was done. Afterwards in 1726, upon a Treaty of Marriage between Lord Fauconbridge and B. a

Marriage Settlement was prepared by the same Counsel as Counsel for Lord *Fauconbridge*, who made a Settlement on *B.* in Consideration of the great Estate in Land which he was to have with her. The surviving Trustee in the Deed of 1712 joined in this Marriage Settlement. *C.* brought a Bill, claiming a Moiety of this Estate of *J. S.* as Coheirss with *B.* for that the Deed in 1715 was a Revocation of the Deed in 1712. Lord *Fauconbridge* pleaded that he was a Purchasor under the Deed of 1712, without Notice of that in 1715, and that the Settlement made by him on *B.* was in Contemplation of that Settlement in 1712; and that the surviving Trustee in that Settlement was Party to the Marriage Settlement; and that tho' the *Purchase was not of the legal Estate, but the Trust only*, that will make no Difference, according to *Wilker and Bodington's Case*, 2 *Vern.* 599. and that neither will it differ the Case, tho' there was no actual Conveyance; for as the Trustees in the Deed in 1712 always acted under that Deed for *B.* that Trust shall subsist as to himself who is a fair Purchasor, and that he shall not be affected by *constructive* Notice to his Counsel, as having been advised with on these two Deeds in 1724; for that it must be intended that at the Time of the Counsel's being concerned for him, which was in 1726, he had forgot that he had ever seen this Deed of 1715, there being an Interval of two Years between his first seeing it and his being Counsel for Lord *Fauconbridge*. And for these Reasons the Court held that this could not be Notice to his *Lordship*. — Lord Chief Baron *Reynolds* (who assisted the *Lord Chancellor*) held, that the Lord *Fauconbridge* could be a Purchasor of no more than *B.* had, as no actual Conveyance was made to him. The *Master of the Rolls* said, that to be a Purchasor in the Notion of Equity there must be an actual Contract, and a Consideration paid, and therefore if at the Time of the Marriage the Deed of 1712 stood revoked, the Trustees should be seised only of a Moiety for the Use of *B.* and consequently Lord *Fauconbridge* can be a Purchasor of no more. Lord *Chancellor* decreed a Moiety of the Estate, and an Account of the Rents and Profits to *C.* since the Death of *J. S.* 12 June 1730. *Fitzgerald and Lord Fauconbridge. Vide Lilly's Pract. Conv.* 391 to 402. and *Fitz-Gibb. Rep.* 207.

(B) Purchasors, in What Cases favoured in Equity.

For here *J. S.* I. *J. S.* bought an Estate of *A.* and upon the Bargain it was agreed that a Recovery should be suffered within three Years; and *J. S.* paying his Money before the Recovery was suffered, took a Bond of *A.* that if the Recovery was not suffered in three Years, that then *J. S.* reconveying the said Lands should be repaid his Money. *A.* tenders a Recovery, but before it was suffered a third Person makes a Title

three Years Time, *J. S.* reconveying his Estate; and here the Recovery being suffered, he hath no Pretence by his own Agreement to have it repaid, and this Court cannot help him, unless it should take upon itself where any Man had a bad Bargain, or was cheated in his Title, to help him to his Money again; and here being no Manner of Fraud or Surprise in the Case, if he be not helped by his Covenants, he shall not be helped in Equity; but for the Matter of Reconveying, his *Lordship* held, that if *J. S.* should reconvey such Title as he had from them, be it more or less, or none at all, yet being a Relative to convey, it would have been well enough; but here the Recovery being suffered according to the Agreement, tho' nothing passed by it, he held the Party had well performed his Agreement; and so no Reconveying nor Repayment of the Money to be made. *Ibid.* — In this Case of *Serjeant Meynard* it was said per Mr. *Attorney General* (and seems to be admitted) that if a Man sells another's Lands, and covenants to discharge it of such particular Incumbrances, and before the Payment of the Money other Incumbrances are discovered, this will prevent any Suit for the Money till all

Title to the Land, and thereupon J. S. exhibited his Bill *to have the Money repaid*. But Lord Chancellor said, he could give no Relief. *East. 1676. Serjeant Maynard's Case, 2 Freem. Rep. 1, 2.*

the Incumbrances are discharged.

Ibid. 2.

And if there

be no Covenants against any Incumbrances, yet, if before Payment of the Money any are discovered, the Party may retain his Money 'till they are cleared, *per Mr. Keck*, and agreed to *per Lord Chancellor*. But it was said by Sir John King, and not denied *per Cur'*, that those must be Incumbrances made by the Vendor himself, or otherwise the Party cannot detain the Money, unless they be covenanted against. *Ibid. 2.*

2. Equity will never assist against a Purchasor. *April 4, 1707. Party al' Perry and Ryley, Vin. Abr. Tit. Purchasor, (B) Ca. 1. P. 112.*

3. Purchasor for a valuable Consideration *without* Notice shall not be impeached, especially where a Settlement has been since made in his Favour. *May 14, 1717. Rochford and Nugent, Vin. Abr. Tit. Purchasor, (C) Ca. 1. P. 115.*

4. A. made a Purchase before a Master in Chancery for 10,500 *l.* and deposited 1000 *l.* Upon it's being prayed, that A. might complete his Purchase, he offered to lose his Deposit, and not to proceed. Decreed by Macclesfield C. that A. should lose his Deposit, and be discharged of his Contract. *Mich. 1721. Savile and Savile, 1 Will. Rep. 745.* And P. 746 in a Note says, that the same Point was determined some little before in *Merret and Bennet*, and *Dr. Tennison* and *Lord Bulkley*.

His Lordship observed, that a Court of Equity ought to take Notice under what a general Delusion the Nation was at the Time of this Contract made, (*viz.* in the South-Sea Year) when People put imaginary Values on Estates. *Ibid.*

5. It is a known and established Rule in Equity, that from the Time of the Contract the Vendor is a Trustee for the Vendee 'till the Conveyance is executed, and if the Vendor should afterwards sell the same Lands to another, having Notice of the precedent Contract, Equity still transfers the Trust, and the first Vendee may in such Case bring his Bill against the second Vendee for a specifick Performance. *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. Lucas's Rep. 527.*

6. J. S. was Tenant for Life, Remainder to A. his Son in Tail, Remainder to J. S. in Fee, of an Estate computed worth 7000 *l.* A. being thirty Years of Age, in J. S.'s Life-time articted to sell the Estate for 3300 *l.* to be paid when he should come into Possession of it, together with Interest for the same from the Time of the Articles to the Time when he should be in Possession. J. S. dies within two Years after the Agreement made, so that the Interest amounted to little. A. on his coming into Possession completed his Agreement, and now brought his Bill to be relieved. It was insisted for the Purchasor that there was a great Difference between defeating an Agreement and carrying it into Execution; in the one Case it is asking a Favour, in the other merely insisting on a Right. And *per Lord Commissioners Raymond and Gilbert*, Had the Bargain been to have paid down 3300 *l.* when he came into the Possession of the Estate, this would not have really been a Purchase of the Reversion, but of an Estate in Possession, as the Payment and Possession were to be at the same Time; and in that Case on Account of the great Over-value would relieve. That had the Bargain been to pay so much down in Ready Money, it would undoubtedly have been good, otherwise there is an End of all Sales of Reversions; and that this is the same as buying the Reversion for present Money paid, and will be considered as so much Money put out at Interest by himself, and the same as if he had immediately received it and lent it to the Vendor at Interest. That the Interest might have run to the Value of the Estate, tho' it has happened otherwise, which was a Chance on both Sides, and is it consistent with Common Sense, that a present Agreement should be varied by future Accidents? They must be considered as they are in themselves, without any Thing extrinick. That Bargains for Sales of reversionary Estates by

Heirs

Heirs are never set aside but on Account of Prodigality. That nothing of that appears in the present Case, but the Reverse; for it appears that both the Father and the Son were in bad Circumstances. *East*, 11 *Geo*, 1. 1725. *Dews and Brandt, Select Cases in Chan.* 7, 8.

7. A Bill was brought against Defendant to have the Benefit of a Decree obtained against *L.* for Recovery of a Leasehold Estate held of the Dean and Chapter of *St. Paul's*. Defendant was a Purchasor of this Estate *pendente lite* from Defendant *L.* viz. about three Months after the Bill was filed against *L.* and a *Subpœna* served upon him, and he in Contempt for not answering; but it was proved that the Defendant was a Purchasor for the full Value, and without any Notice of the Plaintiff's Title, or of the Suit. And per Lord Chan. King, Where there is a Conveyance made *pendente lite*, without any valuable Consideration, and to avoid and elude a Decree, tho' it ought to be highly discountenanced, and even tho' the Alienation be for ever so good a Consideration, yet if made *pendente lite*, the Purchase is to be set aside, and this in Imitation of the Proceedings in a real Action at Law, where, if the Defendant aliens after the Pendency of the Writ, the Judgment in the real Action will over-reach such Alienation. But where there is a real and fair Purchasor without any Notice, it is a very hard Case, especially in a Court of Equity, to set such Purchase aside; and there being some Defect in Part of the Proof in derailing the Plaintiff's Title, his Lordship refused to give the Plaintiff Leave to amend or make any new Proof after Publication. His Lordship said, it was a difficult Matter to search for Bills in Equity, or to be able to get Notice of them, many of them being, after filed, kept in the Six Clerk's Desk, and tho' this Court will oblige all to take Notice of its Decrees as much as of Judgments, yet there does not seem to be the same Reason for obliging People to take Notice of the filing of a Bill; so dismissed the Bill, but without Costs, it being a Slip in Proof. *Trin.* 1728. *Sorrell and Carpenter*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 482.

8. *A.* enters into a Judgment to *B.* and *C.* which is defeazanced to the Use of *D.* and in the Defeazance *A.* covenants for himself, and his Heirs, to pay to *D.* the *Cestuy que Trust* and her Heirs; afterwards *A.* sells Part, and the other Part descending to the Heir, he married and had Children; *B.* one of the Trustees, died; *C.* the surviving Trustee, makes *A.* the Conusor of the Judgment, Executor; *D.* the *Cestuy que Trust*, brings a Bill against the Executors of *A.* the Heir at Law, and the Purchasor, for Relief, not being able to recover at Law, the Conusor being made Executor; but no Relief. Lord Chan. King said, tho' it be a mere Accident and a Slip by the Conusor's being made Executor, yet Equity will not interpose or give any Assistance to affect a Purchasor; and bid them recover at Law as they could. *Oct.* 27, 1730. *Harvy and Woodhouse, Select Cases in Chan.* 80.

And it must be such a reasonable Title as every Purchasor would expect. *Ibid.*

9. If *A.* contracts for the Purchase of an Estate, and is not absolute Owner of it, nor has it in his Power by the ordinary Course of Law or Equity to make himself so, tho' the Owner offers to make the Seller a Title, yet Equity will not force the Buyer to take it, for every Seller that will have such a Bargain executed must be *bonâ fide* a Contractor. *Mich.* 5 *Geo.* 2. *Tendring and London, in Scac'*, *MS. Rep.*

His Lordship said, it is very proper that a Will disposing of Lands should be

10. *J. S.* mortgaged his Lands for near the Value, and owing other Debts, he made his Will, and thereby devised all his real Estate to *A.* and *B.* and their Heirs, *In Trust* to sell and pay his Debts and Legacies,

proved in Equity, especially in the Case of a modern Will. But this is not absolutely necessary to make out the Title, any more than it would be to prove a Deed in Equity, by which an Estate is settled from the Heir at Law after the Ancestor's Death. The Will prevents and breaks the Descent to the Heir as much as a Deed,

cies, and the Residue was to go to his Brother G. his Heir at Law, who was beyond Sea in the Service of the *East-India* Company. After the Testator's Death, B. alone covenanted by Articles with W. to sell him Part of the Trust Estate, and W. covenanted to pay Interest for the Purchase Money from such a Time, and entered on Part of the Premises. The Creditors of the Testator brought a Bill to compel W. to compleat his Purchase, that they might be paid their Debts. W. said he believed J. S. the Testator did duly execute his Will, and devised the Premises to be sold, and admitted the Articles, and that he was ready to proceed in his Purchase, *all proper Parties joining*. The Will was proved in this Court to be duly executed, but the Heir who was beyond Sea, tho' made a Defendant, yet had not appeared to, or answered the Bill, and W. tho' he was at first willing to purchase the Premises, and had entered on good Part thereof, yet the other Part of this Estate, on which he had not entered, being much out of Repair, the Tenants racked, and the Rents likely to fall, he was now desirous of being discharged from his Purchase. . King C. decreed W. to pay the rest of the Purchase Money, with Interest according to the Articles, and that the Trustees and Mortgagee join in proper Conveyances to him. It seems in this Case to have been a great Help to the Title, that the Mortgage made by the Testator, and prior to the Will, was the greatest Part of the Purchase Money, which must be kept on Foot for the Protection of the Title. *Trin. 1733. Calton and Wilson et al', 3 Will. Rep. 190.*

and the Hands of the Witnesses to the Will may be as well proved as those to a Deed, and it is the better, if in the Indorsement (*Attestation*) to the Will it is mentioned that the Will is attested by three Witnesses, who subscribed their Names in the Presence of the Testator. Now, as it would be no Objection to a Title, if a modern Deed, on which the Title depended, was not proved in Equity, why should it be so in the Case of

a Will, where the same appears to be duly attested by three Witnesses, whose Names are mentioned to have been subscribed in the Presence of the Testator? But in the present Case it appears the Defendant, who articted for the Purchase, knew at that Time the Heir was beyond Sea, and still accepted the Title, without insisting that the Heir should join, or that the Will should be proved against the Heir; also, the Defendant admits by his Answer, that the Will was duly executed, and by entering upon great Part of the Estate, has himself executed the Purchase; for which Reason it was decreed *ut supra*.

11. Where it appears that Articles for a Purchase are unfairly obtained, tho' not to such a Degree of Unfairness as to set them aside, yet, if upon the Prospect of having the Articles performed the Purchasor (who is in Possession) has improved the Estate, it is reasonable he should have Allowance for *lasting* Improvements, provided he deliver up the Articles, and account for the Profits; but if he goes to Law, he must not expect it. *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Hil. 1736. Savage and Taylor, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 234, 236.*

(C) Where a Purchasor pleads himself such for a valuable Consideration, &c.

1. **A**N Heir exhibited a Bill for Discovery of Evidences concerning Lands that were his Ancestor's; the Defendant swore that he was a Purchasor of the Lands; and the Heir demanded a Sight of his Deeds and Writings. But *per Lord Chancellor*, he shall not see them; for altho' the Heir *prima facie* hath a legal Title, he may go into a Court of Law if he pleases, *but this Court will not compel the shewing of Writings to any Person, unless he hath an equitable Title, as a Mortgagee, &c. and that is the Difference between a legal and an equitable Estate.* *Trin. 1677. Sir John Burlace and Cooke, 2 Freem. Rep. 24.*

2. A Bill was preferred for Discovery of Title and Writings. The Defendant pleads that he was a Purchasor for a valuable Consideration *without* Notice of the Plaintiff's Claim, and so demurs. The Plea

(a) And so it was held in one *Snag's Case*. *Ibid.*

Hil. Vac. 1674 the Plea (or Motion) was held good by Lord Keep. *Finch*, and all the subsequent Proceedings set aside. *Ibid.*

was ruled to be ill, *per Lord Chancellor*, because he did not set forth the particular Consideration; but if that had been expressed, it had been good (a). *Mich.* 1678. *Millard's Case*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 43.

3. Defendant pleaded himself a Purchasor for a valuable Consideration, but ruled no good Plea, in regard he did not plead himself a Purchasor from some of the Plaintiff's Ancestors; for a Purchase from a Stranger, without Title, was held no good Plea; and therefore the Defendant was ordered to answer. *Per Lord Keep. Bridgman, Hil.* 1670. *Seymer and Nosworthy*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 128.—3 *Chan. Rep.* 40. *Hil.* 1669. *S. C.*—*Nelf. Chan. Rep.* 135. *S. C.*

4. A Bill was to redeem Lands mortgaged in 1694 to the Defendant's Grandfather by the Plaintiff's Father for five hundred Years, to be void on Payment of 126 *l.* and Interest. The Defendant pleads, that he is a Devisee of those Lands under his Grandfather's Will, who in 1692 purchased them for a two hundred Years Term without Condition of Redemption, and had enjoyed fifteen Years quiet Possession. But the Court over-ruled the Plea, for the Defendant's not answering sufficiently as to the Mortgage; and the Plea of the Purchase may be true, for it may be only a Term for Years to attend the Inheritance. *Hil.* 12 *Geo. 1.* *Meder and Birt, Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 185.

5. A Purchasor for a valuable Consideration, *without Notice*, having as good Title to Equity as any other Person, this Court will never take any Advantage from him, and consequently will not grant a Discovery against him of the only Equity he has to defend himself by, which if he should be obliged to discover, the other Party would immediately take Advantage of it; and there certainly may be Cases where a Purchasor for a valuable Consideration, *without Notice* of an Act of Bankruptcy, shall not be obliged in this Court to discover any Thing, (whether Incumbrances that he has got in, or any other Thing) but all Advantages shall be left him to defend him by. Suppose two Purchasors *without Notice*, and the second by Chance gets hold of an old Term, he shall defend himself thereby against the first, who still is as much a Purchasor for a valuable Consideration as himself; I do not therefore think a Purchasor for a valuable Consideration, *without Notice* of the Bankruptcy, is to be relieved against in this Court within 21 *Jac. 1.* *Per Lord Chan. Talbot, Hil.* 1734. in the Case of *Collet and De Gols and Ward, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot* 69.

(b) Mr. Pigott the Conveyancer perused a Settlement, and afterwards drew another

of the same Lands, but at such a Distance of Time that he had forgot the Contents of the former Settlement; and upon a Plea of a Purchasor without Notice on the latter Settlement, the Question was, If this Notice to Mr. Pigott of a Thing he had forgotten was sufficient to affect the Principal? And upon great Consideration, and upon examining Mr. Pigott in Court, it was held by Lord Chan. King, assisted by several of the Judges, that it was not; for, when the Thing had slipped out of his Memory, he was as if he never had any Notice at all of the Thing. And Talbot Lord C. in the Case of the Attorney General and Gower, said, no Man was obliged to remember a Thing for ever; and that this Determination was perfectly right (c). *MS. Notes.*—Docketting of a Judgment, held by Lord Chan. Talbot not to amount to constructive Notice, for Judgments are infinite (d). *MS. Notes.*—If A. sells an Estate, and takes a promissory Note for Part of the Purchase Money, and then the Purchasor sells to B. who has Notice that A. had not received all his Purchase Money, the Land in Equity is chargeable in the Hands of B. with the Money due on the Note. *Gibbons and Baddall (e), MS. Rep.*—Note; Notice must be denied positively, and not evasively. *MS. Notes.* (c) *Quare* Term and Year. (d) *Quare* Term and Year. (e) *Quare* Term and Year.

(D) Purchasors, in what Cases affected (b);—and here of Purchasors without Notice, and of presumptive Notice.

1. Voluntary Articles shall never be set aside against an absolute Purchasor, altho' such Purchasor had Notice by being a Party to the Articles. But *Quare*; for there was another Point in the Case, which

which might be the Foundation of the Judgment. *Jan. 14, 1702. Powell and Pleydel, Vin. Abr. Tit. Purchasor, (D) Ca. 5.*

2. *A.* devised Freehold Lands to his Brother *B.* In Trust for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, and makes the Defendant his Executor, and dies. But the Will not being furnished with Words requisite for passing the Lands, they descended to the Heir, who entered. The Testator being indebted to some Persons upon Judgments and Bonds, and to others upon simple Contracts, the Executor paid off the Debts upon Judgments and Bonds out of the personal Estate, leaving the Debts upon simple Contract undischarged. The Heir conveys the Lands to the Defendant for a valuable Consideration. Plaintiff, a simple Contract Creditor, exhibits his Bill for an Account of the personal Estate, to be satisfied out of that, and if the personal Estate falls short, then to be satisfied out of the real Estate; making his Equity, that Defendant had Notice of his Demand before the Purchase; and that if the Judgment Debts and Bond Debts had been answered out of the real Estate, which they affected, then there would have been a Fund sufficient to answer Plaintiff's Demand. Insisted for Defendant, that the Judgment Debts and Bond Debts are to be satisfied before simple Contracts; and if the Executor had discharged the simple Contract Debts, and left the other undischarged, it would have been a Devastavit in him. As to the Notice, it was denied that there was any. And then the Case is no more than this: A Man being indebted, and his Debts being of that Nature as to affect the Lands, dies, and leaves Lands which descend to the Heir; if the Heir doth sell before an Original brought, or Bill exhibited, the valuable Purchasor without Notice shall not be charged; and the Defendant being Executor, doth not alter the Case. But *Lord Chancellor* said, he thought the Purchasor in the Case very much affects it; for he could not suppose him to be ignorant of the Plaintiff's Equity. Here are Debts due upon Bonds, and personal Debts, and the Executor hath Assets in his Hands to discharge the latter, and he hath Notice of the real Estate and the Incumbrances; he ought to manage so, that the personal Debts shall be discharged; and the Heir to take Care of the Debts Lien upon the Lands. Decreed an Account to be taken of the personal Estate; and his *Lordship* said, if that prove insufficient, then the Question will arise Whether the Purchasor or the Executor is liable to the Demand? He said, the Case was strong in it's Circumstances, that there was a good Understanding between the Heir and the Executor; however, strict Justice requires that the *Master* inquire of the Notice. If the personal Estate proves deficient, he thought it highly reasonable he should answer so much as was applied to Judgment and Bond Debts; and said, he should so decree; but he found the Heir at Law was insolvent. *Trin. 7 Ann. Hunt and Bletroe, MS. Rep.*

3. In the Case of *Peach and Winchelsea*, *Lord Cowper* seemed to be of Opinion, That in Case of a Covenant to convey Land, the Money being paid, a Judgment confessed to a Creditor, between the Time of the Covenant and the Conveyance, should not affect the Purchasor, because

If one article to buy an Estate, and pays his Purchase Money, in and afterwards the

Vendor acknowledges a Judgment or Statute to a third Person, who had no Notice, yet this Judgment shall not, in Equity, affect the Estate, because from the Time of the Articles, and Payment of the Money, the Vendor would be only a Trustee for the Purchasor. Said *arg'*, and admitted, and affirmed *per Lord Chan. Cowper, Trin. 1715.* in the Case of *Finch and Earl of Winchelsea*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 278.—But Articles made for a valuable Consideration, and the Money paid, will, in Equity, bind the Land and prevail against any Judgment Creditor, Mesne betwixt the Articles and the Conveyance; but this must be where the Consideration paid is somewhat adequate to the Thing purchased; for, if the Money paid is but a small Sum in respect of the Value of the Land, this shall not prevail over a Mesne Judgment Creditor. *Per Lord Chan. Cowper, ibid.* 282.—But a Mortgagee for a valuable Consideration, and without Notice of such Covenant, shall hold

Place

Place against in Equity the Land is esteemed to be sold from the Time of the Co-
such Covenan- venant. *Vide Lucas's Rep.* 468.

tee; for, in this Case, the Money is lent upon the Title and Credit of the Land, and attaches upon the Land; but it is not so in the Case of a Judgment Creditor, who (for ought appears) might have taken out Execution against the Person, or Goods of the Party that gave the Judgment; and a Judgment is only a general Security, and not a specifick Lien upon the Land. Said *arg'* and *admitted.* *Ibid.* 279.

4. In the Case of *Pagett and Hoskins*, *Hil.* 1715. a Case was cited as decreed by Lord Chan. *Cowper*, (when he had the Seals before) where an Executor being possessed of a Term for Years in Right of his Testator, and being indebted to *A.* on his own Account, agreed with his Creditor for the Sale of this Term; and that the Debt should be discounted out of the Purchase Money; and yet upon a Bill brought against him by the Creditors of the Testator, he was not allowed to sink his own Debt, but was decreed to pay the Money, *because he purchased with full Notice*; that this was a testamentary Estate, and nothing came into the Executor's Hands as an Equivalent for it, to make up the *Quantum* of the Testator's Affets. *Prec. in Chan.* 434.

Prec. in Chan. 5. It was held *per Lord Chancellor*, that upon the Statute of Frauds 478. S. C. in and Perjuries a Judgment shall have no Relation but from the Time of *totidem verbis.* the signing, not only as against Purchasors of the Lands themselves, But I have seen this Case but also as against *prior* Judgments entered in the *Grand Sessions* of much better stated (as I think) in *Wales*, to *which that Statute does not extend*; and therefore, as objected, the Judgment in the *Common Pleas*, tho' subsequent in Time to the *another MS.* other Judgments at the *Grand Sessions*, yet if it might relate to the *Rep. which I* first Day of the Term, it would take Place of the other Judgments: cannot now come at. But his *Lordship* said, that a Man who trusted his Money on a Judgment was in some Sort a Purchasor of the Land, as he might take out Execution, and extend the Land itself; and therefore, if he found no Judgment *prior*, he thought his Security good; and that the Rule the Statute had laid down for the Safety of Purchasors of Lands themselves, was a good Rule to follow in the present Case, and the Relations were not to be favoured in a Court of Equity. But Sir *T. Powis* insisted strongly, that the Statute extended only to Purchasors of the Lands, and therefore said, a Judgment should have the same Relation still, as it would have had at Common Law, against a voluntary Settlement, or against one who came to the Lands by any Conveyance without valuable Consideration; and this was not denied by the Court; but in the present Case, if the subsequent Judgment in the *Common Pleas* should have such Relation, it would defeat real Creditors who trusted to the Priority of their Judgments; which his *Lordship* thought ought not to be overthrown by a Fiction of Law. *Mich.* 1717. *Anon. MS. Rep.*

6. Purchasor is not to be affected with a concealed Conveyance. *Feb.* 6, 1719. *Butler and Burk*, *Vin. Abr.* Tit. *Purchasor*, (D) *Ca.* 7. P. 118.

7. Bill to have a Satisfaction of a Judgment against a Purchasor of the Equity of Redemption of the Land, or to redeem Incumbrances, &c. The Defendants insist on the Stat. 4 & 5 *W. & M. cap.* 20 (a). This Judgment was not docketed till 1721, and the Purchase was made in 1718. Insisted, that the Defendant the Purchasor had Notice of this Judgment, and an Allowance for it in the Purchase, and that raises an Equity for the Plaintiff against him. And *per Lord Chan. Macclesfield*, it is plain the Defendant had Notice of the Judgment, and did not pay the Value of the Estate, and that is a strong Presumption of an Agreement to pay off the Judgment; and since the Plaintiff

(a) That no Judgment shall affect a Purchasor or Mortgagee, unless docketed.

Plaintiff cannot proceed at Law, against the Defendant upon the Judgment for want of docketting in due Time, he ought to be relieved in a Court of Equity. Decreed that the Defendant pay to the Plaintiff the Money *bona fide* due upon the Judgment. 9 Geo. 1. *Thomas and Pledwell, Vin. Abr. Tit. Creditor and Bankrupt, (E) Cq. 5. P. 53.*

8. If the Persons claiming under a Breach of Trust have Notice of it, then they are subject to the same Trust; so if the Conveyance be voluntary, or without a valuable Consideration; but if for a valuable Consideration, and without Notice, the Purchaser will hold the Land discharged, and the Trustees must buy and settle other Lands to the same Uses. *Per Cur', Mich. 1732. in the Case of Mansel and Mansel, 2 Will. Rep. 613.*

Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 260. Trin. 1732. S. f. in S. C. in these Words: If an Estate subject to a Trust is purchased from

the Trustees for a valuable Consideration *without* Notice, a Court of Equity cannot affect the Purchaser, if they can the Trustees; but if such Purchaser had Notice, then the Trust goes along with the Estate, and the Land still continues subject to it.

9. If after the Execution of a Conveyance, but before Payment of the Consideration Money, the Purchaser has Notice that the Vendor has no Title to the Lands, this is sufficient to avoid the Purchase. *Jones and Stanley, Mich. 5 Geo. 2. in Scac', MS. Rep.*

10. A Church Lease was agreed by Marriage Articles to be settled upon the Husband and Wife, and the Issue of the Marriage. The Husband afterwards sells it to C. who had no Notice of the Articles. C. died, and his Executors sold the Lease to D. who had Notice of the Articles, and C's Executors gave D. collateral Security for the better assuring his Title. The Plaintiff claimed under the Articles, and prayed that D. by reason of the Notice he had of the Articles, might be considered as a Trustee for him. D. pleaded his Purchase, and confessed the Notice, but insisted principally upon C's Purchase without Notice, whose Title was now in him. Lord Talbot decreed for D. and said, it would be the same tho' D. had been only a Volunteer as C's Executors were, and that D. taking collateral Security could not make his Case the worse, but if C. had had Notice, all would be overturned. *Hil. 1735. Lowther and Carleton, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 187.*

A Purchaser with Notice aliened to one who had no Notice, and there tho' the Court would not affect the Purchaser without Notice, yet it being a Fraud, the Vendor (who was the Purchaser with Notice) was decreed to make Satisfaction to

the Plaintiff his Vendee, who had sued for Relief. Cited *per Lord Talbot, ibid. 188.* as a Case which he said he remembered.

11. If in an Information for a Charity to set aside some Conveyances obtained by Defendant, it was charged, that he had Notice of a Trust Deed, and that his Agents in obtaining such Conveyances were Members of the Corporation of Newcastle, and might have Recourse to the Records of the Town, whereby they might inform themselves of this Trust, and the Question asked was, Whether any Agent for the Defendant had not Notice of the Trust Deed at the Time of treating for or obtaining such Conveyances? Defendant denied he had any Notice, or that his Agents were Members of the Corporation, or might have Recourse to the Records, or that, as he knew or believed, such Agents had any Notice of the said Trust Deed at the Times they respectively treated for such Conveyances; but because he did not deny that they had Notice of the same at the Time they were obtained, this was held to be insufficient, and the Plea ordered to stand for an Answer, with Liberty to except as to the Notice. *Per Lord Talbot, Attorney General and Gower et al', Nov. 12, 1736. MS. Rep.*

In this Case, of Attorney General and Gower et al', upon arguing Defendant's Plea of a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration without Notice, Lord Chancellor then said, if they had Notice before the Deeds were executed that was sufficient, tho' they had no Notice at the Time of

the Treaty; and he said, as to the implied Notice, it was the very same as express, for the Principal by trusting his Agent made his Act his own, and became answerable for it, for otherwise a Man who had a Mind to get another's Estate might shut his own Eyes, and employ another to treat for him who had Notice of a former Title, which would be a manifest Cheat. *Ibid.*

His Honour said, that with regard to the Leasehold Estate sold to W. the Creditors cannot have Satisfaction out of that, and that this was so extremely plain that it would be monstrous to call it in Question. That the Executors are the proper Persons that by Law have a Power to dispose of the Testator's personal Estate, which indeed, in some Cases, may be clothed with such particular Trust, that possibly the Court in such Cases may require a Purchasor of it to see the Money rightly applied; but unless there is some particu-

lar Trust or a Fraud in the Case, the Sale thereof by an Executor must stand, and the Creditors cannot break in upon it; and as to the other Sales that have been made, his Honour observed that the general Rule is, that if a Trust directs that Land should be sold for the Payment of Debts generally, the Purchasor is not bound to see the Money rightly applied, but if it be for Payment of certain Debts, mentioning in particular to whom these Debts were owing, the Purchasor is bound to see that the Money be applied for the Payment of those Debts. That the present Case does not fall within either of these Rules, for here the Lands are *not given to be sold for Payment of Debts, but are only charged with such Payment*. However, the Question is, Whether that Circumstance makes any Difference? And his Honour was of opinion, that it did not. And if such Distinction was to be made, the Consequence would be, that whenever Lands are charged with the Payment of Debts generally, they can never be discharged of that Trust without a Suit in Chancery, which would be extremely inconvenient. That no Instances have been produced to shew, that in any other Respect the charging Lands with the Payment of Debts differs from directing them to be sold for such a Purpose, and therefore there is no Reason that there should be a Difference established in this Respect. An Objection having been made, that where Lands are appointed to be sold for Payment of Debts generally, the Trust may be said to be performed as soon as those Lands are sold, but that where they are only charged for Payment of Debts, that the Trust is not performed till those Debts are discharged. His Honour observed, that this was the only Objection seemingly of any Weight as to this Matter, and said, that so far it is true that where Lands are charged with Payment of Annuities, those Lands will be charged in the Hands of a Purchasor, because it was the very Purpose of making the Land a Fund for that Payment, that it should be a constant and subsisting Fund; but where Lands are not burthened with such subsisting Charge, the Purchasor ought not to be bound to look to the Application of the Money, and that seems to be the true Distinction. That in this Case the Circumstances of the Creditors, their Acquiescence so long as 1734, without insisting upon any Charge upon these Estates so sold *ut supra*, and the Solvency of G. till 1732, and their receiving their Interest regularly of G. till 1730, who could not be supposed ignorant of the Purchases made by Outcry, they living either in the Town with, or within three or four Miles of G. And S. a Creditor being a subscribing Witness to one of the Purchase Deeds, are Circumstances far from strengthening the Plaintiff's Case, but rather the contrary. That the want of Notice on the Part of the Purchasors is a considerable Circumstance in their Favour. It appears indeed that the Purchasors had Notice that there were Debts charged upon the Estate, but it does not appear that they knew to whom the Debts were owing. Besides, G.'s being a Co-Obligor in three Bonds, and having given to another of the Obligees his single Bond, (which may be well considered as a Satisfaction for that Bond), by this it appears that the Creditors greatly relied upon G. for their Payment, and therefore it is not reasonable that they should resort to J. S.'s Estate.

12. J. S. became indebted to several Persons by Bond, in three of which G. was bound with him as a Surety; afterwards G. gave his own Bond along with him to one of the Creditors, to whom J. S. was bound in a single Bond. J. S. being thus indebted, made his Will, and in the Beginning of it says, "*My Will is, that all my Debts be paid, and I do charge all my Lands with the Payment thereof.*" Then came this Clause: "*Item, I give all my real and personal Estate to G. to hold to him, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, chargeable nevertheless with the Payment of all my Debts and Legacies.*" And made G. Executor. The Testator died in 1724. G. proved the Will, and in the same Year sold a Freehold Estate of J. S.'s to H. and in 1727 sold another Estate of the Testator's, consisting of both Freehold and Leasehold, to M. In the several Deeds by which these Estates were conveyed, J. S.'s Will was recited, and to one of these Deeds S. a Creditor of J. S. was a subscribing Witness. These Lands were sold in the Neighbourhood by Outcry. At the Time of these Sales the Creditors, all of them, either lived in the Town where G. lived, or within three or four Miles of it. During all this Time, and till 1730, the Creditors received their Interest regularly at 5 *l. per Cent.* from G. who was a solvent Man till 1732, and then he became a Bankrupt. In 1734 the Creditors of J. S. brought a Bill against the Purchasors of these Lands, against G. and the Assignees under his Commission; for Satisfaction out of the Lands sold by G. His Honour (for the Reasons in the Margin) dismissed the Bill with Costs as against W. the Purchasor of the Leasehold only, there being no Manner of Pre- tence for the Plaintiffs to come upon that Estate, W. having purchased it of the Executor, who, by Law, is the proper Person intrusted to dispose of the Testator's personal Estate; and as to the other Defendants, without Costs. *Easf. 1740. Elliott and Merryman, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 78.*

13. A Bill which is not brought to a Hearing is not such a Bill as can properly create a *Lis pendens*, so as to affect a Purchasor claiming under one of the Parties after the filing the Bill; but a Bill which is brought to perpetuate Testimony and to prove a Will, is such a Suit wherein the Proceedings under it when they are rightly carried on must affect those who claim as Purchasors under one of the Parties, after the filing of the Bill. *Per Lord Chancellor, East. 1741. Garth and Crawford, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 454.*

(E) Disputes, Interest, Vendor and Vendee.

1. *J. S.* was possessed of a Term in three several Houses as Executrix to her Husband, and which were in Mortgage at his Death, and there were likewise two other Houses which the Husband had purchased for Years in his own and in his Wife's Name, which were not in Mortgage at his Death. After the Husband's Death *J. S.* gave out Particulars for Sale of all the five Houses. *A.* (who was a Creditor of the Husband) agreed to purchase all, and they were conveyed by the Name of all the Houses as were in Mortgage. *J. S.* being advised that the Houses which were purchased in her Husband's Name and her's were her own by Survivorship, and were not liable to her Husband's Debts, or conveyed to *A.* as not being in Mortgage, she refused to let *A.* have these two, tho' it appeared in the Cause she had often said she had sold them, as well as the rest, to *A.* and he had paid the Taxes for them. Upon a Bill brought by *A.* to have the Houses conveyed, and to have a further Assurance of the others according to the Covenant, tho' the Court seemed satisfied that *J. S.* had covenanted to convey all five to *A.* and tho' she had so done, yet there being no Agreement in Writing as to the two Houses not comprised in the Conveyance, the Statute of *Frauds* and *Perjuries* stood so full in the Way that they could not decree the Conveyance of them; for tho' the Particular was in Writing, and these two Houses mentioned in it as well as the others; and tho' it was proved that that Particular was shewed to *A.* yet it was not proved to have been shewed to him on the Purchase, nor that he purchased by it. *Mich. 1691. Casf and Waterhouse, Prec. in Chan. 29.*

2. Decreed that where Articles were not obtained with the strictest Fairness, the Conveyance to be set aside, and the Purchase to stand as a Security for the Consideration Money. *Feb. 5, 1702. or Feb. 28, 1722. White and Lightburne, Vin. Abr. Tit. Vendor and Vendee, (A) Ca. 5. P. 541.*

3. *J. S.* by Articles, reciting that he had an Estate for two Lives in a Church Lease, covenanted to convey his Title to the Premises by such a Day to *A.* as *A.* or his Counsel should advise. It happened that after the Articles and before the Time of the Conveyance, one of the Lives dropt. And Lord Keeper decreed, that in regard here was no Default in the Sellers in making the Conveyance, the Loss of the Life ought to be born by the Purchasor, in the same Manner as if the Reversioner had articted to sell the Reversion expectant upon two Lives, and one had died before the Conveyance, the Purchasor should there have had the Benefit of it; and in each Case in Equity the Estate is as conveyed from the Time of the Articles sealed. *Mich. 1702. White and Nutt, 1 Will. Rep. 61, 62.*

His Lordship seemed to think that if all the Lives had dropt before the Execution of the Conveyance, it might have been another Consideration, for that the Money was to be paid upon the Conveyance, and no Estate being left, there could be no Conveyance. The Reporter makes a Quare of the Reason of this Distinction between the Loss of Part and of the Whole, and refers the Reader to the Case of *Casf and Rudele et al'*, 2 Vern. 280.

Lord Chancellor said, Plaintiff goes upon the Fraud, and makes that his Equity. One Man agrees with another to give him so much *per Acre* for his Land, and enquires of him how many Acres he hath; if the Vendor doth not inform him of the true Quantity, it is a Cheat, and no Occasion for an

express Warranty in the Deed of Conveyance, the Fraud is the Equity. The Vendee, in the least, does not apprehend but his Account is right, and there is no Intention in him to cheat. The signing of the Survey is an Averment of the Quantity, and upon that Averment Plaintiff proceeds to a Purchase. *Ibid.*

4. *A.* agreed with *B.* for the Purchase of Lands, and to pay so much *per Acre* for the Lands out of Lease, and so much for the Lands leased, after the Rate of twenty-one Years Purchase, according to the Rentals. In order to ascertain the Number of Acres, Defendant produced an old Survey, and according to the Number of Acres in such Survey, the Purchase Money was paid. The Conveyancer being willing to be fully satisfied in the Number of Acres that he might insert the Consideration Money right, sent to the Defendant for this Survey, and desired that he would sign it, which Defendant did. It happened that in this old Survey, in some Closes there was a great Deficiency of Acres, in others a greater Number than were contained therein; but the last not making Amends for the first, this Bill was exhibited to refund what was paid over and above the Number of Acres. Decreed *per Lord Chancellor*, that a Commission issue to measure the Lands out of Lease, and the *Master* to see what Additions or Difference there is since the Survey was taken, and what Acres are in Lease and what out, and the *Master* to adjust the Number of Acres. *Trin. 7 Ann. Sir Cloudsley Shovel and Bogan.*

5. *J. S.* was Proprietor of four Parts in seven of the Manor of *Glaston*. *B.* treated with *C.* who was *impowered to sell this Manor, or Part of it*, and in 1697 he contracted with him in Writing. *B.* lived eight Years afterwards, and during that Time he was several Times requested by *C.* to compleat the Bargain, and pay the Purchase Money, but *B.* raised Objections to the Title, and would not proceed further in his Purchase until they were cleared. But it appeared upon the Depositions, that those Scruples were only to shuffle off the Payment of the Money, until, by the dropping of some Lives, his Bargain would be bettered. One Life dropt in *C.*'s Life, and two since. The Plaintiff, after his Father's Death, in 1706, exhibited his Bill for a specifick Performance of the Bargain, but the *Master of the Rolls* dismissed it, with Costs, by reason of the Delay. And *Green and Green* was cited, where a specifick Performance was denied by reason of a much shorter Delay than this. *Mich. 8 Ann. Coward and Oding sale.*

Vin. Abr. Tit. Vendor and Vendee, (E) by way of Note to *Ca. 1.* says, in the Case of *Hicks and Phillips*, Lord Chancellor said, that there was no Colour for a Court of Equity to assist this Contract; but if

the Plaintiff had sued at Law upon it, this Court would set such a Contract aside as to the *Copyhold*; and that it was a clear Case, but that he could not determine upon the Point of an hard Bargain; but upon the other Point, ordered the Articles to be delivered up and cancelled, and the Money paid down to be repaid. — *S. C. cited arg' Lucas's Rep. 504.* in the Case of *Lewis and Lord Lechmere*,¹ says, that the Vendor offered to procure an *Infranchisement* of the *Copyhold*, or make any Compensation in the Price, and yet the Court dismissed the Bill, the Price being unreasonable.

6. *A.* articles with *B.* for the Purchase of an Estate of 180*l.* *per Annum*, for which he was to give thirty-five Years Purchase upon executing Conveyances, but *A.* discovering afterwards that 30*l.* *per Annum* of the Land were *Copyhold*, refused to go on with the Purchase. *A.* brought his Bill for a specifick Execution of the Articles, and the rather for that *B.* had paid 50*l.* in Part upon executing the Articles. But Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* would not decree a specifick Execution of this Agreement, it being *unequitable*, and a Matter proper for a Jury to mitigate Damages, but ordered the 50*l.* to be paid back, but *without Costs*. *Trin. 1721. Sir Harry Hicks and Phillips, Prec. in Chan. 575.*

7. Bill for a specifick Performance of Articles for the Purchase of Lands. The Cause was, the Plaintiff agreed to sell the Manor and Lands in *A.* in *Kent* to the Defendant by a Particular, wherein the *Manor* and *Royalties* are mentioned, but no Value set upon them therein. It happened that the Plaintiff had no Title to the Manor, but had been in Possession of the Royalties several Years. The Defendant objected against going on with the Purchase. And this was a Contract at a *South-Sea* Price, viz. forty-six Years Purchase; and secondly, that tho' no Value was set upon the Manor and Royalties by the Particular, yet they are valuable in themselves, and was a great Inducement to him to purchase the Estate; and, therefore, since the Plaintiff cannot strictly perform his Part of the Agreement by conveying the Manor, he ought not to have the Aid of a Court of Equity to compel the Defendant to pay the Money, since he cannot have the full Benefit of the Agreement; and for this last Reason the Bill was dismissed, but without Costs, if the Plaintiff would deliver up the Articles. *Per* Lord Chan. *Macclesfield*, *Hil. 8 Geo. 1. Sir George Hanger and Eyles*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Vendor and Vendee*, (A) Ca. 1. P. 520.

Lucas's Rep. 503. S. C. cited *arg'* *East. 8 Geo. 1.* in the Cause of *Lewis and Lord Lechmere*, and says, that tho' the Decree was founded upon the Vendor's not being able to convey a Manor according to his Covenant, yet it being acknowledged that this Manor was of little or no Value, it is evident that the other

Circumstance in the Cause, (viz.) the unreasonable Price, was that which really inclined the Court to lay hold upon a Point too inconsiderable otherwise to have been taken Notice of.

8. A Bill for a specifick Performance of Articles of 30 Aug. 1720 In this Cause for the Purchase of Land was brought by the Vendor, in which Articles was this Proviso, viz. *provided the Plaintiff did on or before the 10th of November following lay such an Abstract of the Title before Vendee's Counsel as they should approve.* This Agreement was for forty Years Purchase. The Bill was dismissed with Costs, because the Title was not laid before Counsel within the Time limited. *Per* Lord Chan. *Parker*, *Trin. 8 Geo. 1. Lewis and Lord Lechmere*, *Lucas's Rep.* 503.

In this Cause Lord Chancellor said, the Time was very material, because the Price of *South-Sea* Stock, from whence the Money for the Purchase was to arise, being

upon said 10 Nov. 260 *l.* per Cent. and at the Time of the Hearing of the Cause but 92 *l.* per Cent.—And another Point was, but not determined to stand, Whether it be consistent with the Rules of Equity to decree a Performance in Specie of so extravagant a Bargain as a Sale of Land at forty Years Purchase (a), tho' it seems that that influenced the Decree.

(a) S. P. debated in *Dom. Proc'*, but undetermined, and a Decree made upon another Point.—*Vide* *Gilb. Rep. in Eq.* 155, 156.—*Keen and Stukely*, in which last Case it was determined in *Scac'* (before it went up to the House of Lords) that they would enforce a specifick Performance of such Contracts, if the Price was reasonable at the Time the Contract was made, how disproportionable soever After-Accidents might make it. *Arg'*, *Lucas's Rep.* 504.

9. A Covenant to make such a Title as Vendee's Counsel shall approve of, means no more than that the Plaintiff should make out a good Title, for if the Counsel disapprove of a good and clear Title, (*i. e.* such a Title as a Court of Law or Equity would take to be a good Title) yet the Vendee will be bound by his Bargain. *Trin. 8 Geo. 1.* in the Cause of *Lewis and Lord Lechmere*, *Lucas's Rep.* 505.

Upon mutual Articles there ought to be mutual Remedies, and therefore the Vendor may come into Equity for a

specifick Performance as well as the Vendee, and Lord Chan. *Parker* was of Opinion, that the Remedy the Vendor had at Law upon the Articles was not adequate to that of a Bill in Equity for a specifick Performance. *Ibid.* 506. in S. C.

10. If *A.* buys a House, and before the Time agreed for Payment of the same, the House is burnt down by Casualty of Fire, *A.* will not be bound to pay for the same; and yet the House may be built up again. *Per* his Honour, *East. 1722. in Casu Stent and Baylis*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 220.

11. A Reversion expectant on an Estate for Life is decreed to be sold to the best Purchasor. *B.* is reported and confirmed the best Purchasor, and the Order made absolute 1 Jan. 1724, but the Conveyance to *B.* was not executed until 1726, two Months before which

B. was ordered to bring his Purchase Money into the Bank, and about that Time the Life fell in, so that the Purchase proving a beneficial one, it was now petitioned that *B.* should pay Interest from the 1 Jan. 1724, which was the Time he was absolutely confirmed the best Purchaser. His Honour decreed *B.* to pay Interest from said 1 Jan. to the Time of his bringing the Money into the Bank, for from that Time he was sure of his Title and of his Purchase, tho' the Tenant for Life had died the next Day; and the Life was wearing from that Time, which is equivalent to the taking of the Profits; and had *B.* taken the Profits, he must certainly have paid Interest also, for from the Time of the Report confirmed the Estate is bound, and the Party who was to convey it was a Trustee for the Purchaser, who ought to have the Money ready, nor did it appear that *B.* had the Money lying dead by him, so he ought to have no Advantage of the Use or Interest thereof, which seems to belong to the Seller, or to those Trusts for which the Estate was to be sold. *East. 1727. Ex parte Manning, 2 Will. Rep. 410.*

12. Where one articles to sell an Estate, and brings a Bill for an Execution of the Agreement, tho' at the Time of the Agreement he cannot make a Title to the Purchaser, yet it is sufficient if he is able to do so when the Decree or Report is made; and accordingly it is usual for the Reporter to mention that if such a third Person joins, the Title will be good, for it would be attended with great Inconveniences were Decrees to direct an Enquiry whether the Contractor to sell, had, at the Time of entering into such Contract, a Title; for thus all Incumbrances and Defects would be raked into. *Per the Master of the Rolls, Trin. 1731. 2 Will. Rep. 630, 631.*

C A P. LXXXVI.

Ransom.

(A) Ransom Money of a Ship, how to be raised, &c.

1. **A** SHIP was taken by the *French*; the Master (having a Share in her) ransomed her for 1800 *l.* and was taken to *France* as an Hostage for this Money. And by *Lord Chancellor*, The Ransom Money must be raised out of the Profits, notwithstanding any former Mortgage of the Ship; for if there was a precedent Mortgage, what would become of that Security, if the Ship had not been redeemed? After the Ship was redeemed, she performed her intended Voyage, and the Freight Money received after Redemption was the first Profits arising, and out of them the Ransom Money is to be satisfied. The Insurers always pay a Part of the Ransom Money. *East. 8 Ann. Hope and Winter, MS. Rep.*

C A P. LXXXVII.

Receiver,

1. **A** Receiver to the Guardian of an Infant who has his Accounts ^{Vide P. Ca. of this Work.} allowed him by the Guardian, shall not be obliged to account over again to the Infant when he comes of Age.

Trin. 1720. Clavering's Case, Prec. in Chan. 535.

2. *A.* is appointed Receiver by the Court of Chancery of the Rents of an Estate out of which an Annuity is payable Quarterly to *B.* *B.* acquaints *A.* who her Banker was, and orders him to lodge the Money from Time to Time in her Banker's Hands for her Use. About July *A.* lodges with the Banker 350*l.* in order to be ready at Michaelmas Quarter, as appeared by his own Affidavit; on Michaelmas Day *B.*'s Banker stopped Payment, and afterwards became a Bankrupt; and now on *B.*'s Petition the Question was, On whom the Loss should fall? And Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* was clear of Opinion, that *B.* ought not to bear the Loss of any Part of it (*a*). *Hil. 1720. Lady Shaftsbury's Case, MS. Rep.*

^{(a) For 'till Michaelmas Day was} passed *B.* had no Right to demand or receive it; that therefore in the mean Time the Banker was *A.*'s Cashier, and he might, notwithstanding his having lodged the Money, have taken it out again before Michaelmas Day was passed, even tho' it were on Michaelmas Day itself, provided he had it ready the next Day to pay *B.* That consequently the Banker could have no Power to receive it for *B.* before, because she had no Power herself, nor any Right to demand it before Quarter Day; that she could not demand it, or at least receive it, on Michaelmas Day itself, because it was one of the Days that no Bankers make any Payments whatsoever; and therefore the lodging the Money before *B.* became intitled to it, ought not to turn to her Prejudice, but *A.* must make it good to her. *Ibid.*—*Prec. in Chan. 558. S. C. accord.* But whether the Loss should fall on *A.* himself, or be born out of the Estate, his Lordship said, that would come properly in Question when *A.* made up his Accounts with the Owner of the Estate on his coming of Age, and he was inclined to think that *A.* was not to be answerable for the Loss any more than if he had been robbed of it. *Ibid. 559.*

3. *A.* at the Instance of all Parties concerned, was by the Court appointed Receiver; after in the Midst of Vacation he commits Waste; all the Parties concerned serve him with a Paper, discharging him from being Receiver on that Account. On Motion for Attachment for turning him out who was appointed Receiver by the Court, Lord Chan. *King* said, tho' the general Proposition may be true, that Attachment is to go where a Person appointed Receiver by the Court is turned out, yet it may be otherwise when attended with these Circumstances; so denied the Motion. *Mich. 12 Geo. 1. 1726. Bell and Spereman, Select Cases in Chan. 59.*

4. *J. S.* a Copyholder in Fee, by Will charges his Lands with Payment of his Debts; the Lands lay in *England*, but the Testator's Heir was an Infant, and lived in *Scotland*. The Creditors bring their Bill to have their Debts paid out of the Copyhold Estate, to which the Heir appeared, but was in Contempt for not answering. It was moved, that Plaintiffs might have the like Process against the Infant as if he were of Age, or else that the Court would appoint a Receiver, for that as he enjoyed such Estate by the Protection of the Laws of *England*, so the same ought to be subject to the Laws of *England*; and if the Court should not make some Order for Relief, there would be a Failure of Justice, since Defendant being an Infant, the Process after an Attachment was for a Messenger to bring up the Body to answer, which could not be in this Case, the Defendant being in *Scotland*;

Scotland; but if he were of Age, the Plaintiffs might proceed to a Sequestration of the Land in Question, and so have a Remedy. Lord Chan. King said, that the Court ought to lend its Assistance to prevent a Failure of Justice, and for want of an Answer (the Lands being in *England*) will stop the Rents in the Tenants Hands; and directed, that an Answer be put in by such a Time, or Cause shewn why Process should not issue against him, as if he was of full Age; or why a Receiver should not be appointed. *East. 1727. Leg and Turnbull, 2 Will. Rep. 409.*

C A P. LXXXVIII.

Recovery [Common].

- (A) What Estate or Interest may be barred by a Common Recovery;—And here of a Tenant to the Præcipe.
- (B) In what Cases Equity will compel an Infant Heir of a Trustee to join in a Recovery.
- (C) Recovery suffered by one deaf and dumb.
- (D) Of reverting a Recovery.

A Fine and Recovery mentioned only *two Messuages*, but the Deed

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of Uses mentioned *two Messuages*, by the Name of all other the Messuages of the said A. in D. The Deed of Uses shall be the Measure of what passes, and not the Fine and Recovery. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Recovery Common, (R) Ca. 4. P. 217.*

- 1. **E**QUITY will never assist to avoid a Common Recovery upon Pretence that there is no Tenant to the *Præcipe*, especially when suffered by an Heir at Common Law to bar a voluntary Settlement. *Feb. 13, 1706. Eyton and Eyton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Recovery Common, (R) Ca. 3. P. 217.*

And his Honour (on the Cause coming before him 10 Mar. 1718, or on new Bill) held, as the Lords, by the Assistance of the Judges, had before resolved, that the Remainders limited to D. and E. were contingent Remainders, and destroyed by the Common Recoveries suffered by C. *Ibid. 511.*

- 2. J. S. seised of the Manors of A. and B. devised these Manors, after Debts and Legacies paid, to C. for Life, sans Waste, and in Case C. should have Issue Male, then to such Issue Male, and his Heirs, forever; and if C. should leave no Issue Male, and after Debts, &c. he devised the Manor of A. to D. in Fee, and the Manor of B. to E. in Fee. C. suffers Recoveries of both the Manors, wherein he was Vouchee, which were to the Use of him and his Heirs. The House of Lords, upon an Appeal from Lord Cowper's Decree, and upon taking the Advice of all the Judges, were of Opinion, that the Remainders to D. and E. in Default of C.'s leaving a Son, were contingent Remainders, and consequently barred by the Recoveries suffered by C. Whereupon they reversed Lord Cowper's Decree. 1718. *Carter and Barnardiston, 1 Will. Rep. 505.*

3. J. S. Tenant in Tail, (Remainder in Tail to Defendant) made a Lease to A. for ninety-nine Years, determinable on three Lives, with a Covenant that A. should renew, &c. Afterwards J. S. mortgaged the Lands to T. S. in Fee, who assigned the Mortgage to F. The Lease being determined, J. S. made a new Lease to A. pursuant to the Covenant in the first Lease, and then he and F. (the Assignee of the Mortgagee) joined in a Conveyance of the Equity of Redemption to D. in order to make him a Tenant to the Præcipe, and thereupon in 1702 a Recovery was suffered, in which J. S. was vouched, and he vouched over the Common Vouchee, and soon after died without Issue. Then the Defendant (the Remainder Man in Tail) got this Mortgage to be assigned to G. In Trust for himself; and brought an Ejectment on a double Demise by him and said G. and thereupon A. brought a Bill to stay the Proceedings at Law. *Per Cur'*, In this Case the Mortgagee in Fee is a Trustee for the Mortgagor, but he is only so far a Trustee as he derives under the Title of the Mortgagor, and hath no Relation to the Remainder over; and to say that the Remainder of a real Estate shall be barred by a Recovery suffered by a Cestui que Trust of a particular Estate, is going farther than ever that Point has been carried; and seems to cross the Intention of the Statute *De Donis*, for by that Statute this Remainder is vested; besides, this Recovery was suffered by a Cestui que Trust in Tail, which is but a particular Estate, who at that Time had it in his Power to have had the legal Estate, by paying off the Mortgage. It induces a strong Suspicion that the Defendant, who is the Remainder Man, thought himself barred by the Recovery when he brought the Ejectment, and declared on a double Demise, the one made by himself, and the other by Mortgagee's Assignee, which Titles cannot stand together; for, if his Remainder is good, his Title under the Mortgage is not, and it is plain that A. hath a Right to be relieved against any Right Defendant can claim under the Mortgage; therefore, as to that a perpetual Injunction was decreed for A. but as to Defendant's Title under the Remainder, a Trial was directed, and after the Trial an Injunction was ordered 'till the Hearing the Cause. *East. 11 Geo. 1. Webber and The Earl of Montrath, MS. Rep.*

4. Articles on Marriage to settle Lands on the Husband and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage, Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of the Husband by any Wife, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Husband by the first Wife, Remainder to the Husband in Fee, with Provisions for the Daughters of the first Marriage, if no Son. The Husband has one Daughter by the first Wife, suffers a Recovery, and marries a second Wife, and takes Notice of the first Marriage Articles in his second Marriage Settlement. The Daughter by the first Marriage barred this Recovery. *Trin. 1729. Powell and Price et al' et econt', in Scac', 2 Will. Rep. 535.*

5. J. S. devised all his Lands to A. and his Heirs, In Trust to pay Debts, and then In Trust for B. and the Heirs of her Body, Remainder to A. and his Heirs, upon Condition that he marry B. and gave A. his personal Estate, In Trust for B. until she should attain twenty-one, and made A. Executor, and then died. B. refused to marry A. and married C. and afterwards at her Age of twenty-one, she and her Husband

2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 145. S. C. accord', says, that it was objected that there was no Tenant to the Præcipe; but per Cur', if there had not, it ought to be presumed that there was a good one after this Length of Time, viz. above twenty-three Years. Ibid. 145.— Another MS. Rep. accord' in S. C.

Vide this Case more fully abridged, P. Ca.

His Lordship took Notice that it had been said, that a legal and an equitable Interest cannot be incorporated together, but his Lordship

said, that Objection could not affect this Case; for tho' the legal and equitable Estates cannot be incorporated together, yet J. S. has not limited an equitable Estate first, and then the legal Estate, but has at first given the whole Fee; that it happens indeed, that the last Part of the equitable Interest may be considered as merged, by

coming to one and the same Person, who had the whole legal Estate in him; but that it would be hard, that by coming to A. altho' not absolutely, (for the Heir, upon the Condition broken, might have taken the whole equitable Interest out of him) that this should prevent their Incorporation, and therefore his Lordship thought it an equitable Estate in A. as well as that which was in B. and consequently that B. and her Husband had a Power to bar it. Ibid.

made a *Bargain and Sale* to *D.* in order to suffer a *Recovery*, in which *she* and her *Husband* were vouched, and the *Uses* thereof were declared to the *Issue of the Marriage*, Remainder to her own right *Heirs*. A Question was, If the Interest of *B.* and her *Husband* was barrable by a *Recovery*? And *Lord Chancellor* held it was. *Hil. 9 Geo. 2. Sir John Robinson and Comyns, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 164.*

6. It having been said, that a *Feme Tenant in Tail* and her *Husband* cannot make a *Tenant to the Præcipe* without a *Fine*, *Lord Chancellor* said, that whatever may be the *Case*, where an *Husband* is merely seized in Right of his *Wife*, was not necessary in the principal *Case* for him to determine, because in this *Case* the *Husband* by his *Intermarriage*, and having *Issue*, is become intitled to an *Estate by the Curtesy*, and therefore he alone, without his *Wife's* joining, might make a good *Tenant to the Præcipe*. *Hil. 9 Geo. 2. in the Case of Sir John Robinson and Comyns, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 167.*

7. The *Bargain and Sale*, whereby the *Tenant to the Præcipe* was made, was not inrolled 'till the *Recovery* compleated. *Lord Chan. Talbot* said, as to that, if the *Lord Hobart's* Opinion, as cited from *Godbolt's* Report, had been Law, some judicial Authority would certainly have followed it. If there be no Inrollment, then the *Bargain and Sale* are void, but if there be an Inrollment within six Months, then it is good by relation. *Hil. 9 Geo. 2. Sir John Robinson and Comyns, ibid.*

This Act goes on and says, Provided that nothing in this Act shall make valid any

8. By the Act of the 14 *Geo. 2.* it is enacted, That all Common Recoveries, suffered or to be suffered, without conveying the Freehold vested in Trustees, or others claiming under them, in order to make a *Tenant to the Præcipe*, shall be valid and effectual.

Common Recovery, unless such as are intitled to the first Estate for Life, or other greater Estate, (in Case there be no such Estate for Life in Being, in Reversion or Remainder, next after the Expiration of such Leases) have or shall lawfully convey, or join in conveying an Estate for Life, at least to the *Tenant to the Præcipe*.—And that nothing therein contained shall prejudice the Estate of any Lessees, or Persons claiming under them. And it is thereby further enacted, That where any Person, &c. hath or have purchased, or shall purchase, for a valuable Consideration, any Estate or Estates in Lands, &c. whereof a Recovery is or was necessary to be suffered in order to compleat the Title, such Person, &c. and all claiming under him, having been in Possession of the purchased Estate or Estates from the Time of such Purchase, shall and may after the End of twenty Years from the Time of such Purchase, produce in Evidence the Deed or Deeds, making a *Tenant to the Writ or Writs of Entry* or other Writs for suffering a Common Recovery, and declaring the Uses thereof, and the Deed or Deeds so produced (the Execution thereof being duly proved) shall in all Courts of Law and Equity be deemed as good Evidence for such Purchaser and Purchasers, and those claiming under him, her or them, that such Recovery or Recoveries was or were duly suffered and perfected according to the Purport of such Deed or Deeds, in Case no Record can be found of such Recovery or Recoveries, or the same should appear not to be regularly entered or recorded.—Provided, That the Person or Persons making such Deed or Deeds as aforesaid, and declaring the Uses of a Common Recovery, had a sufficient Estate, and Power to make a *Tenant to such Writ or Writs* as aforesaid, and to suffer such Common Recovery or Recoveries.—That from and after the Commencement of this Act, every Recovery already suffered, or hereafter to be suffered, shall be deemed good and valid to all Intents and Purposes, notwithstanding the Fine, or Deed or Deeds making the *Tenant to such Writ*, should be levied or executed after the Time of the Judgment given in such Recovery, and the Award of the Writ of Seisin as aforesaid; provided the same appear to be levied or executed before the End of the Term, Great Session, Session or Assizes, in which such Recovery was suffered, and the Persons joining in such Recovery had a sufficient Estate and Power to suffer the same as aforesaid.

(B) In what Cases Equity Will compel an Infant Heir of a Trustee to join in a Recovery.

1. **U**PON the Marriage of J. S. who was the eldest Son of A. the Family Estate was settled upon A. for ninety-nine Years, if he should so long live, Remainder to Trustees during his Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male successively, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of any other Marriage, Remainder over. There is B. a Son of this Marriage, and afterwards the Wife died. B. the Son, who was come of Age, and being upon a Treaty of Marriage with M. and the surviving Trustee, for preserving, &c. being dead, leaving an Infant Heir, J. S. and B. his Son brought a Bill against the Infant Heir, to join in making a Tenant to the Præcipe, in order to suffer a Recovery for making a Settlement upon B.'s Marriage. On the Hearing Lord Chan. Parker declared, that the Trustees being appointed to preserve contingent Remainders, and here being a vested Remainder in Tail, if this were for the Good of the Family, he did not see but such Trustee might lawfully join, and referred it to the Master to state whether this was for the Good of the Family, and the Master reported that B. was in Treaty, &c. and that it was a beneficial Marriage for the Family, and that it was necessary a new Settlement should be made of the Estate, which could not be done without a Recovery; and it now coming on upon the Master's Report, his Lordship decreed that the Trustee join in a Recovery, and making a new Settlement, and that the Master direct a proper Conveyance, in which the Trustee should join. *Trin. 1719. Winnington and Foley, 1 Will. Rep. 536.*

dead, there is an End of the contingent Remainders by that Marriage; and as to any Remainders by another Marriage, no Remainder not *in Esse* ought to be so much regarded as this Remainder in Tail, which is actually vested in B. the Son. Therefore decreed *ut supra*.—After the Decree pronounced, it was insisted that the Heir of the Trustee, tho' an Infant, was yet a Trustee within the 7 Ann. 19. and therefore it was prayed that the Infant Trustee might levy a Fine, which must be good, unless reversed during his Infancy; but his Lordship said, he did not know how he could direct the Judges to take a Fine from an Infant, but let the Master direct a proper Conveyance (a). *Ibid. 538.*

(a) See this Resolution

(C) Recovery suffered by one deaf and dumb.

1. **A** MAN deaf and dumb suffers a Common Recovery of intailed Lands, assisted by his Uncle, and then settles the same to certain Uses. Upon the Circumstances of the Case it appeared he had done nothing but what in Conscience he ought; yet he being under these Circumstances, Lord Chancellor said, he ought to be taken Care of in Equity; and it appearing that the Uncle was concerned in Point of Interest, the Settlement was set aside. *Trin. 7 Ann. Ferres and Ferres, MS. Rep.*

But had he been assisted by an able and faithful Relation that was not interested, Equity would not have relieved him in so reasonable an Act as this appeared to be. *Ibid.*

(D) Of reverſing a Common Recovery.

1. STAT. 23 *Eliz. c. 3. ſ. 2.* no Fine, Proclamations upon Fines, or Common Recovery, ſhall be reverſable by Writ of Error, for falſe *Latin*, Raſure, Interlining, Miſentering of a Warrant of Attorney, or of any Proclamation, Miſreturning or not Return of the Sheriff, or any other Want of Form in Words, and not in Subſtance.

2. Stat. 10 & 11 *W. & M. c. 3. ſ. 14.* no Fine Recovery or Judgment ſhall be reverſed for Error, unleſs Writ of Error be brought

The Act goes within twenty Years.

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in Law, which

3. Stat. 14 *Geo. 2.* every Common Recovery already ſuffered, or hereafter to be ſuffered, ſhall, after the Expiration of twenty Years from the Time of the ſuffering thereof, be deemed good and valid to all Intents and Purpoſes, if it appears upon the Face of ſuch Recovery that there was a Tenant to the Writ; and if the Perſons joining in ſuch Recovery had a ſufficient Eſtate and Power to ſuffer the ſame, notwithstanding the Deed or Deeds for making the Tenant to ſuch Writ, ſhould be loſt or not appear.

hath been avoided by any lawful Act or Means, or which ſhall hereafter be avoided by Entry duly made on or before the 16th of *Jan. 1740*, or by Judgment or Decree had or obtained by ſome Action or Suit at Law or in Equity, commenced or to be commenced on or before the ſaid 16th of *January*, and proſecuted with due Diligence, but every ſuch Common Recovery ſhall remain and be of ſuch Force and Effect only as the ſame would have been if this Act had never been made.—Provided, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be conſtrued to prejudice or affect any Queſtion of Law, which may ariſe upon Common Recoveries, not remedied or intended to be remedied by this Act, but all ſuch Common Recoveries ſhall remain and be of ſuch Force and Effect only, as the ſame would have been if this Act had never been made.

C A P. LXXXIX.

Rector.

(A) Relieved againſt the Fraud of his Predeceſſor.

1. *A.* The Rector of *St. Giles's in the Fields*, applied to Chancery to enable him to grant a Building Leaſe of an Houſe veſted in Truſtees, for the Benefit of the Rector and his Succeſſors for ever. *A.* in his Bill ſuggeſted the ruinous Condition of the Houſe, and that no Body would undertake to rebuild it, but on having a Leaſe for a long Term, and prayed that it might be enquired under what Rents and Covenants it was proper to have ſuch Leaſe granted. The Court ſent it to a Maſter, who reported that the Parties propoſed to lett a Leaſe for ſixty-one Years, and to improve the Rent from 16 *l.* to 20 *l.* and that the Houſe was ruinous, and that it would be for the Benefit of *A.* to have ſuch a Leaſe made with proper Covenants; which the Court ordered accordingly, and a Leaſe was granted; and it appeared by the Evidence that *A.* had taken a Fine

Fine of 600 *l.* of the Lessee, but nothing of this appeared upon the Lease. *A.* died. *B.* his immediate Successor, brought a Bill against *A.*'s Executor and the Legatee, either to avoid the Lease, as obtained by Fraud upon the Court, and on a Contract injurious to the Successor; or to have the 600 *l.* with Interest from the Rector's Death, for *B.*'s Benefit. And Lord Chan. *Talbot* would not set aside the Lease, saying, that the Lessee in taking it looked no farther back than to the Decree; he saw the Power that *A.* had, and it does not appear that he had a great Bargain, the Repairs having been great, and the rather because he had sold Part; but as to the late Rector, his *Lordship* said, he had no Doubt but that the 600 *l.* ought to be considered as a Part of the Trust from which it flowed, and ought to be repaid to *B.* with Interest at 4 *l. per Cent.* from the Death of *A.* And so decreed the 600 *l.* to be laid out in a Purchase for *B.* and his Successors, and 'till then to be laid out on Security in Trustees Names, and *A.*'s Executors to pay Costs out of his Assets; but as against the Lessee he dismissed the Bill, *with Costs.* *Trin. 1736. Galley and Baker, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 199.*

C A P. XC.

Reference,

(A) Reference to a Master in Chancery.

1. *A.* Contracting with *B.* to compile an Abridgment of the History of the Pleas of the Crown, the Question was, Whether the Book so compiled was an Abridgment of the Pleas of the Crown, or whether it was the same Book shortened, and made less? And Lord Chancellor said, he did not see what other Method he could take to determine the present Question, than by directing an Enquiry before the Master, to see whether the Book was a fair Abridgment, or only a colourable one; and in order that the Master may better determine it, his *Lordship* said, he ought to direct that the Master should be attended by two Persons skilled in the Profession of the Law to assist him, and that Directions of this Sort have been made in *Mathematical* and *Algebraical* Enquiries. But his *Lordship* said, he should chuse that two Persons should be agreed upon by Consent of both Parties to attend the Master, rather than that the Court should appoint them; which being afterwards done, his *Lordship* said, that the best Way was to leave all Matters in Difference to the Arbitration of those two Counsel, and if they should not be able to make an Award, that then they should have Liberty to choose an Umpire; accordingly the same was agreed to. *Hil. 1740. Gyles and Wilcox, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 368 to 370.*

2. *J. S.* gave a Bond to *B.* his Attorney, reciting, that "Whereas
 " *B.* had been serviceable to him in several Causes, and still continues to
 " be so, and the said *J. S.* being thoroughly sensible of the Services and
 Vol. II. 8 P " Favours;

“ Favours; if the said J. S. shall leave to the said B. a Legacy of
 “ 1000*l.* then the Obligation to be void, otherwise to stand in full
 “ Force.” J. S. died, but leaving no Legacy to B. he brought an
 Action upon that Bond against J. S.’s Executrix, and obtained Judg-
 ment. The Executrix brought a Bill to be relieved against this Bond.
 Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*, at the Hearing, decreed that the Bond could
 not be relieved against; but afterwards, upon a *Rehearing*, his *Lordship*
 reversed his former Decree, and directed that the *Master* see what the
 Services were which B. did for J. S. and what he ought to be allowed
 for them, and whether B. ought to have any Allowance made him for
 any extraordinary Services which he did. The Bond to stand as a Se-
 curity for the whole that is due. *East*. 1741. *Walmesley* and *Booth*,
Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 475 to 483.

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Refunding.

Ibid. 357.
 Lord *Cowper*
 declared that
 tho’ this
 might be an
 hard Case, yet
 if the Plain-
 tiffs had a
 Right to be
 repaid their
 Money which
 they had over-
 paid on the
 Mortgage,
 this Right
 could not be
 overthrown
 by the Exe-
 cutor’s apply-
 ing the Mo-
 ney in any
 Manner he
 should think
 fit, any more
 than if an
 Executor at
 Law should

1. J. S. was indebted to B. in 400*l.* by Mortgage. Afterwards J. S.
 died without Issue, leaving his two Sisters C. and D. his Heirs
 at Law. C. died, leaving an Infant Son (a Plaintiff) and by Will
 devised her Moiety of the Estate to two Trustees in Fee, In Trust to
 join with D. to raise by Sale, Mortgage, &c. of so much of the Estate
 as was necessary, Monies sufficient for Payment of J. S.’s Debts. On
 a Bill brought by J. S.’s Creditors to have a Sale for Payment of their
 Debts, the *Master* reported 700*l.* due on B.’s Mortgage, and B.’s Ex-
 ecutor received the same of the Trustees. Afterwards it appeared by a
 Copy of an Account under B.’s Hand, that 353*l.* 13*s.* 1*d.* had been
 paid by J. S. in his Life-time. Upon this the Trustees and *Cestuy que*
Trust (the Infant Son of C.) brought a Bill to be relieved against this
 Over-payment. B.’s Executor pleaded all the former Proceedings,
 and insisted that before any Notice of the Over-payment he had paid
 away this 700*l.* in Debts of B. His *Honour* decreed the Executor
 to repay the Surplus, and the Executor to be at Liberty to sue such
 Creditors as thro’ Mistake he had paid, to make them refund. And
 on Appeal Lord *Cowper* affirmed this Decree. *Trin.* 1717. *Pooley et*
al and *Ray*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 355.
 recover a Debt, and pay the Testator’s Debts with it, and afterwards this Judgment is reversed in *Error*,
 the Executor must restore the Money to the Plaintiff in Error, and his having paid it away in Debts of his
 Testator will not excuse him from paying it back. And so of a Decree which is afterwards reversed on an
 Appeal. *Secus* if the Defendant had delayed the Appeal, and willingly stood by whilst the Executor paid away
 his Money to the Testator’s Creditors, for this would be drawing the Executor into a Snare.

Rehearing. Vide **Hearing and Rehearing**, P. 490.

C A P. XCH.

Release.

1. **A**N Orphan cannot release her customary Share, it being a mere future Right; nor can the Husband do it. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield.* But whether such Release would amount to a Composition or Agreement in Bar of her future Right, or be a Compounding for her customary Share, was not determined. *Ibid. 594. Trin 1722. Per Lord Ch. Macclesfield.* *Vide Prec. in Chan. 546.*

2. J. S. had a Lease from A. of Froster-Court Farm of 263 l. per Annum, and was Tenant at Will of a Farm called Pikes, of 22 l. per Annum. On his Payment of Rent, A's Steward gave him a Receipt in his Verbis, "Received then of J. S. the Sum of 137 l. 10s. 0d. in full for Half a Year's Rent due at Lady Day last." The Release being general, the Defendant insisted he was not obliged to account for the Rent of Pikes. To be relieved against which A. brought his Bill, which was dismissed by his Honour, in regard that he might have his Action at Law for the Rent of Pikes, notwithstanding the Generality of the Words of the Release. But on Appeal, Lord Chan. King declared he was not satisfied that A. had a Remedy at Law, as both these Lands might formerly have been held together, and the general Words in the Lease might possibly extend to Pikes, contrary to the Intent of the Parties; if A. should not recover at Law, he must have Relief here; so it would be sending it to Law in order to have a new Bill. So decreed an Account. *Mich. 1724. Lord Lucy and Watts, Select Cases in Chan. 1.*

In this Case was cited arg' the Case of Bacon and Harries two or three Terms ago in this Court, which was thus: A Tenant got a Receipt in full to the Date; Bill was brought for an Account; the Tenant insisted he was not obliged to give any Account previous to the Receipt, because his

Vouchers might be lost, and not preserved on account of the Receipt; so that he might be made to suffer, not thro' any Default of his own, but by relying on the Receipt. But there being great Reason to believe the Receipt insisted on was obtained either thro' Fraud, or by Mistake, and that the Tenant had not paid all that was due to the Time of the Receipt, Account was ordered to be taken previous to the Receipt, and to pay Costs. *Ibid. 2.*

C A P. XCIII.

Remainder.

(A) Remainder by whom, and to whom, and when good, &c.
— And here of contingent Remainders.

(B) Remainder barred by a Recovery.

(C) Dispute between a Remainder Man and the Guardian of Tenant in Tail.

(A) Remainder by Whom, and to Whom, and when good, &c. — And here of contingent Remainders.

Prec. in Chan.
338. *Trin.*
1712. *Eure*
and *Howard*,
S.C. accord.
— *S. P.* came
before Lord
Chan. Cowper
Trin. 1716
in the Case of
Stanbope and
Thacker, who
ordered an
Ejectment to
be brought,
and on a spe-
cial finding of
the Matter,
the Question
to be argued
and deter-
mined at Law,
(it being
merely a
Point of Law)
and his Lord-
ship said he
thought it
a very nice
Point. *Ibid.*
438.

1. *J.* S. seised in Fee of *Blackacre*, by Indenture of 1677 cove-
nants to levy a Fine thereof to C. and B. and their Heirs, to
the Use of himself for Life, and after, to such Uses as he should
by any Deed or Writing under his Hand and Seal executed, &c. du-
ring his natural Life, direct and appoint; and for want thereof, In
Trust for him and his Heirs. A Fine was levied, and *J. S.* afterwards
intermarrying with *M.* by whom he had Issue *R.* and *J. S.* being
seised in Right of *M.* of *Whiteacre* in Fee, they, by Lease and Re-
lease and Fine conveyed these Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, In
Trust to the Use of *J. S.* for Life, then to *M.* for Life, Remainder to
R. the Son in Tail Male, Remainder to the right Heirs of the Survivor
of the said *J. S.* and *M.* for ever. Afterwards on the Marriage of *R.* with
N. by Lease and Release of 9 and 10 July 1698, made between *J. S. M.*
and *R.* of the first Part, *A. B.* Daughter and Heir of *B.* the surviving
Trustee in the Deed of 1677 of the second Part, said *N.* of the third
Part, and others of the fourth and fifth Parts, in Consideration of a
Marriage between *R.* and *N.* and of 4000*l.* Portion, and other Consi-
derations, *J. S. M.* and *R.* convey *Blackacre* and *Whiteacre* and other
Lands to Trustees and their Heirs, to the Uses following, viz. As to
Part, to the Use of *J. S.* for ninety-nine Years, if he should so long live,
Remainder to Trustees to preserve contingent Remainders, Remainder to
M. for Life, Remainder to *R.* for ninety-nine Years, if he should so long
live, Remainder to Trustees to support, &c. And as to the other Part,
to the Use of *J. S.* and *M.* his Wife, for their Lives, and the Life of the
Survivor of them, Remainder to *R.* for ninety-nine Years, if he should,
&c. Remainder to Trustees and their Heirs, to support, &c. Remainder
as to the other Part to *R.* in Possession for ninety-nine Years, if, &c.
Remainder to Trustees and their Heirs, to support, &c. Remainder to
N. for Life for her Jointure, Remainder of the whole as the several
Estates before limited should respectively determine, to the first Son of the
Body of *N.* to be begotten, and of the Heirs Male of the Body of such
first Son lawfully issuing, and so to the second and other Sons in like
Manner, Remainder to the Heirs Male of *R.* Remainder to the right
Heirs

Heirs of J. S. for ever. J. S. covenants that he and M. would levy a Fine of the said Lands to these Uses, and A. B. the Daughter of the surviving Trustee by the Directions of J. S. grants, releases and conveys, and he ratifies and confirms all the Lands by the Deed of 1677 limited to C. and B. and their Heirs, to the Use of J. S. for ninety-nine Years, if, &c. Remainder to Trustees, &c. with other Remainders over, to the right Heirs of J. S. for ever. A Fine was levied, and the Marriage took Effect, and R. and N. had Issue W. a Son, and S. a Daughter; then M. dies and then R. dies. Then J. S. by Will devises all his Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy whatsoever to Trustees and their Heirs, In Trust by Sale or Mortgage to raise Money to pay his Debts and Legacies. J. S. dies, then W. the Grandson dies without Issue, leaving S. On a Bill brought by the Creditors and Legatees of J. S. against his Executrix, and N. and S. her Daughters the Trustees in the Will of J. S. and others, to have a Satisfaction of their Debts, &c. N. sets out the Indentures of 1698, and insisted in Behalf of S. her Daughter, that the Remainder of all that was thereby limited to J. S. for ninety-nine Years, with Remainder to his right Heirs, vested in S. her Daughter as Heir to W. her Brother, as a contingent Remainder by Purchase, and so not subject to J. S.'s Disposal by Will. And whether they were, and how many, and which of them were so subject, was the only Question? And First, As to the Lands limited to J. S. for Life, with the last Remainder thereof to his own right Heirs, there was little or no Question made of it, but that it was the old Reversion in Fee in him, and consequently liable to be disposed of as he thought fit; but as to the other Lands limited to him for ninety-nine Years, with such Remainder to his own right Heirs, there were very solemn Arguments how far he had a Power over it; and that was divided into three Points, First, Whether if these Lands not comprised in the Deeds of 1677, and whereof he was seised in Possession at the Time of the Marriage Settlement upon R. the Son, the Remainder to his right Heirs should be looked upon to be the old Reversion, and so under his Power of devising? Secondly, Whether if the Lands comprised in the Deed of 1677, the Remainder to his own right Heirs, should be looked upon to be void, and the old Reversion vested in himself, and so pass by his Will? Thirdly, Whether if the Remainder to the right Heirs of the Survivor of J. S. and M. his Wife, was capable of being settled to the Uses therein limited? And if so, Whether the Remainder to the right Heirs of J. S. was so vested in him as to be subject to his Will? And after great Debate, Lord Keeper ordered a Case to be stated on these several Points out of the Deeds, and then he would consider of them, and give his Opinion; and if it were necessary, would desire the Assistance of some of the Judges in it; but inclined pretty strongly that J. S. had Power to subject all these Lands by Will as his old Reversion undisposed of; and said, they might argue to the contrary from Sun rising to Sun setting, but he thought they would not alter his Opinion. Mich. 9 Ann. Cure and Howard, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 20.

2. *A. seised in Fee, devises to B. his Executors and Administrators, for 99 Years, In Trust for himself and M. his Wife, for their Lives, and the Life of the Survivor; and after the Death of the Survivor, In Trust for the Heirs of their two Bodies; and in Default of such Issue, then In Trust for the Heirs of the Body of A. and in Default of such Issue, In Trust for the Heirs of the Survivor of the Husband and Wife. They have Issue C. a Son. A. dies. Afterwards C. dies, leaving M. an In-*

fant, and without Issue. *M.* administers to *A.* and *C.* and assigns the Term to *R.* His Honour (on Consideration of this Case) decreed the Title to belong to *R.* the Assignee of the Wife, and that this Term should not be attendant on the Inheritance; for that *A.* who raised this Term, and had Power to sever it from the Inheritance, shewed his Intention so to do, by limiting the Trust to the Survivor of him and his Wife, and the Heirs of the Survivor; which, tho' it was a void Limitation, yet sufficed to shew his Intention to sever such Term from the Reversion. *Trin. 1717. Hayter and Rod, 1 Will. Rep. 360 to 376.*

Vide P. Ca.

3. *A.* settles Lands to the Use of himself for ninety-nine Years, if he so long live, Remainder to Trustees and their Heirs, during his Life, &c. Remainder to the Heirs of his Body, Remainder to himself in Fee. Per Lord Chan. Cowper, This is plainly a contingent Remainder, being limited to the Heirs of the Body of *A.* who can have no Heir during his Life; for *nemo est hæres viventis*; and that the Meaning of the Limitation is to carry the Settlement as far as may be, and beyond the Limitation to the first Son. *Mich. 1717. Elfe and Osborn, 1 Will. Rep. 387, 388.*

(a) Settlement in the Original.

4. *J. S.* devises his Freehold Estate to Trustees and their Heirs, In Trust to convey the Premises to *A.* his Son for Life, Remainder to Trustees, to preserve, &c. Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail Male successively, Remainder to his four Daughters in Tail general, as Tenants in Common; and if *A.* should die without Issue, then he devised that the Premises should be settled in Fourths, viz. one Fourth to *B.* in Fee, another Fourth to *C.* in Fee, another Fourth to *D.* in Fee, and the remaining Fourth to *E.* in Fee; and in Case all or any of the said four Remainder Persons should be dead at the Time when by Virtue of the said Settlement (a) his Estate was to devolve upon them, then the fourth Part to which the Person so dead should have been intitled to, if living, should be conveyed to the respective Heirs of the Person so dead. *B. C. D.* and *E.* were Sisters of *A.* Afterwards *E.* died, living *A.* without Issue. Lord Chan. Parker decreed, that the Remainder in Fee of *E.*'s fourth Part does vest in her Brother as her Heir; for she having a Devise of the fourth Part to her in Fee, the Words directing a Conveyance to be made in Case of her Death to her Heir are no more than what would have been otherwise implied, & *expressio eor' quæ tacitè insunt nihil operatur.* *Hil. 1719. Blackburn and Edgley, 1 Will. Rep. 600, 606.*

His Lordship said, that two Questions had been made in this Case, First, Whether *T.* took an Estate-tail, or for Life only? Secondly, Whether, if he took for Life only, the subsequent Accident of his dying without Issue Male, or rather his

5. *J. S.* possessed of a thousand Years Term, devised it to Trustees, In Trust for his Son *T.* for so many Years of the Term as he should live, and after his Death, In Trust for the Issue Male of *T.* lawfully begotten, for so many Years of the same as such Issue should live; and when the Issue Male of *T.* should happen to be extinct, then In Trust for his second Son *B.* for Life, Remainder In Trust for the Issue Male of *B.* for so many Years of the Term as such Issue should live; the eldest to be preferred before the youngest; and after the Death of *B.* and from the Time his Issue Male should happen to be extinct, then the Premises to descend and continue in the Issue Male of the Name and Family of the Clares, (which was the Testator's Name) which should be next of Kin, for all the Residue of the Term; and made said *T.* sole Executor

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never having had any Issue Male, would let in the Limitation to *B.* the second Son? As to the first his Lordship was of Opinion, that *T.* took but an Estate for Life, and distinguished this Case from that of *King and Melling*, which was in Case of a Freehold, which may and must descend to the Issue; but in the principal Case it is only of a Leasehold, which, without a particular Provision, shall never descend, but must go in a Course of Administration; and here it is expressly limited to *T.* for Life, and shall not be enlarged by any subsequent Words, especially

tor and residuary Legatee. *J. S.* died; then *T.* died *sans* Issue. Lord Chan. Talbot decreed this Term belonged to *T.* as being the residuary Legatee of *J. S.* his Father, and from him to the Plaintiff, who was *T.*'s Executor. *East*. 1734. *Clare and Clare, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot* 21.

first Part, for there he gives it to the first and every other Son and the Heirs Male of their Bodies (a); so it is plain that he intended that every Issue to be born of *T.* should take; and then the Limitation to *B.* was too remote, and cannot take Effect. Secondly, That the subsequent Accident of *T.*'s dying without Issue will not better the Case. *Ibid.*

cially when in the Limitation to *B.* he explains what he meant by the Gift to the Issue in the

(a) Note; These Words do not appear in the State of the Case.

6. *A.* devises all his Freehold, Copyhold and Leasehold, and all his real and personal Estate, not before devised, to three Trustees, their Heirs, Executors and Assigns, In Trust to pay his Son *B.* 27 l. Quarterly; and if he should have any Child or Children, he gives the Residue of the Rents, &c. of the said Trust Estate during *B.*'s Life, for the Education and Benefit of such Child or Children; and after *B.*'s Decease, he gives a Moiety of the Trust Estate to such Child and Children as *B.* should leave, their respective Heirs, Executors and Assigns; and gives the other Moiety to the Child and Children of *C.* his Grandson, and every other Child and Children of *S.* his Daughter, their Heirs, &c. And if *B.* dies *sans* Issue, he gives the first Moiety to *C.* and other Child and Children of *S.* and their Heirs, &c. and directs an annual Payment to such Wife as *B.* should marry. *A.* died. *B.* married, and had Issue a Son and a Daughter, and died. Afterwards *C.* married, and had Issue *D.* a Daughter, and died. The Limitation to the Daughter of *C.* is well supported by the Estate in the Trustees; or, if not, is good as an executory Devise; and the Profits, &c. shall go to the Children of *B.* *Mich.* 1735. *Chapman and Blissett, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot* 145.

(B) Remainder barred by a Recovery (b).

(b) Stat. 22
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2. 24. No Tenant in Tail of any Fee-Farm Rents shall be enabled of this Act to bar the Remainders, nor shall have greater Power over the said Rents than he had before.

1. *J.* *S.* seised in Fee of the Manors of *A.* and *B.* (after Debts and Legacies paid) devises these Manors to *C.* for Life *sans* Waste, and if *C.* shall have Issue Male, then to such Issue Male and his Heirs for ever; and if *C.* should die without Issue Male, then after *C.*'s Death he devised the Manor of *A.* to *D.* in Fee, and the Manor of *B.* to *E.* in Fee. *C.* suffers a Recovery of these Manors; and upon an Appeal to the House of Lords, with the Advice of all the Judges, it was held, that the Remainder to *D.* in Default of *C.*'s leaving a Son, was a contingent Remainder, and consequently barred by the Recovery suffered by *C.* 22 May 1717 in *Dom. Proc.* *Mich.* 1718. in the Case of *Copper and Barnardiston et al*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 503, 509.

(C) Dispute

(C) Dispute between a Remainder Man and the Guardian of Tenant in Tail.

His Lordship said his Opinion was, that there was no Relief in Equity in this Case, for this was a Court of Equity but not of Honour: That the Infant being Tenant in Tail, had a Right to the Timber growing upon his Inheritance, and when severed from the Soil it became a Chattel Interest in him, and consequently would go to his Representatives; and the felling the Timber without his Order or Direction, makes no Alteration in the Case; be it done by a Tort Seisor or Trespasser, or by Tenant in Tail himself, the Law is the same. *Ibid.*

1. *J. S.* settles Lands of 4000 l. per Annum upon his Marriage with *M.* upon the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail successively, as usual in Marriage Settlements, and dies, leaving Issue a Son and Daughter, both Infants, and their Mother Guardian. The Son about twenty being ill, and not likely to live to twenty-one, the Mother was about two Months before his Death, which happened at his Age of twenty Years and seven Months, gives Orders for felling a great Quantity of Timber without her Son's Privy, and in that Space did fell Timber to the Value of 5000 l. or 6000 l. in an improper Season of the Year, and in a wasteful Manner, in order to increase her Son's personal Estate, which was divided at his Death between her and her Daughter, as next of Kin by the Statute of Distributions. The Bill was brought by Plaintiff as next in Remainder, against the Mother and her Daughter, to have an Account and Satisfaction for the Money raised by the Sale of this Timber, upon the Foot of Fraud, that the Mother felled this Timber without the Privy and Consent of her Son, in Prejudice to the Remainder Man and his Inheritance. *King C.* dismissed the Bill *quoad hoc.* July 8, 1727. *Savil and Savil, Vin. Abr. Tit. Executors, (U) Ca. 76. P. 154.*

C A P. XCIV.

Rent.

(a) A Parson of a Parish leased his Tithes at a Rent payable yearly at Michaelmas, and died in September; and the Court decreed an Apportionment. *Meeley and Webber (b), in Scac. MS. Notes.*—So where *A.* leased Tithes for the Lives of *B.* and *C.* and *B.* died one Day before half a Year's Rent became due; on a Demurrer to a Bill against the Executor for this Rent, the Court ordered Defendant to answer, and reserved the Merits to the Hearing. *Falbot and Salmon (c), MS. Notes.* (b) *Quere* Term and Year. (c) *Quere* Term and Year.

And with regard to the Notion that *D.*'s remaining in Possession shewed his Election to continue at the old Rent, this, the Court said, only shewed his Election from that Time, and not from the End of the preceding Quarter Day. *Ibid.* 393.—The Act of the 11 Geo. 2. cap. 19. sect. 15. has altered the Law as to the apportioning of Rent in Point of Time, for

1. *J. S.* Tenant for Life, Remainder in Tail to his Son *B.* *C.* a Judgment Creditor of *J. S.* extended the Land, and leased to *D.* rendring Rent Quarterly. *J. S.* died the 10 Mar. 1710, and *D.* continued in Possession 'till the Lady Day following. *B.* the Tenant in Tail claimed the Rent from Christmas to Lady Day, for that *D.* by his holding over shewed his Election to continue Tenant at Will to *B.* and that this would be no Hardship on *D.* since he ought

ought to pay his Rent to some Person; and C. could have no Pre-
 tence to the *Lady Day's* Rent; and tho' in this Case *J. S.* died
 6 *March*, the Reason had been the same if he had died the Day
 after *Christmas Day*. But Lord Chan. *Cowper* held that this was
Casus omissus out of the remedial Statutes relating to Rent, and that
 the Law does not apportion Rent into Point of Time (a); and did not
 know that Equity ever did it: That this is an Accident which the
 Judgment Creditor might have guarded against by reserving the Rent
 Weekly, so that it is his Fault, and becomes a Gift in Law to the
 Tenant; and held that as to the Profits from the End of the last
 Quarter to the Death of *J. S. D.* should pay nothing; but for the
 Profits from the Death of *J. S. D.* was to account to B. *Hil. 1717.*
Jenner and Morgan, 1 Will. Rep. 392.

for thereby it
 is enacted,
 that where
 any Tenant for
 Life shall die
 before or on the
 Day on which
 any Rent was
 reserved or
 made payable
 upon any De-
 mise or Lease,
 which of any
 Lands, &c.
 which deter-
 mined on the
 Death of such
 Tenant for

Life, the Executors or Administrators of such Tenant for Life shall and may in an Action on the Case recover of and from such Undertenant or Undertenants of such Lands, &c. if such Tenant for Life die on the Day on which the same was made payable, the whole; or if before such Day, then a Proportion of such Rent according to the Time such Tenant for Life lived of the last Year or Quarter, or the Time in which the old Rent was growing due, making all just Allowances.

(a) 1 Inst. 292. b. 10 Rep. 128.

Vide Tit. Apportionment, P. 82.

C A P. XCV.

Report.

(A) Made by a Master in Chancery.

1. **A** REPORT made by a Master in Chancery is as a Judgment of the Court. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, Trin. 1720.* By a standing Order of the Court of Chancery made by the

Lords Commissioners Temp. 4 W. & M. it was directed, that all Reports should be filed within four Days after the making, otherwise no Decree, Order, or Proceedings, to be had thereupon; but the Register saying, that it was sufficient if the Report were filed before any Proceedings had thereupon, tho' this were not done within four Days after the making, Lord Chan. *King* agreed to this, adding, that this was the Spirit of the Order, tho' the Letter seemed otherwise; and said that the constant Practice being according to this Construction, many hundred Reports would be liable to be set aside if the Order should be literally observed; and no Motion was ever known for filing a Report *nunc pro tunc*. And the Court took it to be well enough, tho' in the principal Case the Motion to confirm the Report *Nisi* was made the same Day that the Report was filed. *Hil. 1728. Eyles and others Trustees of the South-Sea Company and Ward, 2 Will. Rep. 517.*

2. It is not usual to confirm Reports of Receiver's Accounts. *Per his Honour, Mich. 1734. in Casu Cowper and E. Cowper, 2 Will. Rep. 661.*

C A P. XCVI.

Reversion,

His Lordship said, that the Point that was in the Case of *Kellow and Rowden* in 3 Mod. does not seem applicable to this Case, for that was an Action on a Bond by the Father against the second Son as Heir to the Father; for in that Action the second Son was charged as immediate Heir to the Father; and in this Case it appears that the Father had settled Lands on himself for Life, Remainder to his first Son in Tail, Remainder to himself in Fee. The

Father dies. The Estate comes to the first Son, who dies, leaving a Son, and then the Son dies, and on his Death the Lands descended to the second Son as Heir to the Father. In this Case it was not doubted but that this Estate was the Estate of the Father, and liable to the Debt. But the Question was, If the Plaintiff in that Action had well charged the Defendant as immediate Heir to his Father, and whether he ought not to have charged him as Heir to the Nephew, and have shewed his Pedigree for that Purpose? Mr. Justice *Giles Eyre* held that he was not well charged; but the other three Justices held that he was; but Mr. Justice *Giles Eyre* in that Case said, that it was not doubted but that the Reversion in Fee which took Place in the second Son, was vested in the first Son, and that the first Son might have charged it with Statute, Judgment or Recognizance, which was not denied by the other Justices, so that it could not be doubted but that if he had made a Lease for Years out of the Reversion, and such Reversion had after come to the Brother, but that it must have been subject to that Lease; the stating this proves the Difference; and that in the principal Case it would not be liable to the Bond of Sir George Cary as Assets by Descent, because that cannot be where there is an intermediate Estate, but must be where the Heir takes as immediate Heir to the Ancestor that entered into the Bond; but on Judgment you charge the Tertenant of the Estate that was in the Person that was the Conusor of the Judgment, but not so by this Bond, unless the Lands came as Assets by Descent to the very Heir of Sir George Cary. This will not be liable to the Inconveniencies as were by me at first apprehended, for if either of the Persons that took an Estate-tail had suffered a Common Recovery, there would have been an End of the Reversion in Fee. Where there is a Tenant in Tail with Reversion to him in Fee, and this Reversion descends to the Defendants, they must take it liable to the Judgment or Statute, or Recognizance of any of their Ancestors in whom the Estate at any Time was; and therefore his Lordship was of Opinion, that this Reversion is liable to the Judgment. As to a Fine that was mentioned, as it was not produced, his Lordship said he could not give any Determination upon it; but said that it seemed to operate no otherwise than as a Grant of the Reversion, which being subsequent to the Lien that was on it by this Judgment, and the Plaintiffs filing their Bill in 1726, which was but two Years after such Fine, the same is no Bar to the Plaintiffs. *Ibid.*

(a) Remainder in the Original.

C A P. XCVII.

Scotch Peer.

1. **Q**UEEN *Ann* by Letters Patent, dated about two Years after the Union of *England* and *Scotland*, created the *then* Duke of *Queensberry*, then a *Scotch* Peer, to be an *English* Peer. In Pursuance of this Patent, the Duke was summoned to Parliament, where he took his Seat, and continued to sit and vote in two successive Parliaments, no Objection being made to such his Right at any Time during his Life. The Duke died during the Infancy of the present Duke, who coming to Age petitioned the King to cause a Writ of Summons to be issued to him for his coming and voting in Parliament. This was referred by the King to the House of Lords, who after having heard Counsel and upon Debate the Majority of the Peers were against allowing the present Duke the Privilege of sitting in their House. *Mich. 1719. The Duke of Queensberry and Dover's Case, in Dom. Proc', 1 Will. Rep. 582.*

The Difficulty in this Case was, that in the late Duke of *Hamilton's* Case it was resolved by the Lords (*Die Jovis 20 Decembris 1711*) that no Patent of Honour, granted to any Peer of *Great Britain* who was a Peer of *Scotland* at the Time of the Union, should intitle him to sit in Parliament. *Ibid. 583.*

C A P. XCVIII.

Scribener.

1. **J**. S. deposited 300 *l.* in *A.* a Scribener's Hands. *A.* placed the same out at Interest upon a Mortgage of Houses, and took the Mortgage in *J. S.*'s Name, which Mortgage after proved defective. *J. S.* for many Years received the Interest, but it did not appear by the Proofs that *J. S.* did ever assent to this Mortgage, or that he did give *A.* a general Authority to dispose of it at Interest as he thought fit; neither did it appear that he had laid any Restraint upon *A.* not to dispose of it without his Approbation. Lord Chancellor said it was a Case of great Consequence, and so he would consider of it before he would deliver any Opinion. And it afterwards appearing by the Proofs that *J. S.* had by his Agents received Interest for several Years, and in the Receipts had taken Notice of the Principal being in Mortgage upon the said Security, Lord Chancellor was of Opinion that *J. S.* ought to sustain the Loss; and reversed a Decree made by his Honour *cont'*. *Hil. 1679. Clarke and Perrier, 2 Freem. Rep. 48.*

But if it had stood barely upon the Construction of the Law, without any Proof of the Consent or Approbation of *J. S.* there *A.* must have sustained the Loss according to the Rules of Common Law in Case of Bailment (a), as *1 Inst. 89.*

and his Lordship cited *Exod. c. 22.* that the *Lewitical* Law was so. *Ibid. 49.* Note; This Case rested merely upon the Construction of Law, which is, Whether a Scribener disposing of Money deposited generally in his Hands upon bad Security shall be answerable for it, there being no Proof of any Fraud or Collusion in the Scribener? Or, Whether the Owner of the Money should stand to the Loss of it? *Ibid. 48.*

(a) As if I deliver Goods to another to keep, and he lose them by any Accident, the Loss shall fall upon him, unless he qualifyeth the Construction of Law, by saying that he will keep them as his own, and then the Loss, if it be involuntary, falleth upon me.

His Honour said it is a standing Rule here, that if I trust a Scrivener with my Bond, and the Obligor pay him the Money and take up the Bond, that I shall have no Remedy against the Obligor; but if the Obligor compounds with the Scrivener for less than is due, it is an Evidence of Fraud, and then it may be the Obligor may pay the Money again. *Ibid.*

Prec. in Chan. 146. S. C. accord, and says Lord Keeper cited the Case of *Sir John Touch* the Scrivener upon the Mortgage of Mr. *Jervis*, where, tho' Sir John had Notice of Declarations in Ejectment, delivered on a prior Mortgage before he lent his Client's Money, yet could not be charged to make good to his Client the Money he afterwards lent upon it. *Ibid.* 149.

And his Honour took this Distinction which he said had always been allowed, that if a Bond be left with a Scrivener, that is sufficient for him to receive the Principal and Interest, and the Delivery up of the Bond is a

sufficient Discharge to him that pays it.—But if a Mortgage were left with a Scrivener, this is a sufficient Authority to him to receive the Interest but not the Principal, and the Delivery up of the Mortgage by him is

2. A Bond was taken for 1400 *l.* in the Name of *L.* a Scrivener, In Trust for *J. S.* *L.* having Occasion for Money, without the Privy of *J. S.* borrows it of *B.* and assigns this Bond for Security; *B.* having no Notice of the Trust, and there being nothing of the Trust appearing by the Bond, the Question was, Which of them should have the Benefit of the Bond? It was agreed, that if it had been a Mortgage, and it had been assigned to *B.* without Notice of the Trust, that *B.* should have had it, because there a legal Estate had been vested in him without Notice; but this Case, as was insisted, differed from that, because by the Assignment of a Bond nothing passes at Law but an equitable Right, which is rebutted by the prior Equity in *J. S.* And so it was said it was held in the Case of *Sir Edward Abney* by the Lord Chancellor. But his Honour was of Opinion in this Case, that *B.* should have it; but *Abney's* Case being cited to be in the very Point, he desired to see that Case before he would give any Opinion. *East.* 1697. *Penn and Brown et al'*, 2 *Freem. Rep.* 214.

3. *A.* having 1000 *l.* out at Interest, desired it might be paid in to *J. S.* and that he would get her a Security for it. Accordingly the Money was paid in to *J. S.* and he, without any farther Directions from *A.* or without acquainting her at all of the Matter, lent it out on a Mortgage made by *B.* to *C.* for securing 250 *l.* which afterwards was increased to 1100 *l.* and was by him assigned to *D.* for securing that Sum; and the Assignment was taken in the Name of *A.* and she had some of the Title Deeds delivered to her, and received 68 *l.* of the Interest from *B.* but it fell out that the Security was pre-incumbred, and would not answer the Money. *A.* brought her Bill to have the Money made good to her either by *J. S.*'s Executors or by *D.* who had the Security before upon a Re-assignment; and had long before brought a Bill against *B.* to have the Redemption foreclosed, and a Decree had been obtained for Sale of the Estate, and *H.* had been allowed the best Purchaser for 600 *l.* Whereupon *D.* arrested *B.* upon his Bond, who, to procure his Enlargement, paid *D.* 600 *l.* and there remained due to *D.* at the Time of his Assignment only 643 *l.* for Principal, Interest and Costs, and yet the Assignment is made in Consideration of 1000 *l.* mentioned to be paid to him, and he received the 1000 *l.* which was a Fraud in him, and he concealed all these Matters from *J. S.* and assigned this as a good Security. Lord Keep. *Wright* said, he did not think that either *J. S.* or *D.* had done altogether what in natural Justice they ought to have done, yet that there was no sufficient Foundation to charge either of them in Equity. Dismissed the Bill, but without Costs. *Hil.* 1700. *Luke and Bridges and Christy*, *MS. Rep.* Decree affirmed in *Dom. Proc'*. *Ibid.*

4. *M.* having 4700 *l.* per Annum granted to her and her Heirs by King *Charles* the Second out of the Excise or Customs, and wanting to borrow Money, *B.* procured the same of *C.* a Scrivener, who was employed to lend out Money for the Executors of *D.* and gave him 100 *l.* for Procuration; the Security given for it was out of this 4700 *l.* per Annum, a Proportion whereof was set apart to be yearly applied towards this Debt 'till the whole Principal and Interest was discharged. *C.* had received 2900 *l.* for the Use of the Executors, and gave his Receipts accordingly, and had accounted to the Executors for about 1700 *l.* but about 1100 *l.* remained in his Hands unaccounted for, and he died insolvent. And the only Question was, Whether this

Loss

Loss should fall upon *M.* or the Executors? And it appearing that *C.* was Agent for *D.*'s Executors not only in this but in other Affairs, and that he transacted this Matter on their Behalfs, saw the Writings executed, and paid the Money lent, and the Money was appointed to be paid at his House, and the Writings being left with him, and for all that appeared continued at his House, the *Lord Keeper* and his *Honour* were of Opinion, that the Loss ought to fall upon the Executors and not upon *M.* who seems to have been an utter Stranger to *C.* before the borrowing of this Money. *Hil. 1700. Dutcheys of Cleaveland and The Executors of Sir George Dashwood, 2 Freem. Rep. 249.*

no sufficient Discharge to the Mortgagor, because the Estate ought to be re-assigned, which cannot be done but by the Party himself.

But *Lord Keeper* said, he

saw no Reason for this Difference, but that in Equity it would be all one, the Money being really paid to the Person who had the Deeds in his Custody. But his *Honour* seemed to be of a contrary Opinion. But however, in the *principal* Case, the Money was to be paid by Installments, Principal and Interest together, and it was plain *C.* had accounted for Part to *D.*'s Executors, and no Countermand had ever been given, and therefore thought it reasonable that what was paid to *C.* should be allowed to *M.* on account, her Bill being to redeem. *Ibid. 250.*

5. *J. S.* having borrowed 100 *l.* of *A.* upon Bond which was procured by *B.* a Scrivener, when the Bond was sealed it was delivered to the Obligee. *J. S.* paid several Years Interest to *B.* and 50 *l.* Part of the Principal, which *B.* paid to the Obligee, but the last 50 *l.* being paid to *B.* he broke before he paid it to the Obligee. And the Question was, Whether *J. S.* was to lose the Money or the Obligee? And *per* his *Honour*, Altho' *B.* had received the Interest and Part of the Principal, and paid it to the Obligee, yet that did not imply that he had any Authority to receive it, but as long as he had paid it over, all was well, and any one else might have carried it to the Party as well as he; and *J. S.* not proving that *B.* had any Authority from the Obligee to receive it, he was forced to pay the last 50 *l.* again, altho' his *Honour* declared, that he thought it a very hard Case. *Mich. 1705. Sir John Wolstenholm and Davies, 2 Freem. Rep. 289.*

His *Honour* said that it was the constant Rule of this Court, that if the Party to whom the Surety was made trusted his Security in the Hands of the Scrivener, that Payment to the Scrivener was good Payment; but if he took the Security

into his own keeping, Payment to the Scrivener would not be good Payment, unless it could be proved that the Scrivener had Authority from the Party to receive it. *Ibid.*

C A P. XCIX.

Sequestration,

(A) Sequestration, its Force;—In what Cases granted,—and against what Persons.

(B) Sequestrators, their Power.

(C) Of reviving a Sequestration.

(A) Sequestration, its Force;—In what Cases granted,—and against what Persons.

For *Jenner, Heath and Powell, Barons*, thought that if it might be granted in *Mefne Procefs*, where it did not appear whether there was any Duty or not; *a fortiori* after a Decree, where the Duty was ad-

1. **T**HE Question was, Whether the Court of Exchequer should grant a Sequestration after a Decree for a personal Duty? It was admitted that in Procefs for Appearance a Sequestration was always grantable by this Court, but for a personal Duty, after a Decree there were many Instances in Lord Chief Justice *Hale's* Time, and in the Lord *Montague's* Time, where it had been denied; and these Precedents that had been produced for it, were most of them where it was the Suit of the King, which was admitted on all Hands, that where the King was Plaintiff it might be granted. But by the Opinion of *Jenner, Heath and Powell, Barons*, it ought to be granted. *Trin. 1687. Guavers and Fountain, in Scac', 2 Freem. Rep. 99.*

judged and ascertained; and it being always the Practice of the Chancery, it ought much more in this Court, where the Plaintiff was supposed to be a Debtor to the King; and they thought that the Jurisdiction of the Court of Equity would be to little Purpose, if the Court had not sufficient Authority to see their Decrees executed. The Lord Chief Baron doubted, because Lord Chief Baron *Hale* could never be prevailed upon to grant it, nor the Lord *Montague*, to whose Learning, he said, he must greatly subscribe. But by the Opinion of the other three it was granted.

2. No Sequestration can regularly issue to sequester the Estate of any Person who cannot be found, but upon the *Return non est inventus* of the Serjeant at Arms (a). *Per Lord Chancellor, 13 May, 7 Geo. 1. Ex parte Jephson Serjeant at Arms, Prec. in Chan. 553.*

(a) *Vide Tit. Serjeant at Arms, P. Ca.*

3. A Sequestration was ordered *Nisi* both against the Countess Dowager of *Shaftsbury* and the Countess of *Gainsborough* for their Contempt in contriving and effecting the Marriage of the Earl of *Shaftsbury* an Infant with the Countess of *Gainsborough's* Daughter without Consent of his Guardian named by his Father's Will, and without applying to the Court. *Per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, Hil. 1722. Eyre and The Countess of Shaftsbury, 2 Will. Rep. 110.*

On 15 May following the three Lords Commis-

sioners, *Jekyll* Master of the Rolls, *Gilbert* Baron, and Mr Justice *Raymond*, after solemn Debate were of Opinion, that the Sequestration against the Countess of *Shaftsbury* ought to be *absolute*; but forasmuch as the Infant's Guardian has not complained of, or prayed any Relief against Lady *Gainsborough*, the Court would do nothing against her, but discharged the Order of Sequestration with respect to her. *Ibid. 110, 117.—Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 172, 178. East. 8 Geo. 1. Earl of Shaftsbury and Shaftsbury, S. C. says, upon this Matter coming before the Lords Commissioners, it was observed that this Contempt was not sworn upon the Lady Gainsborough, whereas an Order for a Sequestration in the Case of a Peer is a judicial Act of the Court, and therefore must be upon a proper Affidavit, as Lord Commissioner Giltbert apprehended; and said, that the Order is the Judgment of the Court, and the Sequestration is the Execution of it; and therefore the Judgment ought not to be founded on Conjecture only, for if she be examined upon subsequent Interrogatories, this will not make good the Determination of the Court by a Matter ex post facto.*

4. Upon a Motion for a Sequestration against the Defendant's *real* His Lordship and *personal* Estate in *Ireland*, (for a Contempt of this Court) Lord said, the Chan. *Macclesfield* said, the Plaintiff ought at least first to take out a Courts of Justice *here* have a super-intendant Power (a) over those in *Ireland*, and therefore

Writs of Error lie in *B. R.* in *England* to reverse Judgments in *B. R.* in *Ireland*. *Ibid.* 262. But Mr. *P. Williams* makes a Question to whom the Sequestration against the Estate in *Ireland* is to be directed, and if it should not be by an Order from Lord Chancellor, reciting the Proceedings *here*, and directing the Chancellor of *Ireland* to issue out a Sequestration there for the Benefit of the Plaintiff, and towards Satisfaction of his Demands. *Ibid.* 262. In this Case was cited *arg'* that of Lord *Arglass* and *Muschamp*, 1 *Vern.* 135. where the Court granted a Sequestration into *Ireland*; nay, that such Process had been awarded to the Governor of *North Carolina*. But per Lord Chan. *Macclesfield*, As to the Sequestration mentioned to have been directed to *North Carolina*, or any other of the Plantations, his Lordship doubted much whether such Sequestration should not be directed by the King in Council, where alone an Appeal lies from the Decrees in the Plantations, for which Reason it seemed that in such Case the Plaintiff ought to make his Application to the King in Council, and not to this Court. *Ibid.*—2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 124. *Hil.* 11 *Geo.* 1. Sir John Fryar and *Vernon*, says, on a Motion for a Sequestration of the Defendant's Lands in *Ireland* for a Contempt to this Court, his Honour was of Opinion, that such Sequestration could not be granted, or at least that he would be well advised before he would grant it; for that the Process of this Court could not affect any Lands in *Ireland*, the Practice in such Cases being to make Affidavit, that the Person standing in Contempt *here* in *England*, and being afterwards taken upon Process, the Court will oblige him to give Bail to abide and perform their Decree.—*Select Cases in Chan.* *Hil.* 1724. S. C. says, a Motion was made for a particular Sequestration on Defendant's Lands in *Ireland*, she having stood out the Process of Contempt *here*, and relied on the Case of *Hamilton* and *Pollard* in *July* or *October* last, where, on like Motion for a particular Sequestration to *North Carolina*, the Chancellor said it might be right, but the Method should be well considered, as it's being to be a Precedent, and inclined it should be to Sequestrators. But the Register on being asked, said, that Sequestration never went. His Honour said, that what led them into this Notion was the Case of the *Earl of Arglas* and *Muschamp*, 1 *Vern.* 75. where it was denied by the Court, but after Application was made to the King, and a Letter was sent to the Governor of *Ireland*, but he never heard of any Thing else of that Sort, and it would be very odd that the Process of this Court should have any Thing to assist it. He said he remembered that a Bill was brought into Parliament to extend Judgments to the Plantations, but it was rejected; but as to the Plantations it is particularly odd, as it affects the King's Sovereignty in Council over them. But what makes it clear to a Demonstration that it should not go, is this, where a Defendant to a Bill, whose usual Residence is in *Ireland* happens to be *here*, he is obliged to give Security, which makes it plain he is not amenable to this Court, for if he was that Precaution would be unnecessary. So a particular Sequestration was denied, but a general one of course granted. (a) *Vide* 1 *Will. Rep.* 348. *Dean and Chapter of Dublin* and *Dowgatt*.

5. In the Case of a Peer or Member of the House of Commons, it is an Hardship upon them that a Sequestration, which in some Respects is in Nature of an Execution, is the first Process; so when a Sequestration is granted against a Peer *Nisi* for want of an Answer, it is good Cause against the Order *Nisi* to shew that the Answer is put in, which must be allowed for the Cause, and when that Answer is reported *insufficient*, the Plaintiff must move again *de novo* for a Sequestration *Nisi*. Per his Honour. Which the Register said was the Course of the Court. *Mich.* 1726. Lord Clifford's Case, 2 *Will. Rep.* 385.

6. On a Bill for a personal Duty, a Decree was against *A.* who stood out in Contempt, but before a Sequestration against her, she being Tenant for Life, Remainder to — by Feoffment, dated 28 *Sept.* 1735. infeoffed Trustees, in Consideration of 5*s.* and also in Consideration of 400*l.* Part of a considerable Sum recited to be due to her Daughters, and thereby conveyed her Estate for Life to said Trustees, In Trust for her Daughters, and their Heirs. Afterwards a Sequestration was taken out against *A.* the Mother, and thereon this Estate was seized by the Sequestrators; but by Order it was referred to the Deputy to examine into the Conveyance, and see what Interest the Mother and Daughters had in the Estate, who reported that the Daughters had not made out a sufficient Title whereby to impeach or affect the Plaintiff's Seizure of the Estate by virtue of the Sequestration. On Exception to the Report it was insisted, that the Decree does not bind, nor is any Lien upon it, but only binds the Person. And that his Honour in the Case of *Bligh et al'* and *The Earl of Darnley* said, that a Decree for a Debt does not bind the real

real Estate, acting only *in personam* not *in rem*, and the Remedy to affect the Land is only by Sequestration for a Contempt, and a Decree for a Debt never affects the Lands in the Hands of the Heir. The following Cases were also cited, *i. e.* 27 Hen. 8. 15. 1 Rol. 373. 1 *Rol. Rep. 36.—Hil. 32 & 33 Car. 2. Chan. Ca. 43. Goldston and Gardiner.—2 Chan. Ca. 48. Squib and Snelling —East. 34 Car. 2. Harding and Edge.—Vern. 459. in Self and Maddox, Goldston and Gardiner *supra* was cited and allowed.—Finch and Howcham, 2 Vern. 217.—But what was farther done in the principal Case does not appear. Mich. 13 Geo. 2. in Scac', Cook and Cook, Comyns's Rep. 712.

Sequestrations were first introduced in the Lord Bacon's Time, and then but sparingly used in Procefs, and after a Decree to se-

7. The Remedy upon a Decree to affect the Land is only for a Contempt, whereupon the Party proceeds to a Sequestration, which Procefs is not of very long standing; and that a Sequestration is but a *personal* Procefs, appears by its falling and abating by the Death of the Party, which an Extent does not. A Sequestration the Plaintiff takes the whole Profits. Trin. 1731. Per his Honour, in the Case of Bligh and Lord Darnley, 2 Will. Rep. 621.

—A Sequestration out of Chancery is more effectual than an Execution by *Fieri Facias*, for a Sequestration may be against the Goods, tho' the Party is in Custody upon the Attachment; whereas in Law if a *Capias ad satisfaciendum* is executed, there can no *Fieri Facias* issue. Mich. 1736. Per Lord Chan. Talbot, in the Case of Morrice and The Bank of England, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 222.

(B) Sequestrators, their Power.

1. **I**T was moved, that the *Irregularity* of a Sequestration might be referred to the Deputy, which was taken out against the Defendant for not appearing, by reason of it's being taken out sooner than by the Course of the Court it could; and yet the Sequestrators had taken the Goods off the Premises, and threatened to sell them. The Chief Baron said, that as to the carrying the Goods off the Premises it was clear the Sequestrators could do that, because a Sequestration upon *Mesne* Procefs answers to a *Distringas* at Law. But however, as to the selling them, the Court agreed in the present Case it could not be lawful, and said, it had been settled lately upon Debate; and observed farther, that Courts of Equity could not authorize Sequestrators to sell Goods even upon a Decree 'till Lord Stamford's Act, which makes Decrees in this Respect equivalent to Judgments: And even now the Counsel said, Sequestrators cannot sell but upon Leave of the Court. However the Court said, this was a Matter proper for them to consider upon another Occasion; and therefore only referred the *Irregularity* of the Sequestration as to the Point of Time to the Deputy. Mich. 1729. in Scac', Desbrough and Crumbey, Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 212.

(C) Of reviving a Sequestration.

1. **A**N *Ejectment* having been brought of Lands which Sequestrators had got Possession of, a Bill was brought to revive the Sequestration, and likewise an Injunction was prayed to stay Proceedings in the Ejectment. Counsel moved that the Sequestration might be revived; he allowed that it was taken partly upon *Copyhold* Lands and partly upon *Freehold*, and that the Defendant in the original Suit

Suit was dead, but yet that the Sequestration was proper to be revived, in the Hands of the Heir, as to the whole Lands, he confessed that this was a Sequestration on a Decree, and that such Sequestrations were but of late Date; they began in Lord Nottingham's Time in the Court of Chancery, and not allowed in this Court 'till the 14 June 1687 in the Case of *Fountain and Wavers*; he confessed that it did abate by the Party's Death, but as to the *Freehold*, it was certain it might be revived; and as to the *Copyhold* he submitted the Law was the same, for it is well known, that *this Process runs upon these Lands, tho' the Common Law Process of Elegit does not.* The Court said, that tho' it was true *Sequestrations run upon Copyhold*, yet it was to be doubted whether it could be revived in the Hands of the Heir to such Lands, for if it should, the Heir would not take up those Lands, and then the Lord would be without a Tenant; for which Reason they ordered the Injunction to continue only as to the Freehold Lands, and dissolved it as to the *Copyhold*, with Liberty to apply to the Court again. *Hil. 1730. Whitehead and Harrison, 1 Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 431.*

C A P. C.

Serjeant at Arms.

- I. ORDERED (*per Lord Chancellor 13 May 7 Geo. 1. Ex parte Servient' ad Arma*) " That from henceforth where any
 " Person is in Contempt, either for want of an Appearance
 " or Answer, or for not yielding Obedience to any Order of this
 " Court (unless it be for contemptuous Language, or the beating and
 " abusing any Person in the Service of the Process of this Court, or
 " other Contempts of the like Nature) the Serjeant at Arms attending
 " this Court do apprehend and bring the Contemner to the Bar of
 " this Court, to answer to such Contempt; but if the Contemner
 " cannot be found, then to return *non est inventus*, to the End a Se-
 " questration may regularly issue according to the ancient Rules and
 " Practice of this Court, and that Process do for the future issue ac-
 " cordingly; and that it may be made a Part of all Orders for giving
 " Time to answer, or for doing any other Act upon the Party's en-
 " tering his Appearance with the Register, that the Party, when he
 " enters such Appearance, do likewise consent that a Serjeant at Arms
 " to go against him, as upon a Commission of Rebellion returned
 " *non est inventus*, in the Case of Noncompliance; and that this
 " Order be hung up in the Register's and Six Clerks Offices of this
 " Court, that all Persons may take Notice thereof, and yield Obedi-
 " ence to the same. *Prec. in Chan. 553, 554.*

C A P. C.

Settlements.

(A) In what Cases Marriage Settlements, without Articles or Agreements precedent, are good.

(B) What Limitations a Court of Equity will direct to be made in Settlements, &c.

(a) *Vide Tit. Articles, &c.*
(E) *P. 38.*

(C) Of Variance between Articles and Settlements (a).

(D) Where Money is agreed or directed to be laid out in Land and settled, &c. in what Cases a Court of Equity will decree the Payment, or force the laying it out; — And here where Money is agreed to be so laid out, &c. in what Cases Equity will consider the Land (so to be purchased and settled) as Money, or the Money (so to be laid out) as Land.

(A) In what Cases Marriage Settlements, without Articles or Agreements precedent, are good.

I. **A** SECOND Marriage Settlement is recited to be made in Consideration that the Wife had parted with the *former* Settlement, which appeared to be made after the Marriage; but was recited to be made in Consideration of a Marriage Portion secured, but no Proof of any *previous* Agreement for such Settlement; yet the Court presumed it, and so the second not voluntary against Bond Creditors. *Mich. 1699. Anon. Prec. in Chan. 101.*

The Reason of this Decree was, that his Lordship took the Deed of 1678 to be only in Nature of Articles for a Settlement; and that if a Bill had been brought to have carried it into Execution, the Settlement would have been so as to have made both the Son and Daughter Purchasers of

2. *J. S.* married *M.* an Orphan of the City of London. *J. S.* after Marriage (in Consideration of 1700*l.* which was her Portion, and was but then paid him) by Indenture of 1678 covenanted with the Chamberlain of London and *A.* to levy a Fine of his Freehold Estate (whereof he was seised in Fee) to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, for her Jointure, Remainder to the Heirs Male of their two Bodies, Remainder to his own right Heirs; and also covenants to surrender his Copyhold Lands to the same Uses. *J. S.* died without levying a Fine or surrendering the Copyhold, leaving *B.* a Son, and *N.* his only Daughter, (now Plaintiff's Wife). After *J. S.*'s Death *M.* his Widow brought a Bill, and had a Decree to hold and enjoy the Estate during her Life. *B.* being indebted to the Value of 1400*l.* by Deed of 1714, covenanted with his Creditors to levy a Fine of his Freehold Estate to the Use of said *M.* his Mother for Life, Remainder to the Defendants (who were his Sureties for Payment of the

the respective Remainders; and as to the Copyhold, that being to be intailed by the said Indenture of 1678, could not afterwards by a bare Surrender be defeated, without a particular Custom had been found to have warranted it. On an Appeal to Lord Chan. Cowper, his Lordship said, that if the Indenture of 1678 were to be looked upon only in Nature of Articles, then if a Bill had been brought to have carried it into Execution in the Father's Life-time, the Court would have decreed the Limitation to have been to the first Son and the Heirs Male of his Body, with Remainders to the Daughters and the Heirs of their Bodies begotten, the Remainder to the Heir of the

Body

the 1400 l.) for for five hundred Years, Remainder to himself in Fee; *Body of the* and the Trust of the Term was declared to be for Payment of 1400 l. *Father; and* and Interest, with a Covenant for farther Assurance, and at the same *in such Case;* Time *B.* surrenders the Copyhold Lands to the same Uses. Then *B.* *tho' the Son* *by a Common* *Recovery* *might have* *barred the* *Remainder to* *the Daughters;* *yet they* *would have a* *Chance for it* *in Case no* *such Reco-* *very had* *been, which* *shews the* *Reasonable-* *ness of pur-* *su-* *ing strictly the* *Intents of such* *Agreements; for the* *Tenant in Tail thro' Ignorance or Forgetfulness may omit* *to suffer such Recovery, or he may be prevented by Death before he has compleated it, and then the* *Remainder* *will take Place; but his Lordship thought in this Case from the Circumstance of paying the Portion at the* *same Time; and the Chamberlain of London being a Party, that it was more than Articles, and ought to be* *looked on as a Settlement, tho' he said it was a very infirm and imperfect one; but taking it as a Settlement* *then by the Limitations thereof, as they now stand, tho' the Son would have had both Estates in him, and* *might by a Fine have barred them, yet his Covenant to levy a Fine only cannot affect the Plaintiff, who now* *derives her Title not under the Son, but as Heir of the Body of her Father per formam doni, and is in Para-* *mount the Estate in Tail Male which the Son took. But as to the Copyhold Estate his Lordship said, that could not* *be looked upon as a Fee-simple Conditional, (which Plaintiff's Counsel contended for, not being able to support* *it as an Intail) and that the Son could not alien it before the Condition performed by having of Issue, for that* *every Body knew Copyholds were at first but a Kind of Tenure in Villenage, and in respect of the base Nature* *determinable at the Will of the Lord, tho' now indeed they have been improved, and hardened by Time; but* *prima facie, it must be taken that a Surrender by such Tenant in Tail will bind his Issue, unless a particular* *Custom were found that there ought to have been a Common Recovery; and that not appearing in the Case,* *his Lordship thought the Defendants had a good Title to the Copyholds, and therefore reversed the former De-* *creed as to that, but affirmed it as to the Freehold. Ibid. 428, 429. The Reporter by way of Note says, that* *several at the Bar were dissatisfied with this and the former Decree as to the Freehold, and thought that the* *Defendants having the Estate in Law in them by the Devise, and being just Creditors, ought not to have had this* *Estate taken from them by the Assistance of a Court of Equity, and thought the Distinction of an infirm Settle-* *ment unintelligible. Ibid. 429.—Note; And that in this Case the Defendants themselves had by their* *Answer plainly confessed, that they had Notice of the first Deed at the Time they became Sureties, and took* *the Son's Covenant to levy a Fine. Ibid.—Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 107. S. C. in totidem verbis.*

3. *A.* after his Marriage, in Consideration of an additional Portion of 100 l. paid by his Wife's Mother, (a Receipt whereof was indorsed on the Deed) settled an Estate of 100 l. a Year upon himself for Life, Remainder to his first and other Sons, &c. And *A.*'s Mother, who had an Interest in the Land, joined with him in the Conveyance. *A.* thirteen Years after mortgages this Estate with the usual Covenants, and dies. Mortgagee brought a Bill to foreclose. Lord Chan. Talbot thought it would be very hard to call this a fraudulent Settlement, it being in Consideration of a Marriage had, and of an additional Provision of 100 l. paid by the Wife's Relations, which cannot be called voluntary against a Creditor who lends his Money thirteen Years after. That the Indorsement was plain Proof that 100 l. was paid, and tho' for the Consideration of 100 l. per Year, yet in Marriage Settlements Things are not to be construed so strictly, there being Room for Bounty; and every Man is bound to provide for his Wife and Family. Besides, the Estate that moved from the Husband's Mother (Defendant's Grandmother) may make him to be considered, in some Respect, as a Purchaser of the Limitations to her Grandchildren. Hil. 1734. Jones and Marsh, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 64.

(a) *A. before Marriage co-venants in Consideration* (B) **What (a) Limitations a Court of Equity Will direct to be made in Settlements, &c.**

of 2000*l.* Portion, to settle Lands *on himself and his Wife for Life*, for her Jointure, *Remainder to their first, &c. Sons in Tail, Remainder to the Daughters in Tail, Remainder to himself in Fee*, with a *Power of Revocation to the Wife's Father*, then beyond Sea. *A.* died without making any Settlement, leaving his Wife and no Son, but two Daughters. *A.* by Will gives 200*l.* to the Daughters, and if either died before twenty-one or Marriage, the Survivor to have the whole, and devises all the Lands to his Wife and her Heirs, and gives the Surplus of his personal Estate after Debts paid to his Wife, and makes her Executrix. Lord Keep. *Wright* decreed a Settlement to be made with Power of Revocation by the *Wife's Father*, but his *Lordship* would not decree the Legacies to be a Satisfaction of the Settlement, but that the same should be put out subject to the Contingencies in the Will. *Mich.* 1701. *Jaggard and Jaggard, Prec. in Chan.* 175.

Prec. in Chan. 1. *S.* seized of a good real Estate, and also possessed of a considerable personal Estate, and having an Intention to settle and secure both in his Name and Family, by Will (after several Legacies given) gives and devises *all the rest and Residue of his real and personal Estate to A. the Plaintiff and the Heirs Male of his Body, to be begotten for ever, and for want of such Issue to the Defendant, and the Heirs Male of his Body to be begotten for ever*, with like Remainders over to several others of the same Name, and makes the Defendant his Executor, and dies. And now this Bill was brought to have an Account of the personal Estate, and that the Plaintiff might enjoy the same to his own Use absolutely, the Remainder over being void. And the Defendant brought a Cross-Bill, upon Pretence that there were no Directions in the Will to have the whole personal Estate invested in the Purchase of Lands to be settled in the Manner above mentioned. But upon reading of the Will, *Lord Chancellor* was clear of Opinion, that those Directions tended only to such Part of the personal Estate as was out upon Government Securities, (which was about 8000*l.* or 9000*l.*) and for the Residue (which amounted to 14,000*l.* or 15,000*l.*) that was plainly taken no other Notice of than in the Devise of *all the rest and Residue of the real and personal Estate*. And for the Plaintiff it was insisted that the Devises over were absolutely void, and the whole vested in the Plaintiff as not capable of bearing any farther Limitation; and this Point the Defendant's Counsel gave up; but then they insisted that the Testator's Intent appearing to be to continue the real Estate, and the Lands to be purchased in his Name, this Court would order that the Settlement should be made in such Manner that the Plaintiff might not have Power to defeat the Remainders, and therefore that the Plaintiff should be made *but Tenant for Life*, with *Remainder to his first and other Sons in Tail Male*, and *so for the others in Remainder*; and the *Attorney General* said, the House of Lords had made the like Provision for the Benefit of the Issue, that they might not be defeated by the Father. But *Lord Chancellor* said, that was in Case of Marriage Articles, where the Intent was plain to provide for the Issue of the Marriage; but *here* the Testator has expressly given it to the Plaintiff in Tail Male, and therefore he thought this Court could not vary the Limitation; besides that the Defendant has a Chance for the Remainder if the Plaintiff should die without Issue before any Recovery suffered, and mentioned a Case where such Remainder took Place by the Death of the Tenant in Tail without

and it being directed that Lands of 300*l.* or 400*l.* *per Annum* should be purchased, it shall be 400*l.* *per Annum*. That in Marriage Articles the Children are considered as Purchasers (*b*), but in the Case of Wills (as this was) where the Testator expresses his Intent to give an Estate-tail, a Court of Equity ought not to abridge the Bounty directed by the Testator. *Ibid.* 291.

(b) In Marriage Articles the

without Issue before he could compleat a Recovery. Decreed that a Settlement in this Case to be made in the like Manner, and the Deeds and Writing to be brought before the *Master* for that Purpose. *Trin. 1 Geo. 1. 1715. Seale and Seale, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 105.*

for which Reason the Court has restrained the general Expressions made Use of by the Parties, for it cannot reasonably be supposed that a valuable Consideration would be given for the Settlement of an Estate, which, as soon as settled, the Husband might destroy. *Per Lord Keeper, East. 1711. in the Case of Bale and Coleman, 1 Will. Rep. 145.*

2. In the Case of Marriage Articles for Settlement of an Estate on the Husband and the Heirs Male of his Body, yet when they come into this Court for a *specifick* Execution, the Court models the Settlement so as to make it effectual, and will give the Husband but an Estate for Life. *Per Lord Chan. Cowper, Mich. 1716. in the Case of Brown and Barkham, Prec. in Chan. 448.*

Vide 2 Vern. 671. East. 1711. S. P. admitted per Lord Chan. Cowper in Baile and Coleman.—Prec. in Chan.

422. *Mich. 1715. Seal and Seal.—Lucas's Rep. 437. Trin. 5 Geo. 1. Lord Chan. Parker* said it was very common in Chancery to decree (tho' not according to the Words of the Articles, yet according to the Intent of them) that the Husband should be only Tenant for Life, and so not have it in his Power to defeat the Intention of the Settlement.

3. 10,000 *l.* being given in Marriage by the Father of the Husband and the Father of the Wife, was agreed to be invested in a Purchase, and settled on the Husband for Life, Remainder to the Wife for Life as to Part, being 300 *l.* per Annum, Remainder as to the whole to the first, &c. Son in Tail Male, Remainder to the Husband in Fee; and in the mean Time to be placed out on Securities, the Interest to go as the Profits of the Land when purchased. This 10,000 *l.* was by Consent of the Parents and Trustees laid out in *South-Sea* Stock, and by the late Rise of that Stock improved to above 30,000 *l.* and it being of a fluctuating Nature as to the Value, the Husband and Wife who had two Sons brought their Bill against the Trustees and the two Fathers and the Infant Sons, praying that the Stock might be sold, and the Money laid out in Land and settled, and that in regard of the great Increase the Husband might have 6000 *l.* of the Money to buy himself a Place. Decreed first by his Honour, and afterwards by Lord Chan. Parker, that as, if the Stock had fallen the Trust must have suffered, so it's accidental Rise or Improvement must be for the Benefit of the Trust; and Lord Chancellor decreed that the Stock should be sold, and out of the Money produced thereby 18,000 *l.* should be taken, of which the Husband to have 6000 *l.* to his own Use, on his quitting his Estate for Life in the 12,000 *l.* which being the remaining two Thirds of the 18,000 *l.* should go immediately to the Children and for their Benefit, out of which the Husband to have an Allowance for the Maintenance of them, and in the Settlement of the Land to be bought with the 12,000 *l.* the Husband's Estate for Life to be omitted; and to prevent the Son's suffering a Recovery on his coming of Age to bar his Brother in his Father's Life-time, and also the Father's Remainder in Fee, the Lands were directed to be limited to the Father for Life, with Remainder as to the Land to be bought with this 12,000 *l.* to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage, and the Father to make a Lease for ninety-nine Years if he should so long live, In Trust for the immediate Benefit of the eldest Son, by which Means the Freehold in the Father would prevent the Son's suffering a Recovery in the Father's Life-time; and the Residue of the Money arising by Sale of the Stock was directed to be invested in Land and settled on the Husband for Life, &c. according to the Agreement. *East. 1720. Anon. (Cause by Consent) 1 Will. Rep. 648.*

By the Register's Book the Name of this Case appears to be Hubert and Featherston, and was decreed the 5 April 1720 *Ibid. 650.* In this Case the Remainder to the first Son, tho' but an Estate-tail to an Infant, and so unalienable during such Infancy, was valued at two Thirds like a Remainder in Fee, and notwithstanding Mr. P. Williams mentioned to the Court that the Life Estate (especially in Case where the Tenant for Life had the Remainder in Fee) might be valued at two Fifths, which had been done in some Cases (a), yet the Court said, how equitable soever this might be, it was not the Practice, for

which Reason it would be dangerous and create Uncertainty to go out of the Rule; and the Register said he had never known a Life valued at more than one Third. *Ibid. 650.*

Prec. in Chan. 21, 44.

(a) *Vide 2 Vern. 267.*

But the Father being dead, the eldest Son having suffered a Recovery of the Lands, his Honour directed the Remainder in Fee of those Lands subsequent to the Term for Years to be limited to the eldest Son in Fee, but with respect to the other Lands in Jointure, of which the Recovery had been suffered, he directed a new Settlement thereof to be made to the Son in Tail subsequent to the Term of five hundred Years for raising the Portions. *Ibid.* 154.

4. In a Marriage Settlement Lands were charged with Portions for younger Children, but the *Term raised for securing the Portions was placed in the Settlement subsequent to the Estate to the first, &c. Sons,* which was helped in Equity. *Trin.* 1723. *Uvedale and Halfpenny,* 2 *Will. Rep.* 151.

As to the Question, What Estate D. should take, his Lordship said, that considering it as a legal Devise executed, it is plain that the first Limitation with the Power [of Impeachment of Waste] and Restriction [of voluntary Waste in Houses excepted] carries an Estate for Life only, so likewise of the Remainder to the Husband; but then come the Words, *Remainder to the Issue of her Body*; the Word (*Issue*) does *ex vi termini* comprehend all the Issue; but sometimes a Testator may not intend it in so large a Sense; as where there are Children alive, &c.

5. J. S. devised all his real Estate to his Sister B. and C. and *their Heirs and Assigns*, On Trust to receive the Rents, &c. 'till his Granddaughter D. should marry or die, and out of the Profits to pay her 100l. a Year for her Maintenance, the Residue to pay his Debts and Legacies; and after Payment thereof, In Trust for said D. and upon further Trust, that if she married a Protestant of the Church of England, and she be then twenty-one or upwards, or if under twenty-one such Marriage be with the Consent of said B. then to convey the Estate with all convenient Speed after such Marriage to the Use of the said D. for Life, without Impeachment of Waste, voluntary Waste in Houses only excepted, Remainder after her Death to her Husband for Life, Remainder to the Issue of her Body, with several Remainders over; and upon further Trust that if the said D. died unmarried, then to the Use of the said B. for Life, Remainder to the Son of his other Granddaughter E. in Tail, Remainder to the Defendant C. Remainder to his first, &c. Son, Remainder to J. S.'s right Heirs; and upon further Trust that if D. married not as by the Will directed, then upon such Marriage to convey to Trustees as to one Moiety to the Use of D. for Life, Remainder to Trustees for preserving contingent Remainders, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of D. being a Protestant, Remainders over; and as to the other Moiety to the Son of his Granddaughter E. in like Manner. J. S. died. Soon after D. attained twenty-one, and about six Years afterwards applied to the Trustees (she being then upon a Treaty of Marriage with F.) for a Conveyance of the Estate to herself for Life, Remainder to her intended Husband for Life, Remainder to the Issue of her Body. One Trustee executed such Conveyance, but the other refused. As to this Lord Chancellor said, that the Trustee who executed the Conveyance had done wrong, for nothing was to vest 'till after D.'s marrying a Protestant; and therefore the Trustee by conveying and enabling D. to suffer a Common Recovery (as she has actually done) has done wrong; and his Lordship decreed an Estate for Life only to D. Remainder to her Husband

That it may be a Word of Purchase, is clear from the Case of *Backhouse and Wells*, and of Limitation by that of *King and Melling*, but it has not nor can be proved that it may be both in the same Will. As the Case of *King and Melling* has never been shaken, and that of *Shaw and Weigh*, or *Sparrow and Shaw*, which went up to the House of Lords, was stronger, his Lordship said he did not think that Courts of Equity ought to go otherwise than the Courts of Law. The Word (*Heirs*) is naturally a Word of Limitation, and when some other Words, expressing the Testator's Intent, are added, it may be looked on as a Word both of Limitation and Purchase in the same Will; but should the Word (*Issue*) be looked upon as both in the same Will, what a Confusion would it breed? For the Moment any Issue was born, or any Issue of that Issue, they would all take. The Question then will be, Whether J. S. intended D.'s Issue to take by Descent or by Purchase? If by Purchase, they can take but for Life, and so every Issue of that Issue will take for Life; which will make a Succession *ad infinitum* a Perpetuity of Estate for Life. This Inconvenience was the Reason that Lord Hale in *King and Melling's* Case was of Opinion, that the Limitation there created an Estate-tail.—Restraint from Waste has been annexed to Estates for Life, which have afterwards been construed to be Estates-tail.—Where an express Estate-tail is devised, the annexing a Power inconsistent with the Estate-tail will not defeat it, but the Power shall be void. Here the Power is annexed to the Estate for Life, which D. took first, and therefore his Lordship was rather inclined to think it stronger than *King and Melling's* Case, where there was no mediate Estate, as here is, to the Husband. There was an immediate Devise, here a mediate one; and so the applying this Power to the Estate for Life carries no Incongruity with it, and therefore his Lordship said he was inclinable to think it an Estate-tail, as it would be at Law. —But as to the Question, How far in Cases of Trusts executory, as this is, the Testator's Intent is to prevail over the Strength and legal Signification of the Words, his Lordship said he thought that in the Case of Trusts executed, or immediate Devises, the Constructions of the Courts of Law and Equity

Husband (he being married to the Plaintiff a Protestant) *for Life*, ^{Equity ought} *Remainder to their first, &c. Son, Remainder to Daughters.* ^{to be the} *Mich. same; for* 1733. *Lord Glenorchy and Bosville, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot* 3. ^{there the} *Testator doth* not suppose any other Conveyance will be made; but *in executory Trusts* he leaves somewhat to be done, *viz.* to be executed in a more careful and accurate Manner; and his Lordship said, that the Case of *Leonard and The Earl of Suffex*, if it had been by *Act executed*, would have been an *Estate-tail*, and the *Restraint* had been void, but being an *executory Trust*, the Court decreed according to the Intent as it was found expressed in the *Will*, which must govern the *Construction* in the present Case; and therefore decreed *ut supra.* *Ibid.*

(C) Of Variance between Articles and Settlements (a).

(a) *Vide Tit. Articles, &c.*
(E) *P. 38.*

1. BY Marriage Articles the eldest Son was made Tenant in Tail, *Proviso*, that the Father might sell the Lands by the Consent of the Trustees, and purchase other Lands, and settle them to the like Uses. The Father sells the Lands, and with the Money purchased other Lands, but by this Settlement the eldest Son was made only Tenant for Life; yet held good. And *per Cur'*, The eldest Son being now made Tenant for Life only, shall not be at Liberty to incumber any Part of the Lands. *Hil. 11 Geo. 1. Reeves and Reeves, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 128 to 132.*

2. Where Articles are entered into *before* Marriage, and the Settlement is made *after* Marriage different from those Articles, as if by the Articles the Estate was *to be in strict Settlement*, and by the Settlement the *Husband is made Tenant in Tail*, whereby he has it in his Power to bar the Issue, this Court will set up the *Articles* against the *Settlement*; but where both *Articles* and *Settlement* are *previous* to the Marriage at a Time when all Parties are at Liberty, the *Settlement differing from the Articles* shall be taken as a *new Agreement* between them, and will controul the *Articles*; and tho' in the Case of *West and Errisley* (b), ^{(b) *Vide P. 38.*} *Mich. 1726. in Scac'*, and in the House of Lords in 1727. the *Articles* were made to controul the *Settlement* made before Marriage, yet that Resolution no ways contradicts the general Rule, for in that Case the *Settlement* was expressly mentioned *to be made in Pursuance and Performance of the Marriage Articles*, whereby the Intent appeared to be still the same as it was at the making the *Articles.* *Vide Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 20.* Cited by way of Note as said by Lord Chan. *Talbot, Nov. 10, 1736. in the Case of Legg and Goldwire.*

(D) Where

(D) **Where Money is** agreed or directed to be laid out in Land and settled, &c. in what Cases a Court of Equity will decree the Payment, or force the laying it out;—And here Where Money is agreed to be so laid out, &c. in what Cases Equity will consider the Land (so to be purchased and settled) as Money, or the Money (so to be laid out) as Land.

1. *J. S.* on his Marriage with *M.* settles Lands In Trust for himself for Life, Remainder to Trustees to support, &c. Remainder to *M.* for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of the Marriage in Tail Male successively, Remainder to the Daughters in Tail, Remainder to himself in Fee; and having assigned over his Annuities (which were Banker's Assignments, and established by Act of Parliament, and made a perpetual Annuity redeemable by Parliament, and are thereby to go to the Executors) to the same Trustees, In Trust to pay the said yearly Annuities to such Persons as should be intitled to the Profits of the Land so settled as aforesaid; and in Case the Principal should be paid in, then the Trustees should lay out the Monies in the Purchase of Lands to be settled to the same Uses. *J. S.* died without Issue, leaving no Will but what he had made before his Marriage, in which he had given several Legacies and Bequests, (all which Devises were revoked by his subsequent Settlement) and had made *B.* Executor. The Brother and Heir of *J. S.* brought a Bill against the Testator's Widow and *B.* Decreed per Lord Keep. *Harcourt*, that these Annuities being redeemable by Parliament, were as a Mortgage assigned to Trustees, and directed, when paid in, to be invested in a Purchase, and settled as the Fee-simple Lands were above settled; and therefore, tho' the Wife was to have an Estate for Life in the Annuities by her Jointure Deed, yet, after her Death, the Annuities should not be looked upon as personal Estate, a Moiety of which, on such Construction, would by the Custom of London belong to her Representatives, but as Money directed to be laid out in Lands, and to be as a real Estate, which, after *M.*'s Death, would go to the Plaintiff as Heir at Law of *J. S.* *Trin.* 1712. *Disber and Disber*, 1 Will. Rep. 204.

2. 2000 *l.* (whereof 1500 *l.* were the Wife's Portion, and 500 *l.* the Husband's Money) were agreed by Articles before Marriage to be invested in Lands to be settled upon the Husband and Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the Heirs of the Body of the Wife by the Husband, Remainder to the Heirs of the Husband. The Husband receives the 2000 *l.* The Wife dies, leaving a Son and three Daughters; then the Husband dies intestate, and his eldest Daughter administers to him; the Son brings a Bill against his Sister (the Administratrix) to have the Money paid to him, he electing not to have it laid out in Lands. Decreed accordingly, and the Administratrix indemnified. *Mich.* 1710. *Benson and Benson (a)*, 1 Will. Rep. 130 (b).

3. *J. S.* devised 1000 *l.* to be laid out in a Purchase of Land in Fee, to be settled upon *A. B.* and *C.* and their Heirs, equally to be divided;

For it is in vain to lay out this Money in Land

for *B.* and *C.* when the next Moment they may turn it into Money; and Equity, like Nature, will do nothing in vain. Per Lord Chancellor, *ibid.*—But as to the Share of the Infant, that must be brought before the

Master

(a) Vide P. 41. (F) Ca. 1. and the Notes there.

(b) This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

divided; *A.* dies, leaving an Infant Heir; and *B.* and *C.* together with the Infant Heir, bring a Bill for this 1000 *l.* And *per* Lord Chan. Cowper, The Money being directed to be laid out in Land for *A.* *B.* and *C.* equally, (which makes them Tenants in Common) and *B.* and *C.* electing to have their two Thirds in Money; he ordered it to be paid to them. *Mich.* 1717. *Seeley and Jago*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 389.

Master, and put out for his Benefit, who, by reason of his Infancy, is incapable of making an Election.

Besides, that such Election might, were he to die during his Infancy, be prejudicial to his Heir. *Per* his Lordship, *ibid.*

4. *J. S.* the Plaintiff's Father on his Marriage with *M.* the Plaintiff's Mother (in Consideration of 3000 *l.* Portion) settled Lands, and also covenanted to lay out 2000 *l.* (then in the Hands of Trustees) in the Purchase of Lands, to be settled on himself and his Heirs. The Marriage took Effect; *J. S.* died intestate, leaving Issue one Daughter only the Plaintiff, but in his Life-time he had received 1350 *l.* Part of the 2000 *l.* and laid it out in the Purchase of an Office for his Life. *M.* his Widow administered to him, and the Plaintiff as the only Issue and Heir of *J. S.* brought this Bill to have the Covenant in the Marriage Settlement performed in Specie, and also for two Thirds of her Father's personal Estate under the Statute of Distribution. And his Honour held, that the remaining 650 *l.* ought to be taken as Land, and go to the Plaintiff as (a) Heir, and decreed that the 650 *l.* should be brought before a Master for the Plaintiff's Benefit, (being an Infant) but would not decree it to be laid out in Land, because if the Plaintiff should die before such Disposition, it would go to her Heir of Course. *Mich.* 1718. *Chaplin and Horner et Ux'*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 483.

His Honour observed that the Dispute in this Case was not betwixt the Party himself, the Father, and the Party who was to pay the Money, but betwixt the Heir and Executor[Administrator] who became intitled to this Money subject to the Covenant; and it was the rather to be deemed a real Estate,

because this was Part of the Marriage Agreement; and the Covenant was made in Consideration of a Marriage and a Marriage Portion. *Ibid.* 486.—In the Case of *and Marsh, East.* 1723. at the Rolls, where Money was articed to be laid out in Land, and settled on the first, &c. Son in Tail, the Court, in order to preserve the Chance to the second Son, would not decree the Money to the eldest Son, but ordered the same to be invested in a Purchase pursuant to the Articles; the eldest Son got one to lend him a Purchase; and to settle it with an Intention forthwith to suffer a Recovery, and to reconvey the Estate back to the Seller; and tho' all this appeared by the Master's Report, yet his Honour (after some Hesitation) allowed it. *Ibid.* 485. by way of Note. The Reporter adds a *Quere*, Whether the Money might not better have been paid to the eldest Son? *Ibid.* (a) *Vide* the Case of *Scudamore and Scudamore*, *Prec. in Chan.* 544. the like Determination by Lord Chan. Parker.

5. *J. S.* a Freeman of London, on his Intermarriage with *M.* agrees with Trustees to add 1500 *l.* to the Wife's Portion, which was also 1500 *l.* to be laid out within two Years after the Marriage in a Purchase of Lands to be settled on *J. S.* for Life, Remainder to *M.* for Life in Lieu and Bar of her Dower and Jointure, Remainder to their Issue. Lord Macclesfield was clear of Opinion, that from the Time of the Articles the Money was a Debt which *J. S.* was obliged to pay; that it was no Part of his personal Estate from that Time, but must be looked on as Land, and then it could be no Bar of *M.*'s customary Part of the personal Estate; that the Custom did not operate at all 'till the Party's Death, and then whatever personal Estate was left was to go according to it. *Mich.* 1718. *Babington and Greenwood et Ux'*, *Prec. in Chan.* 505.

6. Trust Money is directed to be laid out in Land to be settled on *A.* for Life, Remainder to her first, &c. Son in Tail, Remainder to such Son in Fee; and until a Purchase the Money to be put out at Interest, and the Interest to go as the Profits of the Land, &c. *A.* the Mother and *B.* (her only Son) came to an Agreement that a third

On hearing the Cause by Consent, Lord Chancellor determined that if a Remainder Man had but Part a Chance for the Estate or

the Money, which could not be barred without a Recovery, there in regard the Tenant in Tail might die before such Recovery suffered, or might die in Vacation when a Recovery could not be suffered, a Court of Equity,

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Intent of the
Party, ought
not, in Vio-
lence of such
Intent, to
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Part of this Money should be paid to *A.* and two Thirds to *B.* and bring a Bill against the Trustees to pay it, who submit, being indemnified. Lord Chan. *Parker* directed the Trustees to pay the Money accordingly, and to be indemnified, but said, that if there had been two Sons, or any Person in Remainder, he would not have decreed the Payment of this Money. *Trin.* 1718. *Skort and Wood* (a), 1 Will. Rep. 470.

the Tenant in Tail, but ought to decree it to be laid out in the Purchase of Lands to be settled according to the Direction of the Party, in order that the Chance which was intended the Remainder Man might be preserved, and when the Settlement was made, the Tenant in Tail might, if he thought fit, suffer a Recovery, which Matter was so decreed by Lord Cowper in the Case of *Colwell* and *Dr. Shadwell* (b); but in the principal Case, where the Mother was Tenant for Life, Remainder to the same Son in Fee, so that the Son might by Fine (c) only, bar these Limitations, and which Fine might be levied in Vacation as well as Term, it would be in vain for Equity to decree a Settlement, which, the same Moment that it was made, might be cut off. Per Lord Chancellor, *ibid.* 471.—It seems that if the Son had been an Infant (d) the Court would not have ordered the Payment of the Money; for during the Infancy no Fine could have been levied. *Ibid.*

(a) Vide 2 Will. Rep. 173. S. C. cited arg' *Trin.* 1723. and admitted by Lord Macclesfield in the Case of *Edwards* and *Lady Warwick*. (b) See the S. C. cited arg' in the Case of *Chaplin* and *Horner*, 1 Will. Rep. 483.

(c) Vide *Benfon* and *Benfon*, P. Ca. and 2 Vern. 551.

(d) Vide *Legate* and *Sewell*, 1 Will. Rep. 87.

C A P. CII.

Ship (Master of a).

1. **I**N a Voyage the Master of a Ship is the Owners Servant, and his Duty requires him to provide Necessaries for the Ship, and it is the Owners Interest that they should be provided; therefore what the Master necessarily takes up (tho' not upon Bottomry) and employs for that Purpose, the Owners must pay. 27 Mar. 1710. *Cary* and *White*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Master of a Ship, (B. 2.) Ca. 4. P. 384.

Vide P.
Ca. this
Case more
fully abridged.

2. The Master of a Ship goes upon a Trading Voyage and dies; the succeeding Master opens publicly the Effects of the Deceased, and then sends a Letter with a Bond inclosed to the Widow to answer to her the Sum of 300 l. if the Ship arrived safe, the Sum the Deceased left being 200 l. which was the Rate of *Respondentia* Bonds there. Decreed by Lord Keep. *Harcourt* that the Successor was a Trustee, and should be answerable for what he actually made of the Money. *East.* 10 An. *Brown* and *Litton*, *Lucas's* Rep. 20.

3. A Master of a Ship takes upon him to sell the Ship at an under Value to the Agent of the *East-India* Company. This is a Breach of Trust in the Master; and decreed that the *East-India* Company should answer for the real Value of the Ship and Cargo, but not for Possibility of Gain. 1 Dec. 1718. *East-India* Company and *Ekins*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Master of a Ship, (B) Ca. 26. P. 348.

C A P. CIII.

Solicitor in Chancery (a),

(a) By the Stat. 5 Geo. 2. cap. 30. S. 46. all Bills of

Fees or Disbursements demanded by any Solicitor employed under any Commission of Bankrupts shall be settled by one of the Masters in Chancery, and the Master who shall settle such Bill shall have for his Care in settling the same, as also for his Certificate thereof, 20 s.

1. **U**PON the Solicitor's appearing to have been guilty of a gross Neglect, the Court ordered him to pay Costs. *Per Parker C. Mich. 1719. in the Case of Fawkes and Pratty, abridged.* *Vide P. Ca. S. C. more fully*

1 *Will. Rep. 593.*

2. The Court will commit a Solicitor for obtaining an Order in an undue Manner, upon 5 Geo. 2. *Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 403.*

3. J. S. a Client in the Country employs A. a Solicitor in the Country in a Cause in Chancery. A. employs E. as a Clerk in Court. J. S. pays A. but E.'s bill is unpaid. J. S. is not bound to pay E. but if E. has any Papers in his Hands, he may retain them 'till paid. Decreed *per Lord Chan. King, East. 1728. Farewell and Coker.* *And his Lordship said, that if any thing remained due from J. S. to A. he would stop it, and it should be paid to E. the Clerk in Court. And* 2 *Will. Rep. 460.*

here being some Proofs by Affidavits of J. S.'s retaining E. to take Care of the Cause, his Lordship ordered that to be tried in an Action at Law to be brought by E. against J. S. *Ibid. 461* — J. S. employed B. a Solicitor, who employed S. a Clerk in this Court. S. had an Order for taxing the Bill of Costs due to him from B. On Taxation a small Sum was taken off the Bill; thereupon S. had an Order for Payment of the Costs incurred by such Taxation, and prosecuted B. to a Commission of Rebellion, but being not likely to recover any Thing from B. he petitioned that he might detain J. S.'s Papers, not only 'till the Costs reported to be due were paid him by the first Order, but also 'till those Costs were paid him by the former Taxation. And Lord Chancellor was of Opinion that S. might detain the Papers 'till the Costs reported to be due to him by the first Order, but not 'till the Costs incurred by the Taxation, were paid him. *Mich. 1740. Cockerel and Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 264, 265.*

4. J. S. was W.'s Solicitor; an Order was obtained for taxing his Bill, and that W. should pay the Money due on the Taxation, and J. S. was to be examined on Interrogatories. Afterwards J. S. being under Prosecution for Forgery, absconded, but he assigned the Benefit of his Bill of Costs to H. for a valuable Consideration. H. petitioned that he might be allowed to stand in J. S.'s Place, and that the Money due on the Bill might be paid him, and Lord Chancellor was of Opinion that he ought, but inclined to think that he could have no Order for the Payment of any Part of this Bill 'till he could get J. S. to be examined on Interrogatories. 1740. *Wilson and Williams, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 263, 264.*

5. Equity will not order a Solicitor's Bill to be retaxed without undertaking to pay what shall appear due on such Retaxation. *Mich. 1740. Murphy and Balderston, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 266.* *Tho' it is not necessary for a Solicitor to take out a Subpœna for*

his Costs, yet he must serve his Client with the Order for taxing his Bill of Costs, and with the Master's Report, whereby such Costs are ascertained, before he can take out an Attachment for them. *Ibid.*

C A P. CIV.

(a) One of the late Directors of the *South-Sea* Company owes Money, which is recovered against

South-Sea (a) Subscriptions.

him at Law; tho' all his Estate taken from him by the late Act of 7 Geo. 1. c. 27. and Provision made for his Creditors out of his Estate, yet Lord Chan. Parker denied an Injunction. *East*. 1721. *Holditch and Mist*, 1 Will. Rep. 695.

That this Subscription by the Executors was to be looked upon as of equal Force with a Subscription made by Guardians, which will bind an Infant; but then it being done without the Widow's Consent, the same should

1. *M.* HAD 200 *l.* Exchequer Annuities, which were assigned by *J. S.* her intended Husband to her Trustees, *In Trust for herself for her Jointure*. About ten Years after the Marriage the Husband died, and his Executors subscribed the Annuities unto the *South-Sea* without the Wife's Privy, but she having Notice thereof, and when the Company were in Prosperity, insisted upon having a Proportion of the Benefit of that Subscription. And Lord *Macclesfield* held the Wife to be bound by the Subscription of these Annuities into the *South-Sea*; the same being done by the Executors, who had the legal Estate; and the Assignment of the Annuities upon *M.*'s Marriage had never been registered in *Scac'*, and consequently were void. Costs ordered to *M.* out of *J. S.*'s Assets. *Mich.* 1722. *Powell and Hankey* and *Cox*, 2 Will. Rep. 82, 85.

be made good out of *J. S.*'s personal Estate, and if that should prove deficient, out of his real Estate, he having covenanted for himself and his Heirs to make good these Annuities to his Wife; and this was so ordered, notwithstanding she was represented as having insisted afterwards upon receiving the imaginary Benefit of this Subscription, for that that looked rather like loose Discourse than any Thing else; at least, it would be too hard, for that Reason, to deprive her of the Provision which was stipulated for her on her Marriage. Per Lord Chancellor, who admitted there was a Clause in the Act of 6 Geo. 1. c. 4. s. 23. for making good all Subscriptions made by Trustees, Executors or Guardians, but he said this was for the Benefit, Quiet and Security of the *South-Sea* Company, which this Decree would not break into; on the other Hand the Executors offering by their Answer to make this good to *M.* (notwithstanding that two of the residuary Legatees in *J. S.*'s Will were Infants, and so could not be bound by the Executors Consent) shewed plain enough what was the Intention of all the Parties touching the Subscription (*viz.*) that the Wife should not be deprived of the Benefit of her Settlement who did not seem to have had any Means of compelling the Executors to let her into the Benefit of the Subscription of these Annuities, had there been any. Per Lord Chancellor, *ibid.* 85, 86.

His Honour laid great Stress upon a Decree which he himself had made about a Year since when he sat at Westminster for Lord Chancellor in the Case of *Bluck and Nichols*, and which, he said, was not so strong for the Defendant as the principal Case; for there Lottery Tickets

2. Plaintiff *M.* the Sister of Plaintiff *T.* had Money in *A.* a Goldsmith's Hands, for which she had *A.*'s Note. Plaintiff *T.* by Letter ordered *A.* to invest the Money in Lottery Tickets, but did not direct in whose Name those Lottery Orders should be taken. *A.* invested the Money accordingly, and took the Orders in his own Name, and afterwards subscribed the Lottery Orders (with other Orders of his own and Customers) into the *South-Sea*, but gave no Notice till two Months after the Subscription made. On a Bill by *T.* and *M.* to compel *A.* to procure for them Lottery Orders to the Amount of those which he without their Consent had subscribed into the *South-Sea*, his Honour thought that by the Words of the Act of 6 Geo. 1. c. 4. s. 23. empowering all Trustees, Guardians, Executors and Administrators, to subscribe Lottery Tickets into the *South-Sea*, tho' the *Cestuy que Trust* had in this Case expressly forbid the Trustee to subscribe, yet by Virtue of the express Authority given to Trustees, &c. to subscribe, (in which

payable to the Bearer, and which were left with the Banker or Goldsmith only for safe Custody, were subscribed by him into the *South-Sea*, upon which the Proprietor who left them brought a Bill against the Banker, and his Honour dismissed

which Authority given by Parliament the *Consent of every Proprietor* and *Cestui que Trust* is intended notwithstanding such Prohibition) the subsequent Words would be good, and the Trustees justified; and that it would be a very unjust Thing in the Parliament, if it were to be construed that the Act had made the Subscription good, and yet the Trustee liable to be sued, and to be answerable for the same to the *Cestui que Trust*: But that the *principal* Case does not go so, for here was no Prohibition from the *Cestui que Trust*. That from the Time of *A.*'s taking the Orders in his own Name he became a Trustee. And his Honour dismissed the Bill *with Costs* general as to both the Plaintiffs, but that if Plaintiff *T.* would apply, the Court would on Petition order that the other Plaintiff the *Cestui que Trust* should pay *all the Costs* (a). *Trin. 1723. Trenchard and Ippisley and Wanley, 2 Will. Rep. 166.*

missed it, for that it was a hard Case that the Banker, who was but a Trustee, should suffer for doing what was then thought to be for the best; and if the Plaintiff was wronged, he was at Liberty to take his Remedy at Law; which Decree

the Court had the greater Regard to, as the Parties acquiesced under it, and brought no Appeal. Cited *per* his Honour, *ibid.* 169. (a) The same Point was determined by Lord Macclesfield in the following Term in the Case of *Weaver and Fowler. Ibid.* 170. in a Note by the Editor.

C A P. CV.

Stocks.

1. **M**ORTGAGEE of *South-Sea* Stock sells Part; he was liable to account. *May 1727. Harrison and Franks, MS. Rep.*

2. *J. S.* purchased 1000 *l. South-Sea* Stock, and accepted the same in the *South-Sea* Books. Afterwards another of the *same Name*, but not known by the same Description, (and who at the same Time was Owner of some *South-Sea* Stock) by some Means or other got the 1000 *l.* Stock belonging to the first *J. S.* placed to his Account in the *South-Sea* Books, and some Years after transferred the same to *R.* his Broker in order to sell it, and *R.* accordingly did sell it. Both the *J. S.*'s died. On a Bill brought by the Representative of the first *J. S.* Lord Chancellor was of Opinion, that the Plaintiff might elect either to have this specifick Quantity of Stock now bought for her, or else to have a Satisfaction for it at the Time it was sold out, and thereby a Conversion made of it. *Hil. 1740. Harrison and Pryse, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 324.*

And his Lordship seemed inclined to think, that the Company might be liable in Case there should be no Sufficiency of Assets in the Hands of the Representative of the last *J. S.* because they must be considered as Trustees for

the first *J. S.* at the Time he purchased this Stock, and as the same was transferred without his Privy, they must be considered as continuing his Trustees, but his Lordship said it would be soon enough to determine this Point when an Account is taken of the Assets. *Ibid.* 326.

3. If Stock belonging to a Testator is given by his Will subject to a Contingency, the Court does not presume that the Stock will always remain in the same Plight, and if it is converted into other Stock, the Stock into which it is so converted shall be subject to the same Contingency. *Per Lord Chancellor, Hil. 1740. in the Case of Batten and Whorewood, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 422.*

C A P. CVI.

Supplicavit (a),

(a) This Writ is not much in Use at this Day.

1 Hawk. Pl. C. 128. c. 60. f. 10.

Afterwards a Motion was made to discharge the Order, or at least to lessen the Sum, C. being only Tenant for Life of his

I. **U**PON a Motion for a Supplicavit at the Suit of J. S. a Barrister at Law, upon Articles filed on Oath of *Assault and Battery against C. and that he went in Fear of his Life*, Lord Chancellor granted the Writ, which commanded C. to find Sureties for the Peace for twelve Months, and ordered it to be indorsed for 4000 l. which the Party and his Sureties should be bound in. *Mich. 1723. Mr. Clavering's Case, 2 Will. Rep. 202.*

Estate, and mentioned the Stat. 21 Jac. c. 8. which gives Costs in Case of a groundless and vexatious Complaint of this Nature; but Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* would not discharge the Order, for then C. may kill J. S. and his Lordship said, the Court interposes in this Case to prevent Mischief and to save Life, and it is an Order of Course; if C. complains of Vexation, he comes too soon; let him stay till the Year is out, and behave himself quietly all that Time; it seems C. is a Man of a turbulent and dangerous Spirit, that his Friends are afraid to be bound for his quiet Behaviour, and if the Sum be too great for his Circumstances, there ought to be an Affidavit to prove this, and so his Lordship denied the Motion. *Ibid. 203.*—It seems his Honour generally refused to grant this Writ, directing the Party aggrieved to apply to the Justices of the Peace. *Ibid.*—After an Imprisonment for fifteen Months upon a *Supplicavit*, and no Prosecution commenced against the Defendant in all that Time, the Party was discharged on very slender Security. *East. 4 Geo. 2. Grosvenor and Edwards in B. R. Fitz-Gibb. 268.*

C A P. CVII.

Survivor.

But a Limitation to them for their natural Lives will undoubtedly carry an Estate for

I. **D**EVISE of Lands to Husband and Wife for their Lives, and after the Decease of the Wife then to the Child or Children; upon the Death of the Wife the Husband's Estate determines. *Per his Honour, Mich. 1734. Cowper and Cowper, 2 Will. Rep. 652, 671, 672.*

both their Lives during the Life of the Survivor, *per his Honour, ibid. 671.* Cites *Brudenell's Case, 5 Rep. 9.* And his Honour said, that this is the legal as well as literal and grammatical Construction of a Limitation to A. and B. for the Term of their Lives; for the Term of their Lives being plural must comprehend both and join them together; which is the legal Construction too, where there is no particular Reason to vary from it; as where an Office is granted to two *pro termino vitarum suarum*, this was held in *Auditor Curl's Case, 11 Rep. 3 b.* to be determined upon the Death of one; but in a Limitation of Lands, it is otherwise; and the Reason of the Difference is this: A *Jointenancy of Lands may be severed*, and if it be not, the Interest must consequently survive, which is otherwise in an Office; and that it is so in Lands, is not from the Import of the Words of that Limitation, but from the Institution or Operation of Law; for, if the Words imported a *Survivorship*, it would be so in both Cases; besides, upon a *Severance of the Jointenancy in Land, the Estate does not continue during the Life of each Donee, but determines upon the Death of one for his Moiety, and of the other for his.* And cited *Dy. 67. a. and 1 Inst. (191.) 197. a. Ibid. 672.*

C A P. CVIII.

Tenant by the Curtesy,

(A) Tenant by the Curtesy, in What Cases, et econt'.—And of What.

1. **B**Y Stat. 3 Jac. 1. cap. 5. a Popish Recusant Convict who is married otherwise than in open Church, and by a lawful Minister according to the Orders of the Church of England, shall not be Tenant by the Curtesy.

2. *A.* seised in Fee had Issue two Daughters *L.* and *M.* and devised his Land to Trustees in Fee, In Trust to pay his Debts, and to convey the Surplus to his Daughters equally. *M.* married and died, leaving an Infant a Son and her Husband surviving. On a Bill for Partition by *L.* the Husband of *M.* in his Answer had sworn that he married *M.* upon a Presumption that she was seised in Fee of a legal Estate in the Moiety, and that at the Time of the Marriage she was in the actual Receipt of the Profits of such Moiety; and it was admitted that this Trust was not discovered till after *M.*'s Death, nor until it was agreed that a Partition should be made. Decreed *per* Lord Chan. Cowper that an Estate for Life in a Moiety in Severalty should be conveyed by the Trustees to the Husband, with Remainder in Fee to his Son. *Hil.* 1708. *Watts and Ball (a)*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 108.

And his Lordship said, that Trust Estates were to be governed by the same Rules, and were within the same Reason, as legal Estates; and as the Husband in the principal Case should have been Tenant by the Curtesy had it been a legal Estate, so should he be

of this Trust Estate; and if there were not the same Rules of Property in all Courts, all Things would be as it were *at Sea*, and under the greatest Uncertainty. And his Lordship added that this being a Case of some Difficulty, he could have wished it had not come before him as a Cause by Consent, but was of Opinion that the Husband ought to be Tenant by the Curtesy, the rather because it appeared, that he upon his Marriage did presume his Wife to be seised of a legal Estate in the Moiety, and had Reason to think so, she being in Possession thereof. *Ibid.* 109.

(a) 2 *Vern.* 680. S. C. cited, 2 *Will. Rep.* 645. S. C.

3. *J. S.* devised his Lands to *A.* his Sister (who was his Heir at Law) for her Life, and that if she married and had Issue Male of her Body living at the Time of her Death, then to such Issue Male, and to his Heirs Male for ever, but if she died, leaving no Issue Male at the Time of her Death, then to *B.* and his Heirs for ever. *J. S.* dies, and *A.* married Defendant *C.* by whom she had Issue a Son and a Daughter; then *A.* died, and afterwards the Daughter died, and the Son survived, who afterwards died. Upon the Death of the Wife the contingent Estate-tail to her Issue began, so that at that Time the Estate was to commence in Possession and be consummate, because her Estate for Life by which it was to be supported was gone, so that the Inheritance being never vested in her during her Life, for that Reason

It doth not appear that the Testator had any Manner of Intention that *A.* his Sister should have any Benefit of the Inheritance; if he had, then certainly he having the whole Dominion over his Estate, her and who could have molded

it as he thought proper, would have shewed that he intended she should have the Inheritance; but there is not the least Sign or Badge of any such Intention; and if it should be otherwise intended by Operation of Law, that would be an Injury done to the Intention of the Testator. *Per Cur'*, *ibid.* 150.—Wherever the Estate is to be determined by express Limitation or Condition on the Death of the Wife, there the Husband shall not be Tenant by the Curtesy, as where an Estate for Life is limited to a Woman, Remainder to her first and every other Son in Tail Male, Remainder to the Heirs of her Body, Remainder to her right Heirs; here it is plain she is seised of the Inheritance; yet if she has a Son, the Husband shall not be Tenant by the Curtesy, because the

the contingent her Husband *cannot* be Tenant by the Curtesy. *Per* Lords Commis-
 Estate which sioners *Raymond* and *Gilbert*, *Trin.* 11 *Geo.* 1. *Boothby* and *Vernon*,
 is to arise 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq.* 147.
 on her Death intervenes
 between her Estate for Life and the Inheritance. *Per Cur'*, in *S. C.* *ibid.* 150.—*Vide* the Year Book,
 1 *Ed.* 3. 14, 15.—45 *Ed.* 3. 16.

4. Husband may be Tenant by the Custom of a Trust, tho' the Wife cannot have Dower thereof. Said by *Lord Chancellor* as a settled Rule. *Hil.* 1733. in the Case of *Chaplin* and *Chaplin*, 3 *Will. Rep.* 234.

5. The Reason of the Difference why a Wife in Case of an Elopement with an Adulterer forfeits her Dower, and yet the Husband leaving his Wife, and living with another Woman, does *not* forfeit his Tenancy by the Curtesy, is, because the Statute of *Westminster* 2. *cap.* 34. does by express Words, under these Circumstances, create a Forfeiture of Dower; but there is no Act inflicting in the other Case the Forfeiture of a Tenancy by the Curtesy. *Per* Lord Chan. *Talbot*, *East.* 1734. in *Casu Sidney* and *Sidney* (a), 3 *Will. Rep.* 269, 276.

6. T. C. Plaintiff's Father, and also Father of the Wife of Defendant J. S. by Virtue of a Marriage Settlement being seised of *some Lands in Tail*, and of *other Lands in Fee-simple*, had Issue three Daughters. Part of the Land of which he was seised in Fee he settled on *himself for Life*, Remainder to *Anne* his eldest Daughter *in Fee*, and the *other Part* of such Lands he devised *to the said Anne and her Heirs*, subject to the Payment unto her two Sisters of 200*l.* apiece. *Anne* after her Father's Death by Lease and Release of 24 and 25 *June* 1728 mortgages Part of the Fee-simple Lands to Defendant *Scarf in Fee*, Proviso, to be void on Payment of 900*l.* and Interest. On 6 *Aug.* 1729 *Anne* intermarried with Defendant J. S. and in 1731 she died, leaving Issue by him a Son, who died without Issue; and on his Death his two Aunts the Plaintiffs became his Heirs at Law and intitled to that Inheritance, and in *Trin.* 1733 brought their Bill against the Mortgagee (b) *Scarf* and J. S. (*int' al'*) for a Redemption of the mortgaged Premises

His Lordship observed that this Case depended on two Considerations, First, What Kind of Interest an Equity of Redemption is considered to be in the Eye of this Court? Secondly, What is requisite to intitle the Husband to be Tenant by the Curtesy? As to the First his Lordship said, an Equity of Redemption has always been considered in this Court as an Estate in the Land; it is such an Interest in the Land as will descend from Ancestor to Heir, and may be granted, intailed, devised or mortgaged, and that equitable Interest may be barred by a Common Recovery, which proves that an Equity of Redemption is not considered barely as a mere Right, but such an Estate whereof in Consideration of this Court there may be a Seisin, or a Devise of it could not be good. The Person who is intitled to the Equity of Redemption is in this Court considered as Owner of the Land, and the Mortgagee to retain the Land as a Pledge or Deposit. And for this Reason it is, that a Mortgage in Fee is considered as a personal Estate, notwithstanding the legal Estate vests in the Heir in Point of Law. The Husband of a Mortgagee in Fee shall never be Tenant by the Curtesy of the mortgaged Estate, unless there be a Foreclosure, or that such Mortgage has subsisted for so great a Length of Time as the Court thinks sufficient to induce them not to grant a Redemption. A Mortgage in Fee will not pass under a Devise of all my Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; decreed in *Litton* and *Faulkland*, 2 *Vern.* 625. There said, if it was a Release of an Equity of Redemption or Foreclosure, it is now Part of the real Estate in the Land. 1 *Vern.* 401. *Barnet* and *Kinaston*, a Mortgage in Fee in Right of the Wife on the Husband's dying and not disposing thereof was decreed to be a *Chose en Action*, and survived to the Wife, from whence it follows that the Person that is intitled to the Equity of Redemption is Owner of the Land; for if a Mortgage in Fee in Right of the Wife is on the Death of the Husband decreed to be but a *Chose en Action*, if the Ownership of the Land is not in the Mortgagor, it is in nobody; and if this Matter of Mortgagees is not an Interest in Equity only, but properly a real Estate, then the real Property will be sunk and veiled no where, if not in the Mortgagee. If a Man by Will devises Lands, and afterwards mortgages in Fee those Lands, at Law it is considered as a Revocation of the total Devise, but in Equity only a Revocation pro tanto, amounting to the same Thing as letting in a Charge upon the Land, and when the Mortgage is paid the Devise takes Place. The Ownership of the Land does always vest in the Mortgagor or Mortgagee. That an Equity of Redemption is no otherwise a Right of Action than every Trust; and as there can be no Benefit had of an Equity of Redemption but by Subpœna out of this Court, so in the Case of every mere Trust in Land, which is considered as a real Estate in this Court, but cannot be come at without a Subpœna. To say that it is a mere Right of Action is by Consequence to say that the Estate in the Land is in nobody, and this determines the Question; for if a Mortgage is but a *Chose en Action*, this affirms that the Equity of Redemption is the real Ownership of the Estate, and this will determine the Point between them. It is true that a Mortgagee is not barely a Trustee for the Mortgagor, but it is sufficient for the present Purpose if he is in Part a Trustee for the Mortgagor, and it is most certain that as to the real Estate in the Land the Mortgagee is only a Trustee for the Mortgagee

(b) The Mortgagee came into Possession in 1731.

Premises, and to have an Account of the Rents and Profits of the real Estate which belonged to the *Plaintiff's* (a) (Defendant *J. S.'s*) Wife, that descended to his Son, from the Time of the Death of such Son, as Heir at Law to both of them. Defendant *J. S.* insisted to be intitled to the mortgaged Premises for his Life, as Tenant by the Curtesy of the mortgaged Estate, but his *Honour* (8 May 1735) held that he was not; and so was decreed to account for the Rents, &c. thereof from his Son's Death. On an Appeal, *Lord Chancellor* (on great Consideration) was of Opinion that *J. S.* was intitled to be Tenant by the

Mortgagor 'till Foreclosure.
Mortgagee is only Owner as a Charge or Incumbrance, and intitled to hold as a Pledge, and as to the Inheritance descended,

Curtesy

and real Estate in the Land, the Mortgagee is a Trustee for the Mortgagor 'till the Equity of Redemption is foreclosed. Secondly, What is requisite to intitle the Husband to be Tenant by the Curtesy. And his *Lordship* said at Law four Things are necessary to make a Tenancy by the Curtesy, viz. Marriage, having Issue that may inherit, Death of the Wife, and Seisin of the Wife. *Co. Litt.* 30. a. Here it is admitted that the three first did concur, but the Objection that is relied on is, that there was no actual Seisin of the Wife during the Coverture, which is contended to be as necessary in respect to an equitable Estate, as of a legal Estate; and it is admitted that the Wife had no actual Seisin of the legal Estate, either in Fact or in Law. Here is no Dispute whether actual Seisin in Consideration of Law, but all that is beside the present Question, for the Proceedings are upon a Supposition, as no such Thing as Tenant by the Curtesy. But the true Question upon this Point is, Whether there was not such a Seisin or Possession in the Wife of the equitable Estate in the Land, as in Consideration of Equity is equivalent to an actual Seisin of a legal Estate at Common Law? And his *Lordship* said, that in Consideration of this Court he was of Opinion there was such a Seisin of the Wife in the present Case of the Equity of Redemption; and said he had shewn that a Person intitled to the Equity of Redemption is Owner of the Land of the legal Estate, and if so, there must be a Seisin of the legal Estate, and what other Seisin could there be than what *J. S.* and his Wife had in the present Case? For here is a Mortgage in 1728 by *Anne*, who in 1729 married *J. S.* and in 1731 died, leaving Issue a Son, and the Wife was all along in Possession 'till her Death, and the Mortgagee did not come into Possession 'till after her Death, and there is not any Foreclosure; and tho' the Possession of the Wife was but as Tenant at Will to the Mortgagee, yet it was, in Equity, a Possession of the real Owner of the Land, subject only to a pecuniary Charge on it, and from thence his *Lordship* thought it clearly followed that there cannot be a higher Seisin of an equitable Estate. That the Husband might be Tenant by the Curtesy of this equitable Estate of the Wife, his *Lordship* cited *Williams and Wray*, 2 *Vern.* 680. and *Sweetapple and Bindon*, 2 *Vern.* 536. and his *Lordship* observed that there had been two Objections made by the Plaintiffs, First, That the Husband had it in his Power to have had Seisin in his Wife's Life-time, for he might have paid off the Mortgage, and therefore it was his own Laches that he did not. Secondly, That a Wife shall not be endowed with an Equity of Redemption. As to the Laches in *J. S.* it is compared to the Husband's not making an Entry at Law, but his *Lordship* said the Comparison will not hold, for it is not so easy to pay off the Principal and Interest due on a Mortgage as it is to make an Entry at Law, nor is it to be done so speedily, for a Mortgage in most Cases is allowed six Months Notice to be paid; and his *Lordship* said in the Case of *Sweetapple* the Husband might have brought his Bill in his Wife's Life-time to compel the laying out the Money in the Purchase of Land, but tho' he omitted so to do 'till after the Wife's Death, yet that was not objected to him as Laches. And it being said that this would encourage the Husband to let the Interest run on the mortgaged Premises, which would perhaps swallow up the whole Estate, his *Lordship* said he could not find the Force of this Ground, for if he is Owner of the Estate, she was Owner of the Fee. That if by this is meant the Interest that became due in the Wife's Life-time, the Husband has nothing to do with it, because the Interest that he claims does not arise 'till the Wife's Death, and he therefore is not to pay Interest that was due before his Title accrued. But by this is only meant the Interest from the Wife's Death: During the Tenancy by the Curtesy the Heir will have the same Remedy as in Case of a Tenancy for Life of an incumbered Estate; for in all such Cases the Tenant for Life keeps down the Interest. As to the Objection of the Wife's not being endowed of an Equity of Redemption on a Mortgagee in Fee, and that therefore an Husband ought not to be Tenant by the Curtesy of an Equity of Redemption, his *Lordship* said that this proves too much, for it has been determined that a Wife shall not be endowed of a Trust Estate, yet that the Husband shall be Tenant by the Curtesy of a Trust Estate. That the Argument from Dower to Curtesy fails in this Case, perhaps it may be hard to find out a sufficient Reason how it came to be so determined in one Case and not the other; but that it was safe to follow former Precedents, and what are settled and established, and if such Precedents should be departed from, his *Lordship* held it fit rather that the Wife should be allowed her Dower of a Trust Estate, and not that a Tenancy by Curtesy of a Trust Estate should be taken away; and said it may be refusing to allow the Wife Dower of a Trust Estate was because she could not have it at Law, and that it was founded on the Maxim of *Æquitas sequitur legem*; but whatever the Reason of such a Refusal was, the Husband is allowed to have a Tenancy by the Curtesy of a Trust Estate, nay even of Money directed to be laid out in Land, tho' not actually laid out, as in the Case of *Sweetapple*. Upon a Mortgage for Years, a Wife shall have Aid of Equity of Redemption, which she could not have of a Trust Estate. If Tenant by the Curtesy of Money to be laid out in Land, by Analogy, it ought to be so of an Equity of Redemption, especially where the Wife continues in Possession of the mortgaged Lands all her Life-time. There was a Case put for the Plaintiffs by way of Illustration, viz. Suppose that a Feme Sole conveys Lands to *J. S.* in Fee, upon Condition that if at such a Day she paid such a Sum of Money to him or his Heir, that then she might re-enter. She afterwards marries, and has Issue, but before the Day on which the Condition was to be performed she dies, and after her Death her Heir pays the Money. Whether the Husband would be Tenant by the Curtesy? And per his *Lordship*, if this is meant as a Mortgage to make a Security, then it is the same as the present Case, but if it is meant of a mere Purchase, subject to a Re-entry at Common Law on Payment, undoubtedly the Husband would not be Tenant by the Curtesy, for that were to make him Tenant by the Curtesy of a Condition; for taking it as a Purchase, the Wife had, in that Case, no Estate or Seisin in re or Right ad rem, 'till the Performance of the Condition. As to a Condition or Power of Revocation, these stand upon different Reasons. And for these Reasons, upon the best Consideration, his *Lordship* decreed as above. *Ibid.*

The great *Learning* that appears in the *above* Case, and my being desirous to make this Work as useful as I can, are the Reasons of *it's* being *here* so fully stated. I think I have seen a MS. Rep. of this Case to the same Effect.

Where one enters, claiming the whole for himself in Exclusion of his Companion, this may not serve as the Entry of his Companion, being made directly against him; but that is *not* this Case, for the Mother's keeping Possession of the whole against the Daughter and her Husband was entirely owing to a Mistake in imagining her Son was still living, and not with an Intent to exclude the Daughter from her Right, and therefore no Inference can be drawn from it. *Per Lord Chancellor, in S.C. ibid.*

7. *A.* died, leaving a Wife, a Son and a Daughter; the *Widow* entered upon the Estate, and was *seised as Tenant in Dower of one Part, and as Tenant in Common with her Son of another Part, and of a third Part as Guardian in Socage to her Son.* The Son died beyond Sea, *under Age*, whereby the Daughter became intitled, who, during her Infancy, married Plaintiff, and they applied to the Mother to be let into Possession of the Son's Part, which the Mother refused, imagining the Son was still alive, and thereupon to hold the Land for him. Upon this they brought a Bill for an Account, which was directed; then the Daughter dies, and upon the Husband's Application to the Court, one Question was, Whether the Seisin of the Mother (after the Son's Death) being Tenant in Common with the Daughter, was the Seisin of the Daughter sufficient to make the Husband Tenant by the Curtesy of her Part? And *Lord Chancellor* held it was, for the Entry and Possession of one Tenant in Common, &c. is the Entry and Possession of the other. Decreed for the Husband, 25 Feb. 1739: *Sterling and Penlington, Vin. Abr. Tit. Curtesy, (A) Ca. 11. P. 149.—Vin. Abr. Tit. Jointenants, (P.a.) Ca. 5. P. 512. S.C. accord'.*

C A P. CIX.

Timber Trees.

(A) What Trees are accounted Timber Trees.

His *Lordship* said, that if a Timber Tree which may not be worth 3 *l.* or 4 *l.* shall be valued or paid for in the Purchase, why not *Walnut* Trees, some of which may be worth 10 *l.* 20 *l.* or even 50 *l.* apiece? However, as these Trees seem to be of considerable Value, unless the Parties can agree amongst themselves to lump the Valuation, and as it is the Custom of the Country which ascertains what are Timber Trees, making some to be esteemed such which in their Nature generally speaking

J. *S.* articted to sell Land to *A.* for 20,718 *l.* and the Timber to be valued and paid for by *A.* besides the Purchase Money. On a Bill by *A.* for a specifick Performance of the Articles, it was accordingly decreed, and the Timber was ordered to be valued by two indifferent Persons, to be appointed by the *Master.* The *Master* made his Report, and estimated some thousands of *Saplings* at 12 *d.* or 18 *d.* apiece, as also *Pollards*, some of which were rotten, or contained no Timber, the same of *Walnut Trees*, which were not Timber, altho' some of them were worth 20 *l.* and others 40 *l.* a Tree; also *Yew, Cherry, Crab, Lime, and Horse Chestnut Trees*, were valued as Timber in the Report. And on Exceptions (*int' al'*) to this Part of the Report, Lord Chan. King said that it is the Custom of the Country that makes some Trees Timber, which in their Nature generally speaking are

are not so, as *Horse Chesnut* and *Lime Trees*, so of *Birch*, *Beach*, and *Asp*; and as to *Pollards*, notwithstanding what is said in *Plow.* 470. in the Case of *Soby* and *Molyns* that these are not Timber, and that Tithes are not to be paid of their Loppings, (which could not be if *Pollards* were Timber) yet if the Bodies of them be found and good, his *Lordship* inclined to think them Timber; *secus* if not found, they being then fit for nothing but Fuel. *Trin.* 1731. *Duke of Chandos* and *Talbot*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 603, 606.

speaking are not, especially in Countries where Timber is scarce, he said he would direct an Issue to try whether any and which of these Trees

are by the Custom of the Country to be accounted Timber. *Ibid.* 606, 607.

C A P. CX.

Tithes.

- (A) Cases in general relating to the Payment, &c. of Tithes.
(B) Of a Modus.

(A) Cases in general relating to the Payment, &c. of Tithes (a).

(a) Tho' Turnips and Clover are

the Effect of Labour, and not the natural Produce of the Land, (tho' 'tis an usual Way of manuring Land with them) yet they are tithable. *MS. Notes.*—A Man may be bound by Custom to give Notice when he sets out his Tithes. *Bever* and *Spratley* (b), *MS. Notes.*

(b) *Quere* Term and Year.

1. **A** BILL was exhibited for Tithes, and the Jurisdiction of the Court demurred to, but the Demurrer over-ruled, and the Defendant ordered to answer. *Trin.* 1674. *Anon.* 1 *Freem. Rep.* 303. *Ca.* 371. *in Canc'.*

And it was said *per Finch* Lord Keeper, that the Court of Exchequer did not hold

Pleas by *English* Bill until the Stat. of 34 H. 8. c. 39. *Ibid.*

2. *A.* being Rector of the Portions of *Pitt* and *Tidcomb* of the Rectory and Parish Church of *T.* in *Com' Devon*, and an *Horse Mill* for the grinding of *Malt* being erected within the said Portions by the Corporation of the said Borough, who in 1699 had leased the same to the Appellants for three Years at 30 *l. per Annum*, *A.* preferred his Bill in *Scac'*, and (after Time taken to consider of it) the Court were unanimously of Opinion, that *Tithes were due for this new erected Mill*,

From this Decree the Defendants in *Scac'* appealed to the House of Lords, First, Because the Tithe of an and Horse Malt Mill was a

personal Tithe, for there was no natural Increase from it, but only a Profit arising from the Invention of a Machine and the Labour of a Man and Horse, and if it were personal the same could only be for the Tenth of the neat Profits, deducting all Charges. Secondly, If a personal Tithe was due for such Mill, it was only due where personal Tithes have been by Custom paid for forty Years before the Stat. of *E. 6.* Thirdly, The Appellants only took 2 *d. per Bushel* for grinding, and the Respondents did not prove any Custom, nor the Value of the tenth Toll Dish, nor any other Toll to be taken by the Appellant. Fourthly, That the tenth Toll Dish would be more sometimes than the whole Proprietors Gains, considering the Expence of erecting and maintaining this Mill. Fifthly, That the Corn will pay Tithes twice, for that most of the Corn that was so ground was grown within the same Parish, and so the Tenth paid to the Respondents in the Field; and if any was ground that grew elsewhere, the same did in like Manner pay the Tenth to the Incumbent where it grew. Sixthly, This Decree will produce a new Sort of Tithe, and will affect a great many People in *London*, where there are many such Mills, and some Thousands of them are in other Parts of the Kingdom; and if this Decree be affirmed, they must all pay Tithes. On the Respondents Part it was insisted, First, That Tithes were due both by the Common and Statute Law, for new erected Mills; that Tithes were by the Canons due for all Mills, and by

Art. Cler. and that such Tithe was the tenth Toll Dish; and decreed the Appellants c. 5. for new erected Mills, to account with the Respondent accordingly, and to pay Costs. which expressly provides that no 22 April 1706. *Newte and Chamberlaine et al'*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes*, (M. a.) Ca. 5. P. 39.

Prohibition shall lie in such a Case. Secondly, That there had been from Time to Time several Resolutions and Decrees for Tithes of Mills. Thirdly, That the rest of the Mills within the Respondents Portions had all along paid, and did still pay Tithes on a Composition for the same, and every *Modus* for a Mill proves Tithes to be due if they were not discharged by such *Modus*. Fourthly, That it was predial Tithes, and the tenth Toll Dish payable for the same, and so was both the *Canon*, and *Custom and Usage* of this Kingdom. Fifthly, That it was not a double Tithe, for it was paid by different Persons, and for different Purposes, viz. in the first Case by the Owner of the Corn, and in the second Case by the Owner of the Mill. This Cause was heard in *Dom. Proc'* 20 Jan. 1706-7, and upon some Debate the Consideration of Tithes predial, mixt, or personal were due for such a Mill, and if any due, in what Manner payable, was referred to the Judges, who after several Adjournments attended the House 17 Feb. 1706, and all the Judges of B. R. and C. B. (except *Powel*) were of Opinion unanimously, That the Tithe due for a new erected Malt Mill was a personal Tithe only; and Chief Justice Holt and Chief Justice Trevor held that there was no Tithe due at all for such Mill, because a personal Tithe was due only where it had been paid within forty Years before, according to the Stat. 2 & 3 E. 6. c. 13. s. 7. Upon which the Lords reversed the Decree of the Exchequer; but Ordered, That A. do recover his Tithes of the said Mill in the Nature of a personal Tithe only, viz. the tenth Part of the clear Profits arising from Corn ground in the said Mill, over and above all incident Charges, and to that End that an Account be taken of the Profits of the said Mill, and Charges for the Time past within the Time of the Demand of A.'s Bill in the Exchequer and since, and that the said Tithes do so continue to be paid for the future; and also ordered that the said Court of Exchequer do cause the said Account to be taken, and what should be found due thereon paid accordingly. *Ibid.*—2 Will. Rep. 463. Trin. 1728. S. C. cited by the Name of *Chamberlain and Kneate in Dom. Proc'*, upon an Appeal from a Decree of the Court of Exchequer, where the Bill was brought for the Tithes of a Malt Mill in T. in Devon, and where the Lords determined, with the Assistance of eight Judges (whereof Holt C. J. was one) that Mills were tithable, but that the same was a personal Tithe, and so ought to be paid out of the clear Gain, after all Manner of Charges and Expences deducted. Upon this Authority his Honour in the Case of *Carleton and Brightwell*, Trin. 1728. decreed a Corn Mill to pay Tithes, but that they should be paid only as a personal Tithe. *Ibid.*—1 Vol. Abr. Eq. 356. Ca. *Newt and Chamberlain*, S. C. but not so fully stated as in Mr. *Viner's* Abridgment.—Tithe for a Malt Mill is only personal, for it is not natural Increase, being only Profit arising from the Invention of a Machine, and the Labour of a Man and Horse, and personal can only be for the Tithes of the neat Profits, deducting all Charges. Jan. 20, 1706. *Chamberlain and Plymton*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes*, (M. a.) in a Note at the Bottom of P. 40.

3. Bill brought by the Rector of S. for Tithes of Beasts fed upon a Common. Defendant by Answer insists, that the Common extends into several Parishes, and that the Custom was that every Farmer should pay Tithes to the Rector where he lived; and that he lived in another Parish, and he paid the Tithes to that Rector; but there being Proof that the Cattle were driven upon that Part of the Common that lies in S. there was a Decree for the Rector of S. But reversed, because the Custom was good, there being no Inclosures. Jan. 1710. *Mickleburgh and Crisp*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes*, (P. a.) Ca. 6. P. 43.

4. Bill for a Discovery of Tithes of Furze, and Payment thereof. Defendant by Answer insists that Furze spent upon the Premises is not titheable, and also that Underwood and Furze generally are not titheable in that Parish, &c. Plaintiff admits that no Tithes are due for Underwood or Furze spent upon the Premises, but insists upon Tithes of Furze made into Faggots, and sold by the Defendant. Cites *Moor* 909. that Underwood or Furze spent for Firing or Fencing of the Premises is not titheable, but Underwood or Furze sold is titheable. In the Proofs of the Cause, there was some Evidence of 1d. per Annum paid called Smoak Money, in Lieu of Tithes or (of) Furze, but that not being insisted on by the Answer, but a general *Non Decimando* for Underwood and Furze, Lord Cha. *Harcourt* decreed Defendant to account for Tithes of Furze made into Faggots and sold, but not for Furze burnt or used upon the Premises, and Defendant to pay Costs. *Mich. 12 An. Roffe and Harding*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes*, (Z) Ca. 31. P. 591.

5. J. S. being Rector of the Parish of H. in Devon, brought a Bill for Agistment Tithes against the Agister. The Cause appeared to be thus: Defendant's Father lived in the Parish and rented a Farm there; Defendant lived with him, and he being a Butcher, and renting a Farm in an adjacent Parish, frequently brought Cattle and put them

in his Father's Grounds for two or three Nights, and sometimes killed some of them off, but generally sent them to his own Farm. The Question was, Whether the Owner of the Land or the Owner of the Cattle should pay Agistment Tithes? The Chief Baron and the other Barons agreed that the Demand ought to have been against the Occupier of the Land for the Agistment Tithes, if any had been due, but they thought in this Case nothing appeared due; and Baron Page said, that as to what had been said that the Demand might be either against the Occupier or Agister, that could not be, for *the same Duty could not arise in two different Persons at the same Time.* *Fisher and Lemen (a),* *Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes, (L.a.) Ca. 7. P. 38.* (a) Mr. Viner does not mention the Term and Year.

6. Abbot seized in Right of his Abbey of a Rectory, with all Tithes, &c. The Abbey is dissolved, and the Crown grants the Tithes, &c. The Parson disputes the Tithes with the Patentee, but Bill dismissed. *Mar. 21, 1715. Turner and Wray, Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes, (Y.a.) Ca. 14. P. 55.*

7. Unity of Possession of a Manor and Rectory will not exempt the Demejne Lands from Payment of Tithes when they come to be severed. *East. 8 Geo. Fox and Bardwell, in Scac', Comyns's Rep. 498.*

8. Tithe Hay must be paid in Grass Cocks. *Per Cur', Mich. 11 Geo. in the Case of Smithson et al' and Dodson in Canc', 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 117.*

9. The Bill demanded Tithe for the depasturing of Sheep on Turnips remaining on the Ground unsevered. Defendant said the Sheep did pay the Tithe Wool, and that Tithes ought not to be paid twice. It appeared that after Sheering Time Defendant fed his Sheep with Turnips, whereby they were better *5 s. per Sheep*; that they went about five Months on the Turnips, and then were sold to the Butcher, and the Defendant brought in a large Quantity of new Sheep before Sheering Time came again, so that Plaintiff always had Tithe Wool of the full Number. It was strongly insisted that this was a double Tithing, but the Court agreed that it was a new Increase; and decreed that the Defendant should go to an Account. *East. 12 Geo. 1. in Scac', Coleman, Impropiator of, &c. and Baker, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 231.* A Demand was of Tithe for Pasturage of Sheep from the Time of Sheering 'till they were sold. The Defendant insisted that by the Sheeps depasturing on the Land it was improved, and the Plaintiff's Tithe bettered

thereby. But the Court decreed an Account, and said that it was no Bar to the Plaintiff's Demand. Decree affirmed on a Rehearing. *Hil. 1 W. & M. Dummer and Wingfield in Scac', cited arg'. Ibid. 231.*

10. Tithes being demanded of *Turkies*, it was objected that in *Moor 599. (Hugton and Prince)* it was said that *Turkies* were Things *Ferae Naturæ* and not titheable, any more than *Partridges*, and that *Turkies* were not brought hither from beyond Sea before Queen *Elizabeth's* Time. But *per* his Honour, *Turkies* are Birds as tame as Hens or other Poultry, and therefore must pay Tithes; but if Tithes be once paid of the Eggs, then no more to be paid for the Chickens hatched afterwards. *Trin. 1728. Carleton and Brightwell, 2 Will. Rep. 462.* In this Case it was said and admitted that in a Bill brought by a Parson for Tithes in the Exchequer, tho' the Right be ever so plain, yet in Scac' the

Decree is not that the Defendant shall pay Tithes for the future, but that he shall account for and pay what Tithe is due to the Time of bringing the Bill; but in Chancery it is to the Time of bringing the Decree (b). *Ibid. 463.* (b) The Editor adds a Quære, If this be the established Practice of Chancery, or done only of late in some few Instances. Ibid.

(a) A *Modus* for
Hay extends
to Clover.

2 *Lut.* 1074.

—The Time

of Payment of any *Modus* must be fixed, but there is a Difference between a Bill to establish a *Modus* and a Bill for Tithes, where a *Modus* is insisted on; in the former the Time of Payment must be set forth, tho' not in the latter; but an Issue may be directed, and Order given to *indorse* the Time of Payment (b). *MS. Notes.*

—As a Layman cannot prescribe *in Non Decimando*, so if he pleads, or a Jury find that the Lands he holds belonged to an Abbey, and were immediately discharged, yet unless the Lands came to the Crown by 31 *H. 8.* it shall not be intended that such Prescription was founded upon any real Composition that runs with the Land, but in some personal Discharge that ceased on the Dissolution of the House. *Corporation of Bury and Evans (c), MS. Notes.*—A Custom to render at the Place of Milking the whole Milk of every tenth Day, both Morning and Evening, between *March* and *September*, bad, for this is to prescribe *in Non Decimando* the rest of the Year. But if the Custom was to deliver it at the Parson's House, it seems good. *Salk.* 656.

—A Custom to deliver Tithe Lambs in Kind on *St. Mark's Day*, good; for tho' some may be very young, yet others may be perfectly reared, by which the Parson has a Benefit (d). *MS. Notes.*

(b) *Quære* Case, Term and Year.

(c) *Quære* Term and Year.

(d) *Quære* Case, Term and Year.

(B) Of a *Modus* (a).

1. **O**bjection was made to a *Modus*, that it was too great, and too near the Value of Tithes in Kind; Prescriptions had their Beginning before *R. 1.* when it is probable that 12 *d.* or 8 *d.* (*per Acre*) might have been the Value of the Inheritance; therefore decreed *in Scac'* to be a Composition and not a *Modus*, but reversed, for Churches might have been endowed with more than the Value of the Tithes. *Mar. 5, 1707. Pole and Gardener, Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes, [or Tithes] Ca. 47. P. 18.*

2. A Custom was for the Vicar to have Tithes of *all Peas and Beans set, drilled or sowed in Rows in Gardens*, or like Manner; afterwards a new Improvement was found to use a Plough instead of a Spade, yet such Peas and Beans shall pay Tithes. *Jan. 23, 1717. Austin and Nicholas, Vin. Abr. Tit. Dismes, [or Tithes] (G. a.) Ca. 3. P. 22.*

3. Bill was brought to establish a *Modus*, which was laid thus: *For Payment of such a Sum of Money, but if in the Hands of any other Person, to pay tithe in Kind, or the Money, at the Election of the Parson.* And Lord Chan. King said he would never establish a *Modus* against a Parson without a Trial at Law, if he desires it; but this *Modus* is clearly ill, for a *Modus cannot be defultory.* *Nov. 15, 1725. Webber and Taylor, Select Cases in Chan. 52.*

4. In a Bill for Tithe *in Kind* Defendant insisted that the Inhabitants of such a Tenement, with the Lands usually enjoyed therewith, had been accustomed to pay a *Modus* for Tithe Corn. His Honour held this quite *uncertain*; the House may fall down, or be uninhabited, and then no *Modus* will be payable; also that nothing can be more uncertain than Lands usually enjoyed with the Tenement, since the Lands lett with a Farm House may probably be often shifted. *Trin. 1728. Carlton and Brightwell, 2 Will. Rep. 462.*

His Lordship said that this might be a good Custom or *Modus* to excuse the Occupier of the same Land wherein the Parishoner made Grass into Hay from paying Tithes for the

5. The Bill was brought to establish a *Modus* in Favour of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *S.* The *Modus* was *in Consideration that after the Grass was cut the Parishoners at their own Expence did make the Tithe Grass into Hay, by strewing the Grass upon the Ground, and afterwards gathering it into Week and Wind-rows, therefore the Persons that inhabited within this Parish (which Parish appeared to be the greatest Part thereof Meadow Land) were to pay no Tithes for the Herbage of dry and unprofitable Cattle.* But it was proved that tho' the Parishoners paid no Tithes for the Herbage of dry and unprofitable Cattle

Time

After-Herbage, but that it could be no good *Modus* to excuse the Herbage Tithe of other Land, for at that Rate a Man might mow and make into Hay only a small Parcel of Ground, (about a Quarter of an Acre) and by this Means be excused from the Tithe Herbage of one hundred Head of Cattle. *Ibid. 521.*

A *Modus* in relation to the Tithes due to the Parson may be a good Bar to the Payment of small Tithes due

Time out of Mind, yet there was no Evidence that such Nonpayment was in Consideration of the Parishioners making Tithe Grass into Hay. On the other Hand it was proved that Foreigners, those who lived out of the Town, made the Tithe Grass into Hay, as well as the Inhabitants, and yet paid Tithe Herbage. And Lord Chan. King thought this a material Objection against the Custom, and made it look as if it was the Usage of that Parish for the Parishioners to make their Grass into Hay of Course; and also (as it was proved) that in this Parish the Parishioners, when they cut down the Grass, did not divide it into ten Parts until they had made it into Hay, so that the Parson could not have any Opportunity of making his Tithe Grass into Hay himself. Bill dismissed with Costs, but without Prejudice as to any Litigation that may be made touching the same at Law. *East. 1729. Fox and Ayde, 2 Will. Rep. 521. — Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 52. East. 2 Geo. 2. S. C.* the *Modus* held to be void, and Bill dismissed with Costs.

to the Vicar, because originally and of common Right the Parson was intitled to all the Tithes, as well small as great, during which Time he might agree to a *Modus*; and when afterwards a *Vicarage* was derived out of the Parsonage, and the Parson (by

Consent of the Patron and Ordinary) endoweth the Vicar with the small Tithes, this shall not prejudice the Parishioners, or deprive them of the Benefit of enjoying their *Modus*, which they before were intitled to. Per Lord Chan. King, *ibid.* 522. — Parishioners are only bound to cut down the Grass and divide it into ten Parts, after which the Parson (a) is to make it into Hay. Per Lord Chan. King, *ibid.* 523. (a) See 1 *Roll. Abr.* 644. *accord*. But see also 1 *Roll.* 172. *cont*. And Note; The Tithes are called the Tithes of Hay, and not of Grass. 2 *Will. Rep.* 523. in a Note.

6. A *Modus* was laid to be that every Person not inhabiting within the Parish of B. occupying any Meadow and Pasture Land (which was chiefly Marsh Lands) within the Parish of B. had Time out of Mind paid to the Appropriator of the Parish, his Farmer or Tenant, on every Good Friday, or as soon after as demanded, 4d. per Acre yearly, as a *Modus* in Satisfaction for all Tithes, and so proportionably for every

Lord Chancellor and the Judges admitted that every *Modus* must be certain, otherwise no Length of Time will make it good.

And Fortescue J. cited 2 *Roll. Abr.* 265. where a Prescription to pay 1d. or thereabouts for every Acre of Arable Land was held void for the Uncertainty; but he also cited a Case in the Exchequer in 1726, where there was a *Modus* to pay 12d. an Acre for Upland, and 6d. for Marsh Land, and held good. *Ibid.* 572. The Court admitted that every *Modus* must be supposed to have had a reasonable Commencement; but as to the Necessity of shewing now that the *Modus* is reasonable, that seemed not to be so clear, for these *Modus*'s having been from Time immemorial, none can know but that there were such Circumstances in those ancient Times as might have made such a Composition reasonable; tho' at present they may not be discoverable; that it was enough to satisfy us at this Time of Day that the Parson, Patron and Ordinary, before the restrictive Statutes might bind the Revenues of the Parson; and that all these *Modus*'s must have had their Commencement from an Instrument signed by the Parson, Patron and Ordinary; but there could be no Colour to say, that because such Instrument in so great a Length of Time had been lost, therefore the *Modus* should be lost also; indeed, so far the Law went in Favour of the Church, as that if the Instrument which the Parson, Patron and Ordinary, had given to a Layman, to discharge his Farm of all Tithes (tho' this would be good while the Instrument could be shewn) should be once lost, this being a Privilege in *Non Decimando*, the Privilege would be lost by the Loss of the Deed; but that in the present Case of Chapman and Monson there was no Ground to insist on the Custom's being unreasonable, for the Tithes are the Reward for the Trouble and Care which the Parson takes of the Souls of his Parishioners, in which Case the Labourer is worthy of his Hire; but then, as the Parson is not bound to go out of his Parish to visit those who only occupy Land within the Parish, so it is but reasonable that they who have not the Benefit of the Parson's Care, should answer the less Duty to him, and may well be excused for a *Modus* of 4d. per Acre, which the Parson cannot say is too little, especially in this Case, when Part of his Proof is that a whole Acre was lett for 12d. or 8d. an Acre in the Time of Edward the First and Second; a Reason for avoiding this *Modus*, as being originally too much. *Ibid.* 573, 574. — 1 *Barnard. Rep.* in B. R. 292. *Hil.* 3 *Geo.* 2. — and Munson, S. C. states it thus: The Bill set forth that there was a Custom in the Parish of B. that all Persons occupying Pasture and Meadow there, should be discharged of Tithes in Kind, by paying 4d. per Acre, unless they were Inhabitants of that Parish or the Parish of —. The Plaintiffs were Occupiers of Pasture and Meadow Ground in B. but Inhabitants of the Parish of W. And whether this *Modus* was good or not was the Question? Reynolds and Fortescue J. and Lord Chancellor all unanimously agreed that *Modus*'s were real Compositions by Parson, Patron and Ordinary, the written Evidence of which is lost; but the Law presumes there was such by the long uninterrupted Usages. Undoubtedly, they said, there would have been no Dispute about this *Modus*, if it had been without Restrictions; and as the Restriction is for the Benefit of the Parson, they thought the Restriction could make no Difference. They all allowed, however, that something must be due from the *Modus*, and that too every Year, for as no Prescription can be in a *Non Decimando* generally and at all Times, so neither can it be for so long a Time as a Year together. They seemed to allow too that a *Modus* could not be good where it depends upon the Will of the Occupier whether it should be more or less. But here they said the Rule for the Payment of this *Modus* is as certain as the Rule for Payment of any other *Modus* can possibly be; the only Variation is as to the Persons paying the *Modus*, and that they said was never in Objection; accordingly Lord Chancellor was going to decree for the *Modus*, but tho' the Proof was very clear to support it, he gave the Defendant's Counsel a Day to talk with his Client whether they would have the *Modus* tried or not, as it did concern the Inheritance. — *Fitz-Gibb. Rep.* 119. *Hil.* 3 *Geo.*

Geo. 2. Mon- greater or lesser Quantity. And this was held by King C. assisted by
son and Chap- Reynolds and Fortescue J. to be a good *Modus*, and certain enough.
man, S. C. states it, that Hil. 1729. Chapman and Monson, 2 Will. Rep. 565.

the Bill was to establish a *Modus* within the Parishes of B. and W. which was set out and proved to be that every one occupying Meadow or Pasture, not sown within those Parishes, and not inhabiting within the same, should pay 4d. per Acre yearly on Good Friday in Lieu of the Tithes of Hay and Herbage. And Lord Chancellor, and Reynolds and Fortescue, J. held this to be a good *Modus*: That *Modus's* are real Compositions run out into Prescription, and so a good Foundation must be presumed from the Length of Time: To which Fortescue J. cited 8 E. 4. 13 b. that it was in the Power of all Parties in Interest to make this a current *Modus* within those Parishes, and that restraining it to *Foreigners* made it only narrower, and so the less detrimental to the Parson: Then this is a certain Duty to be paid in Lieu of the Tithes, and not like the Case in 2 Rol. 265: of a Payment of 1 s. out eo circiter, which is an Uncertainty in the very Duty which comes in Lieu of the Tithes in Kind. The Case in 1 Lew. 116. and 1 Keble 602. was denied, and the *Modus* was decreed to be established. Ibid. 121.

7. In the above Case of Chapman and Monson, the Court unanimously agreed that the same Land may at one Time pay Tithe in Kind, and at another Time a *Modus*, where there are different Circumstances; the only Thing essential to a *Modus* is, that the same Land should not pay Tithe in Kind and a *Modus* both, where there are the same Circumstances. 1729. Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 293.

C A P. CXI.

Trial (a).

(a) Ideocy shall
be tried by
Inspection;

for that may be discerned, but so cannot Lunacy. Per Lord Chan. Nottingham, Mich. 32 Car. 2. B. R. in Frasier's Case, Skin. Rep. 5.

If an Issue be
directed out
of Chancery
to be tried,
and the Plain-
tiff in the Issue

(A) In what Cases a new Trial will be granted on an Issue directed out of Chancery, et econtr'.

gives Notice of Trial, and does not countermand it in Time, on Motion the Court of Chancery will give Costs. Trin. 1722. Anon. 2 Will. Rep. 68.—So after such Issue made up, it is proper to move in Chancery for a special Jury, (if necessary) which the Court will grant, as they did in the Case of The Attorney General and Snow. Ibid.

In the Case of I. Soan and Danvers, June 5, 1725, Lord Chancellor declared he would never grant a new Trial

IN this Case the Court declared, they would not receive Account of a Trial by Affidavits; it has been done on Affidavits, but very improperly, for it is only hearing on one Side; and that for the future they would not grant new Trials without Certificate of the Judge, that he was dissatisfied with the Verdict. May 3, 1725. Hill and Hill, Select Cases in Chan. 13.

without the Judge's Opinion; and that he should have greater Regard to the Judge and Jury than to Affidavits, on which, he said, he would never examine into the Trial. Ibid. 20.—But Feb. 16, 1726, a new Trial was directed, altho' there was no Judge's Certificate, nor no Evidence but what was in the Parties Power at the Time of the first Trial; but one Part of the Order directed that the former Verdict should not be given in Evidence upon the new Trial. Reversed Vin. Abr. Tit. Trial, (Z. g.) P. 488. in a Note to Ca. 5.

His Honour said, the only Objection to the new Trial appeared to be the

2. An Issue was directed to be tried at the Assizes, Whether by the general Words of the Deed in Question the Lands in Question were intended to pass. A Verdict passed for the Plaintiff. Upon a Motion for

Death of the Witness. But he was of Opinion, that the Witness being dead, his Depositions might be read; that as the Testimony which the Witness had given at the former Trial, might be read again in Evidence against

for a new Trial (it being sent to the Judge to certify whether this was proper to be tried again) Price J. certified, "*That Evidence was given on both Sides, and that he should have thought this Case proper to be tried again, but that one of the Witnesses examined for the Plaintiff was since dead, by Means whereof the Plaintiff might suffer on such new Trial, and that therefore he rather inclined against such new Trial.*" But King C. (on advising with his Honour) ordered a new Trial at the Bar of C. B. where a Verdict passed for the Defendant. Then a new Trial was again moved for, upon which it being sent to the Judges of C. B. to know if this Cause was proper to be tried again, the Chief Justice acquainted the Lord Chancellor that there had been very strong Evidence given on each Side, insomuch that he could not have blamed the Verdict, on which Side soever it had been given; and that he could not say this Verdict was against Evidence. But Lord Chan. King, assisted by his Honour, denied a new Trial. Hil. 1729. Coker and Farewell, 2 Will. Rep. 563.

Inheritance, it would be very hard to have the Right determined by one Trial, tho' even at Bar; and divers Cases were cited, where new Trials were granted after a Trial at Bar (a); and this ought rather to be done in the present Case, where there had been Verdict against Verdict, and consequently the Matter seemed to be left at large. But the Court denied a new Trial, (as above mentioned) saying, otherwise there would be no End of Suits; that a Trial at Bar, where more Time might be allowed, and the Party was put to more Expence, was of greater Weight than one by *Nisi Prius*; that the Court's Intent of sending the Cause to be tried at Bar, was that it might be final; but that this Case was the stronger, as the Issue to be tried related only to the Intention of the Parties, and not to any legal Title; which Question might have been determined at the Hearing, without sending it to a Trial; and here being a Trial at Bar, this might justly claim a Preference to one by *Nisi Prius*, and was sufficient to satisfy the Conscience of the Court; but if the Party, against whom the Decree was, thought he had a legal Title, the Court did not debar him of that. *Ibid.* 564, 565.

(a) See the Case of *Leighton and Leighton*, 1 Will. Rep. 671.

3. Bill by the Devisee of the Land against the Heir at Law to establish Testator's Will. Upon the Hearing, the Issue *Deviseavit vel non* was directed to be tried at Law, and upon the Trial there was a Verdict for the Will. Then Defendant moved for a new Trial, without any Certificate from the Judge, or Affidavit relating to the Trial, but insisted it was a doubtful Case, and Evidence both Ways, and that by the Rule of the Court the Inheritance of an Heir at Law shall not be finally bound and concluded by one Trial. Lord Chan. King said he knew no such Rule, and saw no Reason for it, and denied the Motion; but gave the Defendant Leave to apply to the Judge, and if he was not satisfied with the Verdict, they might move it again upon such Certificate. Mich. 4 Geo. 2. *Durant and Durant*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trial, (Z. g.) Ca. 6. P. 488.

4. An Issue was directed to try the Validity and Operation of a Deed, and the Verdict being against the Deed in favour of Mr. Arderne, Mr. Willes, who tried the Cause at Chester, certified that he was satisfied with the Verdict; yet there being a Remainder limited to Infants, and the Estate being 300 l. a Year, Lord Chancellor granted a new Trial, tho' he said Lord Cowper had often bound the Inheritance by one Trial. Arderne and Crew, Pas. 6 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.

Law, that one Trial shall not bind the Inheritance; for it would in a proper Action; but a Decree in Chancery is final, therefore one Trial upon an Issue directed may settle the Right. 1721. *Lomax and Rider*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trial, (O. g.) Ca. 4. P. 476.—Upon an Issue *Deviseavit vel non*, which was found against the Heir at Law, it was urged for a new Trial, that it was the Rule of the Court not to bind the Inheritance without two Trials at least; and in the Case of an Ejectment at Law, the Party is at Liberty to try his Fortune *toties quoties*, &c. But Lord Chancellor said, he knew of no such Rule; and as to the Case of Ejectment at Law, he said the ancient Course of Law was otherwise; for in a real Action, as *Affize*, &c. Recovery therein was always a Bar to a new *Affize*, and the Party grieved was put to a Writ of an higher Nature, &c. and the trying *toties quoties* upon Ejectment is owing to the new Practice of trying Titles that Way, wherein the Parties being fictitious, one Trial cannot be made use of as a Bar to another. And a new Trial was denied, no Affidavit or Certificate of the Judge being produced. Mich. 4 Geo. 2. in Canc'. Vin. Abr. Tit. Trial, (O. g.) by way of Note to Ca. 4. P. 476.

C A P. CXII.

Trust (a) and Trustees.

(a) *Trusts* are to be governed by the same Law,

and are within the same Reason as *legal* Estates, and this is a *Maxim* which has obtained universally; it is so in the Rules of Descent, as in *Gavelkind*, and *Borough English* Lands, there is a (b) *Possessio Fratris* of a Trust as well as of a legal Estate; the like Rule in Limitations, and also of barring Intails of Trusts, as of legal Estates. Per Sir Joseph Jekyll Master of the Rolls, who said he thought there was no Exception out of this general Rule, nor is there any Reason that there should; and that it would be impossible to fix the Boundaries, and shew how far, and no farther, it ought to go; and that perhaps in early Times, the Necessity of keeping thereto was not seen, or thoroughly considered. Hil. 1732. in the Case of *Sutton and Sutton*, 2 Will. Rep. 645.

(b) 1 Inst. 18. b. 1 Co. 121. b. — Chancery may decree an Executor or Trustee to purchase Lands for an Infant, and whatsoever this Court can command to be done, without Doubt it can approve when done. Per Lord Chancellor, Gilb. Eq. Rep. 11.

- (A) Who shall be deemed to be a Trustee, and for whom; — And here of the Power of a Trustee.
- (B) Trustee in what Cases favoured; — And in what Cases decreed to account.
- (C) Trustees, how far answerable for each other.
- (D) What shall be a Trust, et econt'; — What a sufficient Declaration of a Trust; — And here of carrying a Trust into Execution; — And what Estate is to be conveyed by Trustees (when the Trust remains to be executed) and to whom.
- (E) Of a resulting Trust.
- (F) What Acts of a Trustee shall be a Breach of Trust, &c.
- (G) Acts of Trustees and Cestui que Trust as to destroying contingent Remainders, &c.
- (H) Cases relating to Cestui que Trust; — And in what Cases Equity will compel Trustees to join in a Recovery, &c. with Cestui que Trust.

Guardians by Statute are only Trustees. Per Lord Maclesfield, Trin. 1721. 1 Will. Rep. 704.

- (A) Who shall be deemed to be a Trustee, and for whom; — And here of the Power of a Trustee.

1. **A** MAN is Guardian or Trustee for an Infant to whom Lands are descended or devised, but the Title is *revera* in a third Person; but if the Trustee or Guardian buys in the Title of this third Person, this shall not be taken to be a Trust for the Infant, for he is at Liberty to purchase it as well as any Body else; and so it was held in the Case of *Combes and Tbrockmorton*. Per Lord Chancellor. *Lesley's Case*, at the Rolls. East. 1680. 2 Freem. Rep. 52.

2. Equity of Redemption was conveyed to A. In Trust for Payment of Debts, and the Surplus to B. A. agrees with the Mortgagee to turn Interest into Principal. This Agreement of the Trustee's shall bind B. tho' he was no Party to it. Jan. 19, 1711. *Conway and Shrimpton*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (Q) Ca. 6. P. 512.

3. Master of a Ship goes a trading Voyage, and dies; the succeeding Master publicly opens the Effects of the Deceased, and then sends a Letter inclosed with a Bond to the Widow to be answerable for Interest at the Rate of *Respondentia* Bonds. Lord Keep. *Harcourt* decreed that the Successor was a Trustee, and should be answerable for what he actually made of the Money. *East. 10 Ann. Lucas's Rep. 20.*

4. *D.* having more than 3000*l. per Annum*, married *M.* (the Plaintiff) who had 10,000*l.* Portion, and settled 1000*l. per Annum* upon her for her Jointure, and the greatest Part of *D.*'s Estate was settled upon the first and every other Son in Tail Male successively, as usual in Marriage Settlements. *D.* run greatly in Debt; and *J.* his eldest Son being of full Age, *D.* upon a Calculation of his Debts, and the Value of his Estate for Life, with Impeachment of Waste, agreed with *J.* to convey all his Estate to him, and *J.* covenants to pay all *D.*'s Debts, and to allow him 500*l. per Annum* Rent-charge for his Life; and further (upon which the Question arose) that *J.* shall indemnify *D.* from all Debts, Charges and Expences for the Maintenance of said *M.* being then separated by Consent. *M.* brings a Bill against *D.* and *J.* to have an Allowance for her Maintenance, &c. Lord Chan. Cowper ordered *M.* to be allowed 200*l. per Annum.* *Trin. 1 Geo. 1. Dutton and Dutton, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (P) Ca. 9. P. 511.*

His Lordship said, that by this Covenant to indemnify *D.* from maintaining *M.* his Wife, *J.* has taken upon himself the Charge of maintaining her, and as to this Purpose stands in *D.*'s Place, who is bound to give his Wife an Allowance,

if he voluntarily separates from her; and his Lordship said he took *J.* in this Case to be in Nature of a Trustee for the Wife, so far as a reasonable Allowance for her Maintenance; and tho' *J.* doth offer to maintain her at his own House, yet his Lordship did not think she is bound to accept that Offer; for tho' *J.* stands in *D.*'s Place as to her Maintenance, and a Husband is not bound to allow any Thing to his Wife for Maintenance if he offers to take her Home, yet in this Case here lies no such Obligation upon the Wife to live with the Son; and tho' she refuses, she ought to have a reasonable Allowance. *Ibid.*

5. A Copyhold was granted to *A.* and *B.* Husband and Wife, and *J. S.* for their several Lives successively. By the Copy it appeared that the Fine paid was the Money of *A.* and *B.* Per Lord Macclesfield, *J. S.* is in Equity to be intended but as a Trustee for *A.* and *B.* and the Survivor of them. *Hil. 1721. Benger and Drew, 1 Will. Rep. 781.*

It being mentioned in the Copy that the Fine was paid by *A.* and *B.* is strong Evidence of the

Fact being so, which Thought the Court will not look upon as conclusive, yet any Evidence given to contradict it, ought, in order to prevail, to be very clear and full. Per his Lordship, *ibid.*

6. *A.* devises Lands to Trustees, to sell for such a Price as they should think fit. And per Lord Chan. Macclesfield, there can be no Doubt but this Court, at the Desire of any single Creditor, might and would interpose, and order the Estate not to be sold as the Trustees should think fit, but for the best Price before the Master. *Trin. 1721. in the Case of The Duke of Beaufort and Berty, 1 Will. Rep. 704.*

7. The Mother gave a Bond to her Son, conditioned to surrender a Copyhold Estate to him, of which she was Heir. Decreed that she was a Trustee for her Son. *Mich. 10 Geo. 1. Alison's Case, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 62.*

8. *A.* had a long Exchequer Annuity for ninety-nine Years, which was settled on himself for Life, Remainder to his Wife for Life, Remainder for Provision for Children, and had Liberty by Decree of the Court, to borrow 300*l.* upon it, which was done, and this placed in *B.* the Lender's Hand as a Security 'till Payment, with Interest. *B.* subscribes it into the South-Sea Stock in 1720. *A.* brings his Bill for a Reconveyance. King C. held, that *B.* could not be considered as a Trustee, as he had it only for a particular Purpose, and had no Authority to transcribe. So decreed to account for the Profits, and to reconvey on Payment of Principal, Interest and Costs. 9 Nov. 1725. *Thomas and Puddlesbury, Select Cases in Chan. 51.*

9. A Person deemed a Trustee, if he takes an Inheritance after Notice of Articles to settle the Estate. *Vide Comyns's Rep.* 700. *Mich.* 13 *Geo.* 2. *Skirne and Meyrick, in Scac'.*

(a) Trustee
ought not to
pay Costs
where there
is no Default in him.

(B) Trustee in what Cases favoured (a);—And in what Cases decreed to account.

Per Lord Keep. Wright, Mich. 13 *W.* 3. *Anon. Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3. *P.* 560.

So in Case of
Money to be
laid out at
Interest. *Per*
Lord Keeper,
ibid.

1. **I**F one devise to Trustees, and by an express Clause therein gives them Power to appoint *Agents* to manage the Land, and they appoint one *then solvent*, and good, tho' *after* he prove *insolvent*, they shall not answer for him; *secus* if he were not solvent at the Time of Nomination. But if there were no such Direction or Power in the Will, the Trustees are bound to answer for their Agents at all Events. *Per Lord Keep. Wright, Mich.* 13 *W.* 3. *Anon. Cases in B. R. Temp. W.* 3. *P.* 560.

2. Defendant had Stock in the *East-India* Company, *In Trust* for Plaintiff, and a Bond in his own Name from the Company, but *In Trust* for Plaintiff. Plaintiff being beyond Seas, drew a Bill on Defendant, and promised to send him Effects wherewith to pay it. Defendant accepted the Bill, and before the Day of Payment the Plaintiff fails. Afterwards Defendant sold the Stock and Bond at the then current Price (but at great Discount) to raise Money to pay the Bill. Two Years after the Plaintiff comes to Defendant to sell and reimburse himself; the Stock and Bond rose in Value. And on a Bill brought for an Account, the Question was, If the Defendant should account according to the Value he sold then at, or according to the then current Value? And *per Lord Keep. Wright*, the Want of Effects was sufficient to justify the Sale without Orders, for so much as was necessary to pay the Bill; but the Stock alone appearing sufficient for that Purpose, without the Bond, the Defendant must answer the Value of that, as it was when the Plaintiff gave Directions for the Sale; And decreed accordingly. *Mich.* 1702. *Henriques and Franchise, Prec. in Chan.* 205.

3. If a Trustee impowered to put Money to Interest, lets the Money lie by him, he shall be accountable for Interest. *Per Harcourt Lord Keep. East.* 10 *Ann. in Casu Brown and Littton (b), Lucas's Rep.* 21.

(b) *Vide P. Ca.*

4. *A.* is Trustee for *B.* as to an Eighth of the Proprietorship of the Province of *Carolina*, and was at great Trouble and Charges in relation to the Affairs of the Province, after which *B.* assigned his Interest to *C.* *A.* brought a Bill against *C.* for the Money expended by him, &c. And *C.* brought his Cross Bill against *A.* in order to compel him to convey over the Trust Estate. And *per Lord Chan. Macclesfield*, *C.* can be in no better Condition than *B.* under whom he claims; wherefore as *B.* would not have been assisted without paying for the Charges and Trouble which *A.* had been at in relation to the Trust, so by Parity of Reason *C.* as claiming under *B.* must do the same Thing. *Hil.* 1721. *Trott and Dawson, et econt', 1 Will. Rep.* 780.

5. Stock was invested in Trustees by Will. The Trustees ordered their Agent to sell the Stock, so that he did not sell for less than 2500 *l.* and whatever he sold for more should be for his own Trouble. The Agent agrees for Sale of this Stock for 3400 *l.* and afterwards purchases the Stock from the Trustees for 2800 *l.* who allow him

100 *l.*

100 *l.* for his Trouble in buying, so that he got 600 *l.* by the Stock, besides the 100 *l.* allowed for his Trouble. A Bill was brought for the Overplus, which was decreed, the Court declaring, that no Trustee, nor any Person acting under a Trustee, can ever be a Purchaser in this Court, on Account of the great Inlet to Fraud. *East. 11 Geo. 1. Whitackre (or Whitacre) and Whitackre (or Whitacre), Select Cases in Chan. 13.*

6. The Trustees of the Charity of St. Mary Overrees in Southwark made a Lease of nine Houses under the Rent of 5 *l. per Annum* for sixty-one Years to the Nephew of their Clerk, and the Nephew covenanted to rebuild five of them. The Nephew afterwards assigned over his Interest to the Clerk for 100 *l.* proved to be paid. The Clerk makes a Lease of five of the Houses for forty Years, under the yearly Rent of 5 *l.* with Covenant from the Tenant to rebuild five of them, and the Clerk also received a Fine of 20 *l.* so that he had four of the Houses for nothing immediately, and a Reversion for twenty-one Years of the other five Houses, after the Expiration of the Lease he had made. Lord Chan. King decreed the Lease to the Clerk to be set aside as fraudulent, but the Lease made to the Undertenant to continue, and the Rent to be paid to the Trustees. 5 July, 1725. *Pugh and Ryall, Select Cases in Chan. 40.*

But it appearing that the Clerk had rebuilt one of the four remaining Houses, the Court by Consent set the 20 *l.* received, and the Profits he had made, against his Expences; otherwise would have ordered an Account of his Receipts

and Payments, and the Estate to stand as a Security for what he had laid out. *Ibid.*

7. A Lease of the Profits of a Market was devised to a Trustee, His Lordship said he must consider this as a Trust for the Infant, for if a Trust on Refusal to renew might have a Lease to himself, few Trust Estates would be renewed to *Cestui que* Use: That the Trustee should

In Trust for an Infant; before the Expiration of the Term the Trustee applied to the Lessor for a Renewal for the Infant's Benefit, which he refused, in regard that it being only of the Profits of a Market, there could be no Distress, and must rest singly in Covenant, which the Infant cannot do; there was clear Proof of the Refusal; and on which the Trustee gets a Lease to himself. Decreed by Lord Chan. King, that the Lease should be assigned to the Infant, and that the Trustee should be indemnified from the Covenants in the Lease, and the Trustee to account for the Profits *since the Renewal*. Oct. 31, 1726. *Keech and Sandford, Select Cases in Chan. 61.*

rather have let it run out, than to have had the Lease to himself: That it may seem hard that the Trustee is the only Person of all Mankind who might not have the Lease; but it is very proper that Rule should be strictly pursued, and not in the least relaxed, for it is very obvious what would be the Consequence of letting Trustees have the Lease, on Refusal to renew to *Cestui que Trust*. *Ibid. 62.*

8. It is a Rule that the *Cestui que Trust* ought to save the Trustee harmless, as to all Damages relating to the Trust, and it is within the Reason of that Rule, that where the Trustee has honestly and fairly, without any Possibility of being a Gainer, laid down Money, by which the *Cestui que Trust* is discharged from being liable for a greater Sum lent, or from a plain and great Hazard of being so, the Trustee ought to be paid. Per Lord Chan. King, *East. 1728. Balsh and Hybam, 2 Will. Rep. 453, 455.*

(C) Trustees; how far answerable for each other.

Lord Chancellor said, that it could not be expected that all the Trustees should meet together to receive the Money, but if they had, either one must have had the Custody of the whole, or it must be divided into Shares. Suppose all the Money had

been lodged in a Banker's Hands *bona fide*, and he had failed, should the Trustees have been answerable, &c. And if they intrust one of themselves for Convenience or Necessity, at a Time when he is solvent, which is no more than making him their Banker, shall Equity punish where there is no Default, and this is the very Case of *Churchill and Hapson*; and to charge Trustees in such a Case, would make the Case of Trustees very perilous, which are necessary for the common Good and Convenience of Families, &c. and his Lordship said, he saw no Reason why Trustees may not make one of themselves their Cashier, where there is no Fraud. That this was a reasonable Thing, at that Time *R.* was the only Trustee, who lived in *London*, where the Money was paid, &c. And as to an Objection made as to the letting the Money lie so long in *R.*'s Hands, he said the Case of *R.* differs from the Case of a common Banker, where the Money may be drawn out at Pleasure; but here *R.* had as good a Right to the keeping it as the others, and all paid out to about one Third, and he was intrusted by the Testatrix as much as the other. *Ibid.*——If one Trustee directs the Payment of the Trust Money over to the other, and joins in the Deed, he charges and makes himself liable for the Default of the other. Said to have been so lately held in Chancery in the Case of *Serjeant Webb's Will*. *Ibid.* Ca. 8. P. 534.

A Bill exhibited for the Execution of a Trust. The Defendant pleads a former Bill exhibited in the Exchequer, and a Decree for the Execution of the Trust.

Ordered to proceed upon the Exchequer Decree; with this further Direction, that the Trustees should be examined upon Interrogatories, as to what Interest they had made since the Suit in the Exchequer. In this Case the Plaintiff was an Infant, and sued in the Exchequer by his *Prochein Amy*, who, the Plaintiff said, was careless and remiss; and therefore desired he might change his *Prochein Amy* in the Exchequer. Ordered to be referred to the Master, whether he is fit to be continued, and as that comes out, to be changed or not. *Mich. 8 Ann. MS. Rep.*——*A.* by Will appoints two Trustees, to whom and their Heirs, Executors and Assigns, he devises his real and personal Estate on several Trusts; and in Case one die, then the other to execute the same. During their joint Lives if one refuse to act, the other cannot act without him; but the Trust devolves upon the Court. *Doily et al' and Sherratt, Mich. 9 Geo. 2. at the Rolls, MS. Rep.*——It is not necessary for a Trust that relates to the Personalty to be in Writing, by the Stat. 29 Car. 2. *Per Lord Chan. Parker, Lucas's Rep. 405.*——Mortgage in Fee for 700*l.* paid by *A.* but Half of the Money was *B.*'s, but there was no Declaration in Writing. *Powel J.* admitted the Proof of it to be read, for tho' at Law it is not to be allowed, where a Jury may be inveigled by that which is not proper Evidence, yet here is no such Danger; but he would not decree the Trust. *Mich. 1699. Newton and Preston et al', Prec. in Chan. 103.*

(D) What shall be a Trust, et econt';—What a sufficient Declaration of a Trust;—And here of carrying a Trust into Execution;—And what Estate is to be conveyed by Trustees (When the Trust remains to be executed) and to Whom.

1. A MAN is a Guardian or Trustee for an Infant, to whom Lands are descended or devised, but the Title is *revera* in a third Person. If the Trustee or Guardian buy in the Title of this third Person, this shall not be taken to be a Trust for the Infant, for he is at Liberty to purchase it as well as any body else. And so it was held in *Casu Combes and Throckmorton, per Lord Chancellor, East. 1680. 2 Freem. Rep. 52.*

2. J. S.

2. *J. S.* devised 10,000 *l.* together with his House at *K.* to be settled upon *D.* and her Issue, in such Manner as his Executor should think fit, with *D.*'s Approbation. *D.* has eight Children by *C.* and there is a Provision for the eldest Son by the Marriage Settlement. Bill was brought for the Directions of the Court for the Execution of this Trust. *Cowper* C. said, this Trust in the Will being executory, must be so carried into Execution in a Court of Equity as to secure the 10,000 *l.* to *D.*'s Children; and tho' there is no express Direction to lay it out in Land, yet being directed to be settled together with an House which is a Fee-simple, it is proper for the Executor to lay it out in Land, and then make a *strict* Settlement to *D.* for Life, with Remainder to the Children in such Proportion as the Executor, with *D.*'s Approbation, shall think fit; but if they cannot agree about the Proportion, then to be referred to a Master for his Direction therein. *Mich. 4 Geo. Clark et Ux' and Fellows, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (H) Ca. 3. P. 505.*

3. *J. S.* devised Land to Trustees and their Heirs, for Payment of Debts, and after the Debts satisfied to convey the same to *B.* for her Life, without Impeachment of Waste, (voluntary Waste in Destruction of Houses and Buildings excepted) Remainder to such Person as she should marry for his Life, Remainder to the Issue of her Body, and for want of such Issue, Remainder over. Plaintiffs brought their Bill against the Trustees to have an Estate-tail conveyed to them. *Sed per Cur'*, All is executory, and we are bound to pursue the Intent of the Testator, which is to give the Lady only an Estate for Life; and altho', if this were a Devise of the Land itself, an Estate-tail would pass, or otherwise the Issue, if Purchasers, would take only for Life; yet, as a Conveyance is to be made, we can only limit an Estate-tail to all the Lady's Children. So the Plaintiffs had their Choice to have such a Conveyance, and if they refused, then the Bill to be dismissed. *Lord and Lady Glenorchy and Bosvill, East. 6 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.*

4. *A.* being in Possession of the Office of Clerk of the Crown, &c. in *B. R.* in which *B.* has also an Estate for Life, procures *B.* to surrender, and solicits a Patent for himself and *C.* and takes a Note from *C.* promising to declare a Trust for *A.* The Patent afterwards is obtained; *A.* dies in Debt, and without calling for a Declaration of this Trust; this Note was held to be a sufficient Declaration of Trust. *Trin. 9 Geo. 2. Bellamy and Burrow, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 97.*

(E) Of a resulting Trust (c).

(c) If an Infant has a

Freehold or a Chattel Lease, and a Guardian or Trustee alters the Nature of the Interest, or takes a new Lease of the same Sort, it seems that the new Lease shall result, and go as the old one would have done, or at least for so much of the Time as was unexpired of the original Lease. *Pearson and Pym (d), MS. Notes.*

(d) *Quære* Term and Year.

1. *J. S.* a Trustee, purchases Lands out of the Profits received out of the Trust Estate, and takes the Conveyance in his own Name; tho' possible, if he be unable to make other Satisfaction for the Profits so misapplied, those Lands may be sequestered; yet they cannot be decreed to be a Trust for the *Cestuy que Trust* no more than if *A.* borrows Money of *B.* and therewith purchases Lands, these purchased Lands are no Trust for *B.* for it is not a Trust in Writing; and a *resulting* Trust it cannot be, because that would be to contradict the Deed by parol Proof directly against the Statute of Frauds; but if the Purchase had been recited to have been made with the Profits of the Trust Estate, this appearing in Writing, might ground a *resulting* Trust

Trust. Decreed *per Lord Chancellor*, with the Assistance of *Powel J.* and his *Honour*, *Mich.* 1697. *Kirk and Webb, Prec. in Chan.* 84. Affirmed on Appeal to the Lords 7 March 1699.

Lord Keeper said, that this was not so strong a Case as *Kirk and Webb*, for there was a Defect of personal Estate to answer the Demand, which in this Case there is not. *Ibid.*

2. *J. S.* made *A.* and others his Executors in Trust, and died. *A.* managed the personal Estate, and kept on the Ledger and Journal of *J. S.* and made all the Entries in his own Hand; and therein entered the personal Estate Debtor to Lands bought, naming them particularly, and dies, having made *B.* and *C.* his Executors: The only Question was, Whether these purchased Lands should be a Trust for those who were to have the Benefit of *A.*'s personal Estate? And Lord Keep. *Wright* decreed that they should not. *East.* 1701. *Heron and Heron, Prec. in Chan.* 163.

3. *J. S.* left *A.* his Son and Heir, an Infant, and by Will impowered *B.* his Executor, if he thought fit, to lay out the personal Estate in Land, and settle it on *A.* and his Heirs. *B.* being about to sell Part of the personal Estate, told *A.*'s Mother of it, and that he was about to buy an Estate for the Infant, and asked her Consent, which she gave. *B.* took the Conveyance in his own Name, and no Trust in Writing was declared for *A.* but it was proved that *B.* had several Times declared that it must be sold to make *A.* Satisfaction. And afterwards *B.* died intestate and insolvent. Tho' his *Honour* at first was very inclinable to help *A.* yet afterwards he dismissed the Bill as to the purchased Estate, and declared he could not help *A.* because *there was no express Proof of the Application of the Trust Money.* *Trin.* 1701. *Halcott and Markant, Prec. in Chan.* 168.

(a) The Original says that the Daughters both married and died.

4. *A.* dies intestate, leaving a Wife and two Infant Daughters, intitled to his personal Estate in Thirds, which amounted to 900*l.* The Widow administers, and lays out 500*l.* (Part of the Money found in the House, as was proved) in Lands, and takes the Conveyance in her own Name. The Daughters married (a) and died; and *B.* the Husband of the surviving Daughter, took out Administration to his Wife and her Sister. His *Honour* (on a Bill brought by *B.* against the Heir of the Widow and Administratrix) decreed two Thirds of the 500*l.* to *B.* and if not paid, the Land to be sold. But Lord Keep. *Wright* reversed this Decree, as *contrary* to the Case of *Kirk and Webb.* *Mich.* 1701. *Kinder and Miller, Prec. in Chan.* 171.

5. Trust results to the Party from whom the Consideration moves. March 4, 1706. *Pelly and Maddin, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (E) Ca.* 15. P. 498.

6. Ruled by Lord Chan. *Cowper*, that the Statute of Frauds, *f.* 20. which says, "that all Conveyances where Trusts and Confidences shall arise or result by Implication of Law, shall be as if that Act had never been," must relate to Trusts and equitable Interests, and cannot relate to an Use which is a legal Estate. *Mich.* 1709. in the Case of *Lamplugh and Lamplugh*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 112, 113.

7. Devise of a Rent-charge to his Wife, In Trust nevertheless for Payment of Debts and Legacies for thirteen Years, and then he gives his Wife other Lands in Augmentation of her Jointure. The Surplus of the Rent-charge after Debts and Legacies paid is not a beneficial Trust for the Wife, but a resulting Trust to the Heir. May 25, 1712. *Wych and Packington, Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (E) Ca.* 18. P. 499.

So a Devise to *A.* upon special Trust and Confidence that he should pay all the Testator's just Debts, is a resulting

Trust to the Heir after Debts paid. March 11, 1727. *Kirrick and Bramsley, ibid.*

8. Where it plainly appears, upon the Evidence on both Sides, that the Consideration Money paid on a Purchase was the proper Money of *A.* (tho' mentioned in the Conveyance to be paid by *B.*) in such Case had it not been for the Statute of Frauds, this would have made a *resulting* Trust; and *B.* after *A.*'s Death executing a Declaration of Trust, this plainly took it out of the Statute. *Per* Lord Chan. Cowper, *Trin.* 1716. in the Case of *Ambrose and Ambrose*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 323.

9. *A.* agrees for a Lease for ninety-nine Years. *B.* advances the Money, and the Lease is taken in *A.*'s Name. This is a *resulting* Trust, and out of the Statute of Frauds, *A.* having by *Letter acknowledged the Trust*. Feb. 12, 1717. *O Hara and O Neil*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust*, (E) in a Note to *Ca. 6.* P. 497.

10. Devise of personal Estate for Payment of Debts and Legacies, and the Overplus to be disposed as Testator should by Codicil direct; and further devised Part of his real Estate to be sold for Payment of particular Debts, and the Residue as he should by Codicil direct; and by Codicil he directs that the *Overplus* of such *real* Estate shall go to his Executors for Performance of his Will, and then adds, I hope I have made a sufficient Provision for Performance of my Will; and if there be any Overplus of my *personal* Estate after full Performance, I give it to *J. S.* Adjudged that the Surplus of such *real* Estate shall go to *J. S.* and not result to the Heir. March 11, 1717. *Tyrwith and Trottman*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust*, (E) *Ca. 20.* P. 499.

11. No Rule is more certain than that if a Man makes a Conveyance *in Trust* for such Persons, and such Estates as he shall appoint, and makes no Appointment, the *resulting* Trust must be to him and his Heirs. The *Trust* in Equity must follow the Rules of *Law* in the Case of an *Use*, and that it would be so in the Case of an *Use* is undoubtedly true, and that was Sir *Edward Cleer's* Case in 6 *Rep.* *Per* Lord Chancellor, *Hil. 4 Geo. 2.* in the Case of *Fitzgerald and Lord Fauconbridge*, *Fitz-Gibb. Rep.* 223.

12. If a Woman has a Power out of a Trust Estate, notwithstanding her Coverture, to limit 1500 *l.* by Deed after her Decease, and by Deed duly executed limits such a Sum to a Trustee, to be paid to *A. B.* at twenty-one or Marriage, and dies during the Infancy of *A. B.* as this arises from a Power which when executed draws the Money out of the Trust as if it had never been comprised in it, and Money is not in Law supposed to produce any Profit, there cannot be a *resulting* Trust of the Interest to the Husband till the Day of Payment, but it shall be raised immediately after the Wife's Decease. *Munsell et al' and Price*, *Trin. 9 Geo. 2.* *MS. Rep.*

13. Trusts arising by *Operation* of Law have been but of *two* Kinds, (First) either where the Conveyance has been taken in the Name of one Man and the Purchase Money paid by another, or (Secondly) where the Owner of an Estate has made a voluntary Conveyance of it, and made a Declaration of the Trust with regard to one Part of the Estate, and has been silent with regard to the other Part of it. *Per* Lord Chancellor, *Hil. 1740.* in the Case of *Lloyd and Spillitt*, *Barnard. Rep. in Chan.* 388.

The Reason why this Court has allowed a Trust by *Operation* of Law to arise in the latter Case, has been, that the Party by declaring Part of the Trust

to be for another, and by saying nothing with regard to the other Part of it, shews his Intention to be that the other was to have only one Part of the Trust, and consequently he himself ought to have the Benefit of the other Part of it. These have been the only two Instances of Trusts allowed of, to arise by *Operation* of Law, since the Statute of Frauds, unless there has been a *plain* or *express* Fraud. Where there has been a *Fraud*, in gaining a Conveyance from another, that may be a Reason for making the Grantee in that Conveyance to be considered merely as a Trustee. *Per* Lord Chancellor, *ibid.*

(F) What Acts of a Trustee shall be a Breach of Trust, &c.

1. **A** TERM (in a Marriage Settlement) was for raising 3000*l.* for Daughters Portions, with a Power to the Father, *with Consent of Trustees, to revoke all the Uses.* The Wife died leaving a Daughter, who married without her Father's Consent. On a Bill brought by the Daughter and her Husband, for raising the 3000*l.* it was insisted that it would be a Breach of Trust in the Trustees to join (with the Father) in a Revocation. But Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* thought it not only *justifiable* but *commendable* in the Trustees, under *some* Circumstances, to consent to such Revocation (a). *Hil. 1722. Reresby and Newland, 2 Will. Rep. 93, 102.*

(a) As if the Daughter should be

drawn in to marry some *unworthy* Man, who should use her in a most barbarous Manner, and she should afterwards die without Issue, upon which the Husband should sue for the Portion; in this Case it would be very reasonable for the Trustees to join with the Father to revoke the Uses. So if she should leave Children, the Trustees might reasonably consent to a Revocation, in order to carry the Portion from such Husband to the Children. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid. 102.*

2. *P.* applied to *A.* a Broker, to help him to 850*l.* upon 1200*l.* *South-Sea* Stock. *A.* procured the Money, and took a Transfer of the Stock to himself; but *P.* gave a Bond for Payment of the Money borrowed to *B.* and also took a Defeazance from *B.* for the Stock; and a few Days after the Stock was transferred, and before the Time of Redemption, *A.* sold and transferred the Stock by Order of *B.* who proved insolvent; and the Plaintiff prayed by his Bill to have a Satisfaction against *A.* for the Stock, upon Payment of Principal and Interest, *A.* having sold the Stock and received the Money. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* held, that *A.* was a Trustee for both Parties, and was guilty of a Breach of Trust in selling the Stock before the Time expired for Redemption. *Hil. 8 Geo. Philpot and Helbert et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Trust, (P) Ca. 10. P. 511.*

(b) It seems by the Case (tho' not stated) that *A.* did not surrender according to the Condition of the Bond.

3. *J. S.* buys a Copyhold Estate in the Name of *A.* who gave a Bond in 200*l.* Penalty to surrender the Copyhold upon Request to such Person and Uses as *J. S.* the *Cestuy que Trust*, or his Executors or Administrators, should direct. *J. S.* dies, and the Administrator brings an Action on the Bond (b), and recovered the Penalty, and received it; and after brings a Bill against the Trustee to compel a Surrender. Lord Chan. *King* thought it not reasonable that he should have both the 200*l.* on the Bond and the Copyhold also, but that *A.* being a plain Trustee, and continuing so until he has performed the Trust, must account for the Profits to the Plaintiff, who has in Equity a specifick Right to the Land, but the 200*l.* and Interest must be deducted, and *A.* to have an Allowance for the same. *Mich. 1725. Moorecroft and Dowding, 2 Will. Rep. 314.*

4. Trustee, tho' he acts, not to be charged as a Mortgagee for what he had or might have received, but only for his actual Receipts; for he might have moved for a Receiver. *Nov. 17, 1725. Howard and Webster, Select Cases in Chan. 53.*

5. *J. S.* seised in Fee of Lands, devised the same to Trustees *B. C.* and *D.* for five hundred Years, *In Trust* to pay Debts, and for a Charity. *B.* one of the Trustees of the Term, and also Receiver appointed by the Court, purchased the Reversion of *E. J. S.*'s Heir at Law, and with Consent of *C.* another Trustee, cut down Timber worth 1800*l.* (Note; The Term was *not* without Impeachment of Waste.)

Waste.) Lord Chan. King held this Consent of C. to be a Breach of Trust in him. *Mich.* 1726. *Bays and Bird*, 2 Will. Rep. 397.

6. J. S. seised in Fee of Lands, in 1683 devised the same to A. and B. and their Heirs, *to the Use of D. his Sister for Life*, Remainder to A. and B. and their Heirs during the Life of D. In Trust to preserve contingent Remainders, Remainder to the Use of the first, &c. Sons of D. in Tail Male successively, Remainder to the Use of E. M. in Fee. Testator dying D. entered, and married C. Afterwards C. and D. his Wife, and E. M. the Remainder Man in Fee, join in a Feoffment to (New) Trustees to the Use of C. and his Heirs, and covenant to levy a Fine to the (New) Trustees to the same Uses; (and a Fine, as it seems, tho' not stated in the Case) was accordingly levied. Afterwards A. and B. (the Trustees for preserving, &c. in the Will) by Lease and Release convey the Lands to C. in Fee, D. being then *enfant* of a Son, which was soon afterwards born, and named G. and D. had afterwards several other Children; subsequent to which C. the Father devised all his Lands in general Words to said G. *for Life*, Remainder to his first, &c. Sons in Tail Male successively, Remainder to his (C.) the Testator's second Son by D. *for Life*, Remainder to his first, &c. Sons in Tail Male successively, and died, leaving several Sons. D. also died. On a Bill by G. it was resolved by King C. assisted by Lord Chief Justice Raymond and Chief Baron Reynolds, that the joining of the Trustees to destroy the contingent Remainders was a plain Breach of Trust, and that tho' this had not been before judicially determined, yet it seemed to the Court in Common Sense, Reason and Justice, to be capable of no other Construction. And all Parties were decreed to join in making such an Estate to G. as he would have been intitled to under the Will of J. S. if these contingent Remainders had not been destroyed, *i. e.* an Estate in Tail Male, &c. *Mich.* 1732. *Mansell and Mansell*, 2 Will. Rep. 610, 617. —

Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 252, S. C.

mitted to A. *for Life*, Remainder to his first, &c. Sons in Tail, tho' it be a plain Wrong and Tort in him to do any Act which will destroy those contingent Remainders before the Birth of a Son, notwithstanding his legal Power of doing so, yet as in this Case there is no Trustee, there can be no Trust, nor consequently any Breach of Trust, and therefore this Court can have no Cognizance of such a Case, nor Handle for Relief, the Matter being left purely to the Common Law. But to prevent this Inconvenience, has the Remedy of appointing Trustees been invented, on Purpose to disable the Tenant for Life from doing such Injury to his Issue, which is not a very old Invention. Per Lord Chan. King, assisted *ut supra*. *Ibid.* 612, 613.

7. A. devises Lands to B. (his Sister) and C. and their Heirs and Assigns, Upon Trust that until his Grandaughter D. should marry or die, to receive the Profits, and thereout to pay her 100 l. per Annum for her Maintenance; the Residue to pay Debts and Legacies; after Payment thereof, In Trust for the said D. And upon further Trust, that if she married a Protestant of the Church of England, and she be then twenty-one or upwards, or if under twenty-one, such Marriage be with the Consent of the said B. then to convey the Premises with all convenient Speed after such Marriage to the Use of the said D. *for Life* sans Waste, voluntary Waste in Houses excepted, Remainder to her Husband for Life, Remainder to the Issue of her Body; with several Remainders over; and upon further Trust, that if D. died unmarried, then to the Use of B. *for Life*, Remainder to the Son of his other Grandaughter E. in Tail, Remainder to the Defendant C. Remainder to his first, &c. Sons, Remainder to A.'s right Heirs; and upon further Trust, that if D. marry not according to the Will, then upon such Marriage to convey to Trustees as to one Moiety, to the Use of D. *for Life*, Remainder to Trustees to preserve, &c. Remainder

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When Trustees are appointed to preserve an Estate in a Family, and for no other Purpose, and they, instead of preserving it, do a wilful Act with an Intent to destroy it, how can this be otherwise than a plain Breach of Trust? Should the Court hold it no Breach, or pass it by with Impunity, it would be making Proclamation that the Trustees in all the great Settlements in England were at Liberty to destroy what they had been intrusted only to preserve. Indeed, where an Estate is li-

to her first and every other Son, being a Protestant, with several Remainders over; and as to the other Moiety to the Son of said E. in like Manner. A. dies. D. attains her Age of twenty-one; and about six Years after, upon a Treaty of Marriage with F. (which was afterwards solemnized) applies to B. and C. for a Conveyance to herself for Life, Remainder to her intended Husband for Life, Remainder to the Issue of her Body. B. executes such Conveyance, but C. refuses. Lord Chancellor said, that nothing was to vest 'till after her marrying a Protestant, and therefore B. by conveying and enabling her to suffer a Recovery, which has been done accordingly, has done Wrong. Mich. 1733. Lord Glenorcky and Boswill, Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 3. 17.

(G) Acts of Trustees and Cestui que Trust as to destroying contingent Remainders, &c.

1. *J.* S. after Marriage made a voluntary Settlement of his Lands to himself for Life, Remainder to Trustees to support, &c. Remainder to his first, &c. Son in Tail successively, Remainder to himself in Fee; and contracting Debt, he afterwards makes a Conveyance of his Estate to other Trustees for Payment of these Debts. The Creditors bring a Bill, and (*inter alia*) insist that the Trustees in the first Settlement should join in the Sale to destroy the contingent Remainders. And his Honour, upon shewing a Precedent of a like Decree, decreed that the Trustees should join to destroy the contingent Remainders, and be indemnified, it being at the Suit of Creditors, and for raising of Money for the Payment of Debts. Trin. 1717. Basset and Clapham, 1 Will. Rep. 358.

Note; It was also resolved in this Case that the Feoffment and Fine by C. and D. his Wife did not destroy the contingent Remainders to the first, &c. Sons of D. but that the Right to the Freehold in the Trustees did support it; but that their joining in the Lease and Release was

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a plain Breach of Trust. *Ibid.*—As to the Breach of Trust, vide P. 747. Ca. 6.

(a) Which as it seems, tho' not mentioned in the State of the Case, was accordingly levied.

(H) Cases

(H) Cases relating to Cestui que Trust; --- And in what Cases Equity will decree Trustees to join in a Recovery, &c. with Cestui que Trust.

It is a constant Rule in Chancery, that Cestui que Trust shall have the Benefit of the Thing, if he

be to have it, to all Intents, but to forfeit. *Per Wright* Lord Keep. Hil. 1702. in *Casu Attorney General* at the relation of *Hindley* versus *Sudell et al'*, *Proc. in Chan.* 215.

1. **I**N a Marriage Settlement the Husband was made Tenant for ninety-nine Years, if he should so long live, Remainder to Trustees during his Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of that Marriage in Tail Male successively, Remainder to the first, &c. Son of any other Marriage, Remainder over. A Son is born and of Age, and the Wife is dead. The Trust for preserving contingent Remainders descends to an Infant; if for the Benefit of the Family, Equity will decree the Infant Trustee to join in a Recovery, in order to make a new Marriage Settlement. *Trin.* 1719. *Winnington* and *Foley*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 536. 2 *Will. Rep.* 380. *Mich.* 1726. *S. C.* cited *arg'* (a). — 2 *Will. Rep.* 615. *Mich.* 1732. *S. C.* cited *per Cur'*, in *Mansell* and *Mansell*. (a) *Vide P. Ca.*

2. Cestui que Trust in Tail under a Devise of Lands charged with Annuities, brings a Bill against the Trustees, to the Intent they should join in a Recovery. This is not proper, but it is proper to pray, that the Trustees may convey the Premises to Cestui que Trust in Tail, who may then suffer a Recovery; tho' if the Trustees are also Trustees for an Annuity subsisting, they are not compellable to part with the legal Estate out of them to the Cestui que Trust in Tail. *East.* 1723. *Carteret* and *Carteret*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 132, 134.

3. J. S. makes his Will, and appoints B. Executor, and orders certain Money to be laid out on Land Security for the Benefit of C. The Executor calls in the Money, and therewith purchases Lands, which, he says, was done in Pursuance of the Will. B. dies, not leaving Assets to pay his own Debts. The Lands thus purchased shall be for the Use of C. At the Rolls, *Trin.* 11 *Geo. I.* *Anon. Select Cases in Chan.* 57.

4. On Marriage, Lands are limited to the Use of A. for ninety-nine Years, if he should so long live, Remainder to B. and other Trustees (of which B. was the Survivor) and their Heirs during A.'s Life, to preserve, &c. Remainder to A.'s Wife for Life, Remainder to the first, &c. Sons of the Marriage in Tail Male successively, Remainders over. The Wife dies, leaving Issue of the Marriage only two Sons, C. and D. A. having mortgaged the Premises, he and his Son C. (C. being then of Age) covenant to suffer a Recovery, and to procure B. the surviving Trustee to join therein, but B. refusing to join in making a Tenant to the *Præcipe*, the Mortgagee prayed a specifick Performance of the Covenant, and that B. might join in suffering the Recovery. B. by Answer submits to the Court, but D. the younger Son refusing to consent, Lord Chan. King said that then he would not decree the Trustee to join, for that he would not take away any Man's Right. So dismissed the Bill as to B. and D. with Costs, but decreed A. and C. specifically to perform the Covenant. *Mich.* 1726. *Townsend* and *Lawson*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 379. *Select Cases in Chan.* 71. *Townsend* and *Lawton*, *S. C.* says, Lord Chancellor said that he would not take away the Remainder Man's Choice, but left the Trustee to do it, or let it alone.

C A P. CXIII.

Vestry.

1. **L**ANDS of 8 *l. per Annum* purchased in the fifth Year of Edward the Eighth by a Parish, in Trust for Charitable Uses, were improved by Building to 450 *l. per Annum*. And the Trustees, by Order of the Vestry, for 1000 *l.* paid for the Use of the Parish, make this Estate a Security for 100 *l. per Annum* Annuity to *A.* for her Life. The Parishioners brought a Bill to set aside this Deed of Annuity, as being in Breach of the Charity; and so already decreed by the Commissioners of Charitable Uses, and by them set aside. Lord Keep. Wright seemed clear to dismiss the Bill; but the Plaintiff submitting to pay the Arrears and growing Payments, it was so decreed, and Costs spared. *Trin.* 1703. Attorney General at the relation of the Parishioners of St. Clement Deans and Lady Hart et al', *Prec. in Chan.* 225.

2. The Plaintiff's House being so near the Church that the Five o'Clock Bell rung in the Morning disturbing her; she came to an Agreement in Writing with the Churchwardens and Inhabitants at a Vestry, that she would erect a Cupolo and Clock at the Church, and in Consideration thereof the Five o'Clock Bell was not to be rung in the Morning. This is a good Agreement, and decreed to be binding in Equity. *Hil.* 1724. *Martin and Nutkin et al' (a)*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 266.

(a) *Vide P. Ca.*

His Honour said he did not see why the Court might not as well compel those who are not Parties to pay the Rate, as order Tenants tho' not Parties, to pay their Rents. The Defendants (in the principal Case) having put in a fair Answer, their Costs were decreed to be raised by the same Rate; but his Honour said, that if those who had appealed to the Quarter-Sessions had been before the Court, they should have paid all the Costs. *Ibid.* 634.

3. At a Vestry it was agreed to build a Parish Workhouse, and to lay out 300 *l.* in building the same, which was to be borrowed; and it was agreed that whoever was bound for the 300 *l.* should be indemnified by the Parish. And by another Vestry Order this Order was confirmed, and both Orders were signed by the Vicar, and several Inhabitants of the Parish. The 300 *l.* was borrowed of *J. S.* and *A.* together with *B.* (who died insolvent) gave a Bond for the Payment thereof, with Interest. An Order of Vestry was made for raising the Money, but upon Appeal to the Quarter-Sessions by some new Parishioners, the Order was quashed. The 300 *l.* not being paid, *J. S.* put the Bond in Suit against *A.* who paid it, and brought a Bill against such of the Inhabitants as were living, and against the present Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers, to be relieved. His Honour decreed him his Principal, Interest and Costs, at Law and in this Court, and that the Vicar, &c. do call a Vestry to make a Rate for the Payment thereof; and if any of the Inhabitants refuse paying the Rate, *A.* to be at Liberty to apply to the Court. *Trin.* 1731. *Blackbourn and Webster et al'*, 2 *Will. Rep.* 632.

C A P. CXIV.

Visitors.

1. **K**ING Edward the Sixth founded a School, and endowed it, and by Letters Patent appointed perpetual Governors thereof, who were thereby enabled to make Laws and Ordinances for the better Government of the said School, but by the Patent no express Visitors were appointed, and the legal Estate of the Endowment was vested in these Governors. Afterwards a Commission issued (a) to inspect the Management of the Governors. And it was resolved by King C. assisted by Lord Chief Justice Eyre, and Gilbert Chief Baron, that the Commission to visit, &c. was good. *Hil. 1725. S. C. Eden and Foster, 2 Will. Rep. 325.*

Gill. Rep. in Eq. 178. S. C. by the Name of The Case of Birmingham School, with Lord Chief Baron Gilbert's Opinion at large. Select Cases in Chan. 36. 2 Will. Rep. 326. in S. C.

it was laid down (*per Cur'*) First, As a Rule, that where the King is Founder, in that Case his Majesty and his Successors are Visitors; but where a *private Person* is Founder, there such *private Person* and his Heirs, are, by Implication of Law, Visitors.—Secondly, That tho' this visitatorial Power did result to the Founder and his Heirs, yet the Founder might vest or substitute such visitatorial Right in any other Person, or his Heirs.—Thirdly, The Court conceived it to be *unreasonable*, and of mischievous Consequence, that where Governors are appointed, these, by Construction of Law, and without any more, should be Visitors, and should have an absolute Power, and remain exempt from being visited themselves.—And therefore, Fourthly, That in those Cases where the Governors or Visitors are said *not to be accountable*, it must be intended where they have the Power of Government only, and not where they have the legal Estate (b), and are intrusted with the Receipt of the Rents and Profits, (as in the *present Case*) for it would be of the most pernicious Consequence imaginable that any Person intrusted with the Receipt of Rents and Profits, and especially for a Charity, tho' they misapply never so much these Rents, &c. should yet be *unaccountable* for their Receipts; this would be such a Privilege as might of itself be a Temptation to a Breach of Trust.—Fifthly, That the Word [Governor] did not of itself imply Visitor; and to make such a Construction of the Word against the common and natural Meaning of it, and when such a strained Construction could not be for the Benefit, but rather to the great Prejudice of the Charity, would be very unreasonable; besides, it would be making the King's Charter operate to a double Intent, which ought not to be.—Sixthly, That the Power given to these Commissioners for the making of By-Laws, must be intended for the better regulating and preserving the Charities given, and not for the perverting or overturning of them; and if the Letters of Commission [or Letters Patent] gave any larger Power, they would be void only *pro tanto*; tho' it was observed with regard to the Powers given by the *present Commission* that they did not differ from several Precedents of the like Nature, as in the Cases of *Wintourne, Basingstoke* and *Plymouth Schools*, in all which Governors were appointed, but yet these Schools are, and have been visited. *Ibid. 326, 327.*

(a) 28 Nov. 9 Geo. 1. vide *Gill. Rep. 179.*
 (b) Vide *Duke's Charitable Uses 68. cap. 6. the Case of The Hospital of Sutton Coldfield*, and the like Determination in the Case of *Hynshaw and Pedicars ver. The Mayor and Corporation of Morpeth. Ibid. 69.* And which the Chancellor and Chief Baron cited on this Occasion, and affirmed to be Law. Vide 2 Will. Rep. 326.

C A P. CXV.

Voluntary Conveyances.

1. **T** Sold to C. an Estate which he claimed as Heir to his Father by Virtue of a Marriage Settlement upon the Marriage of his Father with M. his Mother-in-Law, being the Lands of said M.—B. as Heir under that Settlement brought a Bill to discover the Title of T. and C. and also to compel the surviving Trustee in a former Settlement

Settlement in the Family, to convey to *B.* as Heir under the Settlement. *Cowper* *C.* declared he would not decree the Trustee to convey the legal Estate to the *Cestui que Trust* to compel him to suffer the *Cestui que Trust* to bring an Ejectment in his Name against *C.* because he was a Purchaser without Notice of this former Settlement, and the *Cestui que Trust* was a Volunteer, and said it was a constant Rule in Equity *never to aid any Person who claims by a voluntary Settlement against a fair Purchaser without Notice*. As in Case of a Disseisor (as it now appeared that it was) who conveys away the Lands upon a valuable Consideration, this Court will not compel the Trustee to convey the legal Estate to the *Cestui que Trust*, to enable him to recover the Possession at Law against the Purchaser, but the Trustee may do it himself if he thinks fit; but this Court will not compel him to it. Tho' Sir *Joseph Jekyll* and Mr. *Vernon* insisted strongly for it, and said the Possession of the Trustee was the Possession of the *Cestui que Trust*, and that it was a Breach of Trust in the Trustee not to convey at any Time to the *Cestui que Trust* upon Request. But in this Case *Lord Chancellor* decreed that *T.* should account for the Profits of the Estate from his Entry to the Time of the Conveyance to *C.* for he was a Disseisor, tho' *T.* had two Verdicts for him in Ejectment, but this old Settlement was discovered after those Trials. *East.* 1 *Geo. Turner* and *Buck et al*, *et econtra*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Voluntary Conveyances*, P. 21. Ca. 5.

2. *B.* and *C.* two Brothers.—Lands are conveyed to *C.* and his Heirs, In Trust for *J. S. a Stranger*, for Life, Remainder to *B.* in Tail, Remainder to *C.* in Fee. During the Life of *J. S.* (the Tenant for Life) *C.* in Consideration of 5 s. conveys the Reversion to *B.* and his Heirs in Fee. *B.* supposing he had an absolute Fee in him, devises the Lands to his Executors to be sold for Payment of Debts and Legacies, and makes his Brother *C.* and another Person Executors, and dies without Issue. *C.* sells the Lands to the Defendant, who had Notice of all these Transactions, &c. The Question was, If the Defendant, being a Purchaser for a valuable Consideration, should avoid the Conveyance from *C.* to *B.* of the Reversion in Fee (being voluntary) it being, at the Time of the Conveyance, a dry Reversion in Fee expectant upon an Estate-tail, and of no Consideration in the Eye of the Law. *Cowper* *C.* was of Opinion, that the Conveyance of the Reversion in Fee from *C.* to *B.* cannot be avoided as fraudulent by a subsequent Purchaser, because, at the Time of the Conveyance, it was of no Value, being barrable by the Tenant in Tail by a Recovery, with Consent of the Tenant for Life; yet he granted a Trial at Law, upon the Importunity of Counsel. *Trin.* 2 *Geo. Buckley* and *Arnold*, *Vin. Abr. Tit. Voluntary Conveyances*, P. 20. Ca. 10.

C A P. CXVI.

Uses,

1. *A.* Seised in Fee of *Blackacre* and *Whiteacre*, had two Sisters *E.* and *F.* and had *B.* a Son by a former Wife, and on his Marriage with *M.* a second Wife, he conveyed the whole to *W.R.* and *W.S.* and their Heirs to the Uses following, (*viz.*) *Blackacre* to *A.* himself for ninety-nine Years, if he so long live, and after the Expiration to the Use of the said *M.* for a Jointure, and after her Death to the Use of the Heirs Male of the Body of the said *A.* Remainder to *A.*'s right Heirs; and as to *Whiteacre* to the Use of *A.* for ninety-nine Years, if, &c. and after to the Trustees and their Executors for two hundred Years, In Trust to raise Portions for his Children by *M.* Remainder to the Heirs Male of the Body of *A.* Remainder to his right Heirs. The Marriage took Effect; and after *A.* died, leaving *B.* his Son by his first Wife, and *H.* and *I.* Daughters by *M.* his second Wife. *M.* entered into *Blackacre*. *B.* entered into *Whiteacre*, and caused Part of the Rents to be paid to the Trustees towards raising Portions pursuant to the Settlement, and granted Leases, &c. and died without Issue in *M.*'s Life. Afterwards *M.* died. His Honour was of Opinion that the Limitation of *Whiteacre* was void. *Mich. 8 & 11 Ann. Rawley and Holland, Vin. Abr. Tit. Uses, (F) Ca. II. P. 189.* And as to what had been urged, that an Use arose by Operation and Construction of Law, his Honour said, that to talk of raising an Use by Implication was a Mystery in Law which he did not understand, and would have decreed *Whiteacre* to the Sisters of *B.* But upon the Impunity of the Defendant's Counsel a Case was stated and sent to the Judges of *C.B.* who certified Nov. 26, 1712, That as to *Blackacre* nothing but a Reversion expectant on *M.*'s Estate for Life descended to *B.* so that by her enjoying the Land, and surviving *B.* there was no *possessio fratris* to exclude *H.* and *I.* the Sisters by the second Venter, from inheriting as Heirs to *A.* their Father; but as to *Whiteacre* they held the Limitation to the Heirs Male of the Body of *A.* void, no Freehold being limited to any Person precedent to that Estate; and that no Estate of Freehold could result to *A.* for his Life by Implication, because another Estate, *viz.* for ninety-nine Years, if, &c. was expressly limited to him, which would be inconsistent with a Freehold in him by Implication; and that a Freehold either expressed or implied was necessary to support such Limitation, and consequently the Freehold and Inheritance in Fee simple of *Whiteacre* descended to *B.* expectant only on a Term for Years to the Trustees of which there was such a *possessio fratris* as intitles *E.* and *F.* the Plaintiffs Aunts, and Heirs of the whole Blood to *B.* the Son, to that Land. *Ibid.*

2. A Conveyance was to such Uses as shall be by Will directed: The Uses declared by the Will was, *that the Trustees shall convey to the Use of A. till B. comes of Age, or be married, and after such Age or Marriage, one Moiety to A. for Life; and if B. shall die during his Minority, then all the Estate to A. but if B. shall attain such Age, or marry, then one Moiety in Possession and the Reversion of the other to B. and his Heirs.* The Question was, Whether this be an Use executed by the Statute? And it was sent to the Judges for their Opinion. *Feb. 9, 1727. Rich and Beaumont, Vin. Abr. Tit. Uses, (X. a.) Ca. 47. P. 277.*

3. *A.* by voluntary Deed covenants with *B.* and *C.* (Strangers) to stand seised to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to the Use of *B.* and *C.* during the Life of *E.* the Daughter of *A.* (his Heir at Law) Upon Trust to apply the Profits, &c. for the Benefit of *E.* and after her Death to *B.* and *C.* and their Heirs during the Life of the eldest Son of *E.* Upon Trust to raise Portions for younger Children, and then to convey to the eldest Son, &c. with Remainders over, &c. Objected, That the Plaintiff who claimed as the eldest Son of *E.* can have no Benefit

Blood and Family of the Covenantor, and where for collateral or other Purposes, as was Lord Pagett's Case, the Trust Term there being for Payment of Debts, &c. but here the Trust is for the Benefit of the Blood of the Covenantor, *viz.* his Grandson, &c. *See non allegatur. Ibid.*

under this Settlement, for that the *Trustees being Strangers to the Consideration of Blood, no Use thereby arises to them*, according to the Lord Pagett's Case; and Lord Chancellor was of the same Opinion. Bill dismissed. *Mich. 4 Geo. 2. Nugent and Hancock, Vin. Abr. Tit. Ujes, (H) Ca. 13. P. 196.*

C A P. CXVII.

Wards.

The Right of
Wardship is
determinable
in the Court

of Chancery. *Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 172, 173.* At Common Law, before the Stat. 32 Hen. 8. c. 46. by which the Court of Wards and Liveries was erected, the Lord Chancellor was the sole Judge of Wardships; but with this Difference, that where they were lucrative to the Crown, there the Lord Treasurer acted, who had a concurrent Jurisdiction with the Chancellor; but where Wardships were not lucrative to the Crown, but only for the Benefit of the Ward, there the Chancellor alone had the Disposition and Management of the Ward; therefore, as the Law now stands, the *Onera feudorum* being extinct, and the Court of Wards abolished, and all the old Tenures being turned into free and common Socage, all Wardships which are beneficial for the Wards must return to this Court as to their original Fountain. *Per West C. in Ireland, East, 11 Geo. in the Case of Morgan and Dillon, 2 Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 139.*—Since the Statute, which took away the Court of Wards, the Jurisdiction of Wardship returns to the Court of Chancery; and it appears by the Register 21 b. 198. that a Writ may issue out of this Court to remove the Guardian of an Infant, and to put another in his Stead. *Per Lords Commissioners, Hil. 1722. in Casu Eyre and Countess of Shafisbury, 2 Will. Rep. 119.*

(A) Cases relating to Wards.

3 Will. Rep. 1. **A**N Infant was inveigled from B. her Guardian and married to W. Tho' the Infant was not taken from a Guardian assigned by the Court, yet both W. and the Parson and the Agents were all committed by the Master of the Rolls. And the Order was afterwards confirmed by Lord Chan. *Harcourt.* Cited by Lord Commissioner Jekyll, 2 Will. Rep. 112.—This was the Case of *Talbot, Mich. Hannes v. Waugh, 22 May, 12 Ann. Vide ibid. in the Margin.* 1734. in Lord Raymond's Case, and says, that all the Parties were committed, it being held a Contempt of the Court to marry a Ward of the Court without its Direction. *Vide Cases in Eq. Temp. Lord Talbot 59.*—And the same would have been done in the Case of *Hughes and Science et al, Hil. Vac. 1740.* but that it did not appear in that Cause that Williams the Clergyman who married the Infant to Science was at all a Party to the Contrivance, and so had not incurred the Censure of the Court; whereas had he been privy thereto, the Licence would not have protected him. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Guardian, P. 205. Note to Ca. 3.*

But in this Case the Committee being a Person of good Estate, the Court ordered his own single Recognizance to be taken. And upon the Doctor's Petition to alter the Form of the Recognizance, because as the Form is, an honest Committee without any Default in him might forfeit his Recognizance and be undone by a rash Infant's stealing a Marriage, Lord Chan. *Parker* consented, tho' he said he would be very tender of altering the settled Forms of the Court to satisfy a capricious Humour; but that this Case differing in its Circumstances from the common one, his Lordship directed the Form of the Recognizance to be thus, *viz.* "That the Infant shall not be married without Leave of the Court, by the Consent, Privy or Connivance of the Committee;" and his Lordship said he had before made the like Alteration in the Form of the Recognizance in Favour of Mr. *Lacy*, to whom he had lately committed an Infant Heiress. *Ibid. 699.*

2. Where the Custody of an Infant Heir is committed, the Course is for the Committee to enter into a Recognizance with two Sureties, *not to suffer the Infant to marry without Consent of the Court.* *East. 1721. in Dr. Davis's Case, 1 Will. Rep. 698.*

The Editor says, the Lord Chancellor made the like Determination in *Kiffin* and *Kiffin*, where a young Girl of great Fortune was committed to the Care of a Tradesman in London, a Linen Draper, after which a younger Son of the Committee married her; and a Woman who had been one of the most active

Instruments

dreſſing the Proſecutor, was pardoned by the general Act of Pardon 7 Geo. 1. cap. 29. ſ. 23. made afterwards, tho' with an Exception " of all Contempts and Offences for which any Proſecution was then depending, and which had been proſecuted at the Charge of any " private Perſon or Perſons." *East. 1721. Phipps and Earl of Angleſea, 1 Will. Rep. 696.*

Inſtruments in bringing about this Marriage being big with Child, and near her Time, the

Hearing of the Complaint was put off until ſhe was delivered, and in the mean Time came out an Act of general Pardon, which was held to extend to this Offence.—S. P. determined in Dr. Yeldon's Caſe in the Affair of the Infant Duke of Beauford's going from his Committees. *Ibid.*

4. If there be only an Apprehenſion that the Infant will be married *unequally*, either by the Guardian, or by his Neglect, a Court of Equity will interpoſe, and ſend for the Infant, and commit him to the Cuſtody of a proper Perſon, or Relation, in order to prevent ſuch Danger; *per Lords Commiſſioners*, in the Caſe of *Eyre and Counteſs of Shaftſbury, Hil. 1722.* and their *Lordſhips* ſaid it was ſo done by Lord Chan. *Harcourt* in the Caſe of the Infant Lady *Catherine Anneſley*.—And *per Lord Maccleſfield* in Mr. *Vernon's* Caſe. *2 Will. Rep. 112.*

So where an Infant Heir was but ſeventeen, and was about to contract Matrimony, tho' there appeared no Inequality of Fortune or

Family, yet upon Application the Court of Chancery aſſiſted the Teſtamentary Guardian to prevent the Marriage, as improper by reaſon of the Age. *Mich. 1734. Lord Raymond's Caſe. Vide Caſes Temp. Lord Talbot 58.*—And tho' a Marriage be to one of equal Degree and Fortune, yet the Marriage being without Conſent of the Guardian, *this* conſtitutes the Offence, and the Equality of Degree, &c. can at moſt tend but to extenuate. *Per Lords Commiſſioners*, in the Caſe of *Eyre (Juſtice) and The Counteſs of Shaftſbury, Hil. 1722. 2 Will. Rep. 114.*—S. C. cited *per Lord Talbot*, in Lord *Raymond's* Caſe, *Mich. 1734. Vide Caſes in Eq. Temp. Talbot 58.*—S. C. cited *per Cur'*, 20 Mar. 1740. in the Caſe of *Hughes and Science et al'*; and that the Marriage being by Contrivance of the Infant's Mother pending a Suit in Chancery, the Court committed the Parties to the Contrivance, and ordered a Sequeſtration againſt the Lady *Shaftſbury. Vin. Abr. Tit. [Guardian and] Ward, P. 205. in a Note to Ca. 5.*

5. Marriage of the *Ward* without Conſent of the Guardian, is a Ravishment of the *Ward*. *Per Lords Commiſſioners*, in the Caſe of *Eyre and Counteſs of Shaftſbury, Hil. 1722. 2 Will. Rep. 110.*

Cites 2 Inſt. 440. and it is aggravated in this Reſpect, that after ſuch

Raviſhment by Marriage, the *Ward* cannot be reſtored to ſuch Condition as he was in before, it being rendered impoſſible by the Wrong of the Raviſher. *Per Lords Commiſſioners, ibid.*

6. Tho' the Infant himſelf cannot bring Account againſt his Guardian till of Age, yet a third Perſon may bring a Bill for an Account againſt the Guardian, even during the Minority. *Per Lords Commiſſioners*, in the Caſe of *Eyre and Counteſs of Shaftſbury, Hil. 1722. 2 Will. Rep. 119, 120.*

7. A Perſon having married an Infant, (and as it ſeems a *Ward* under Care of the Court) was committed, and the Commitment followed by an Act of Parliament to diſſolve the Marriage. *Hil. 1722. cited per Lords Commiſſioners* as done in Lord *Somers's* Time in the Caſe of *Goodwin and Mrs. Knight, 2 Will. Rep. 112.*

8. Tho' an Order of Chancery has no Words "prohibiting the marrying an Infant without Conſent of the Guardian," yet ſuch Prohibition is implied, and ſo are theſe Words, "That no Perſon ſhall take away or raviſh a *Ward* from the Guardian;" and ſuch negative Words are never inſerted in the Order. *Per Lords Commiſſioners, Hil. 1722. in the Caſe of Eyre and Counteſs of Shaftſbury, 2 Will. Rep. 113.*

9. The Lords *Selkirk* and *Orkney*, Guardians of the Infant Duke of *Hamilton*, petitioned againſt the Dutcheſs of *Hamilton* for taking away the Infant Duke out of their Cuſtody, and their Complaint was received; upon which the Court would have proceeded againſt the Mother, but the Guardians could not make out their Right of Guardianship, by reaſon of ſome Defect in the Inſtrument under which they claimed. Cited *per Lords Commiſſioners, Hil. 1722. 2 Will. Rep. 115.*

10. A Testamentary Guardian of an Infant Girl of about nine Years and three Months old takes her from a Boarding School and marries her to his own Son, an Apprentice to a *Peruke Maker*, and who had no Estate. *King C.* on Motion ordered this Guardian to bring the Infant into Court, and that he and his Son attend, which they did, and then his *Lordship* committed her to the other Guardian appointed by the Will, ordering an Information to be brought by the *Attorney General* against this *knaveish* Guardian, and the Guardian to be bound over with Sureties to be taken by the *Master*, to answer such Information; but held this to be no Contempt, the Ward not being under the immediate Care of the Court. *Mich. 1729. Goodall and Harris, 2 Will. Rep. 561.*

11. Three Persons being appointed Guardians by her Father's Will of a young Woman, one of them gets her (she being nine Years old) married to his own Son, who was seventeen. It was moved for an *Homine Replegiando* against the Father and Son, that they should stand committed, and for an Injunction to their receiving the Rents of her Estate. Lord Chan. *King* thought every Part of the Motion reasonable, but as to the first Part ordered a speedier Way, by bringing her Body into Court by a Time certain, by an Order to be made on the Defendants for that Purpose. *Mich. 3 Geo. 2. Anon. Fitz-Gibb. Rep. 106.*

12. Where an Infant is Defendant, the Service of the *Subpœna* to hear Judgment must be on the Guardian, and not on the Infant. *Mich. 1731. Taylor and Atwood, 2 Will. Rep. 643.*
And this (as it seems) tho' the Infant be above fourteen, or want ever so little of twenty-one; and the serving of the Infant is not good, for *non constat*, but the Infant might be in his Cradle; or should it appear by the Bill that he is near twenty-one, yet, being not able to defend himself, the Service must be on the Person appointed by the Court to defend him. *Ibid.*

13. Marrying an Infant a Ward of the Court is a Contempt, tho' the Parties concerned in such Marriage had no Notice that the Infant was a Ward of the Court. *Trin. 1731. Herbert's Case, 3 Will. Rep. 116.*

14. *A.* possessed of a considerable personal Estate, died intestate, leaving *M.* his Wife, and *B.* a Daughter an Infant, his only Child. *M.* the Mother died, leaving *J. S.* her Executor and Trustee for *B.* her Infant Daughter, who at *M.*'s Death was under the Care of *J. S.* his Wife, who kept a Boarding School. The Wife of *J. S.* died, and afterwards a Bill by *H.* an Uncle of *B.* was filed against *J. S.* for an Account of *B.*'s Estate, suggesting that he had wasted it, but *J. S.* not putting in his Answer, an Attachment issued, and then *J. S.* and *W. R.* who was his Counsel, and a Justice of the Peace, went to *Doctors Commons*, where *W. R.* procured himself to be admitted Guardian to consent to the Marriage of *B.* to *J. S.* and a Licence was granted and a Marriage had, *B.* being sixteen Years old, and *J. S.* sixty. *H.* petitioned against *J. S.* for marrying *B.* after Suit commenced in this Court, without Leave of the Court, and against *W. R.* as Party, and that they stand committed. Ordered, That *J. S.* and *W. R.* stand committed to the Fleet, and not to have the Benefit of the Rules; and that *W. R.* be removed from being Justice of the Peace; and (to the End that the Estate of the Infant be secured, in order to make a Settlement on, or a Provision for her) that *J. S.* be restrained from aliening, transferring or transposing any Part of the real or personal Estate of the Infant, or from receiving any Part thereof, without Leave of the Court, 'till further Order; and that *J. S.* do bring before the Court all Mortgages, Bonds and other Securities belonging to the Estate of the Infant, upon Oath, subject to the further Order of the Court. 20 March 1740. *Hughes and Science, Mitchel et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Guardian and Ward, (D. c.) P. 203.*

In this Case, an Exception being taken that here was no *Lis pendens*, no Answer being put in, the same was over-ruled; and held that an Infant is always considered under the Care of the Court, if a Suit be depending, and that after such Bill filed, 'tis a Contempt to marry an Infant without the Consent of this Court; and in this Case there was not only a Bill filed, but an Attachment also for want of an Answer. *Ibid.*

15. The Pendency of a Bill in Chancery relating to an Infant's Estate is Notice to all the World of the Infant's being a Ward of this Court, so as to make Persons concerned in the Marriage of such Ward, without Leave of the Court, guilty of a Contempt, tho' they had not any actual Knowledge of her being such a Ward. *April 6, 1741. Moor and Moor, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 407.*

C A P. CXVIII.

Waste (a).

(a) The Clause of without Impeachment of Waste,* never

was extended to allow the very Destruction of the Estate itself, but only to excuse for *permissive* Waste; and therefore such a Clause would not give Leave to fell and cut down Trees *ornamental or sheltering of an House*, much less to destroy or demolish the House itself. *Hil. 2 Geo. 1. in Lord Bernard's Case, Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 127.—Prec. in Chan. 454. S. C. and P.—Where one that by Law might do Waste, commits that which goes to the Destruction of the Thing he enjoys, he that has the Inheritance may have an Injunction to stay his committing such Waste. But if a Tenant should do Waste by converting an House into a Mill, or such other Thing foreign from a Mansion House, Quære If a Court of Equity will order him to restore it? Elders and Verden (b), MS. Notes.*

(b) *Quære* Term and Year.

(A) Waste, in what Cases restrained in Equity; — And in what Cases Equity will give Relief.

1. *A.* Upon his Marriage settled Lands to the Use of himself and M. his Wife, and the Heirs of their two Bodies. Afterwards *A.* died *sans* Issue. *M.* married *D.* (the Defendant) being then Tenant in Tail after Possibility of Issue extinct, and *M.* and *D.* having felled some Trees in a Grove that grew near, and was an Ornament to the Mansion House, and having an Intention to fell the rest, the Plaintiff, to whom the Lands did belong in Remainder, brought his Bill to restrain *M.* from felling those Trees, and to have an Injunction to stay the committing of Waste. This Cause was referred, and if the Parties could not agree, then to be set down again. But Lord Chan. Nottingham discovered his Inclination *fortiter* for granting an Injunction. *East. 1680. Abraham and Bubb, 2 Freem. Rep. 53.*

His Lordship said, if there be Tenant for Life without Impeachment of Waste, and he goes to pull down Houses, &c. to do Waste maliciously, this Court will restrain, altho' he hath express Power by the Act of the Party to commit Waste; for this Court will moderate the Exercise of that Power, and will restrain extravagant humorous Waste, because it is pro bono publico to restrain it; and he said, he never knew an Injunction denied to stay the pulling down of Houses by Tenant for Life without Impeachment of Waste, unless it were to Serjeant Peck in Lord Oxford's Case, and he said he believed he should never see this Court deny it again. Ibid. 54.—A Lease was made by a Bishop for twenty-one Years, without Impeachment of Waste, of Lands that had many Trees upon it. The Tenant cuts down none of the Trees 'till about half a Year before the Expiration of his Term, and then goes to felling down the Trees, and he was enjoined by this Court; for tho' he might have felled Trees every Year from the Beginning of his Term, and then they would have been growing up again gradually; yet it is unreasonable that he should let them grow 'till towards the End of his Term, and then sweep them all away: for tho' he had a Power to commit Waste, yet this Court will model the Exercise of that Power. Cited per Lord Chan. Nottingham in the Case of Abraham and Bubb, as the Case of The Bishop of Winchester. Ibid. 55.—Tenant for Life, Remainder to the first Son for Life, without Impeachment of Waste, with Remainders over; the first Son, by Leave of the Lessee of Tenant for Life, comes upon the Land, and fells the Trees; altho' he could not in that Case be punished by an Action of Waste, yet he was enjoined by this Court. Cited per Lord Chan. Nottingham as the Case of Lady Evelin. Ibid. 55.

2. A Woman Tenant in Tail, after Possibility of Issue extinct, was restrained from committing Waste in pulling down Houses, or

in cutting down Trees, which stood in Defence of the House, and Fruit Trees in the Garden, but for some Turrets of Trees which stood a Land's Length or two from the House, the Court would grant no Injunction, because she had by Law Power to commit Waste; and yet notwithstanding she was restrained in the Particulars aforesaid, because that seems to be malicious. *Hil. 1701. Anon. 2 Freem. Rep. 278. Ca. 349.*

3. A Bill was brought against the Executors of a Jointress, to have a Satisfaction out of Assets for permissive Waste upon the Jointure of the Testatrix, &c. But Lord Cowper dismissed (a) the Bill. *1 Geo. I. Turner and Buck, Vin. Abr. Tit. Waste, (S. a.) Ca. 9. P. 523.*

(a) For here is no Covenant that the Jointress shall keep the Jointure in good Repair, and in the common Case, without some particular Circumstances, there is no Remedy in Law or Equity for permissive Waste after the Death of the particular Tenant. *Per Lord Chancellor, ibid.*

His Lordship said, that before the Statute of Gloucester Waste did not lie against Lessee for Years, and the being without Impeachment of Waste seems originally intended only to mean that the Party should be punishable by that Statute, and not to give a Property in the Trees or Materials of an House pulled down by Lessee for Years *sans* Waste; but he said, that the Resolutions having established the Law to be otherwise, he would not shake it, much less carry it further, and that he took this Case, *The Bishop of London and Webb*, to be within the Reason of Lord Barnard's Case, where, as he was not permitted to destroy the Castle to the Prejudice of the Remainder Man, so neither shall the Lessee in the present Case destroy this Field against the Bishop, who has the Reversion in Fee, to the Ruin of the Inheritance of the Church. *Ibid. 528, 529.*

(a) *Earth.*

5. Where there is an Arrear of a Charge upon a real Estate, an Injunction shall go to prevent cutting of Timber upon the Premises chargeable. *27 March 1723. Lord Blaney and Mahon, Vin. Abr. Tit. Waste, (R. a.) Ca. 27. P. 521.*

And his Lordship said, an Injunction was refused in Mr. Saville's Case of York-shire, who being an Infant, and Tenant in Tail in Possession, and in a very bad State of Health, and not likely to live to full Age, cut down by his Guardian a great Quantity of Timber just before his Death to a very great Value; the Remainder Man applied here for an Injunction to restrain him, but could not prevail. *Ibid.*

But as to Repairs his Honour said the Court never interposes in Case of permissive Waste, either to prohibit or give Satisfaction, as it does in Case of wilful

7. A. Tenant for Life, Remainder to Trustees to preserve, &c. Remainder to C. the Plaintiff in Tail, Remainder over, with Power for A. with Consent of Trustees to fell Timber, and the Money arising to be invested in Lands, and to the same Uses, &c. A. felled Timber to the Value of 3000 l. without Consent of Trustees, who never intermeddled, and A. had suffered some of the Houses to go out of Repair. C. by Bill prayed an Account, and an Injunction. His Honour said, that the

Timber Waste; and where the Court having Jurisdiction of the Principal, (*viz.*) the prohibiting, it does in Consequence give Relief for Waste done, either by way of Account as for Timber felled, or by obliging the Party

Timber may be considered under two Denominations, to wit, such as was *thriving*, and not fit to be felled, and such as was *unthriving*, and what a prudent Man and a good Husband would fell, &c. And ordered the *Master* to take an Account &c. and the Value of the *former*, which was Waste, and therefore belongs to the Plaintiff, who is next in Remainder of the Inheritance, is to go to the Plaintiff, and the Value of the other is to be laid out according to the Settlement, &c. *Mich. Vac. 1733. Lord Castlemaine and Lord Craven, Vin. Abr. Tit. Waste, (S. a.) Ca. 11. P. 523.*

here had no Remedy at Law by reason of the Estate for Life to the Trustees mean between Plaintiff's Remainder in Tail and Defendant's Estate for Life, and that therefore Equity ought to interpose, &c. And that this was a Point of Consequence. Sed non allocatur. Ibid.

8. The Case in Effect was thus:—A very considerable real Estate was limited to *Mrs. Rolt* (who afterwards married the Defendant the Lord *Somerville*) for Life, without Impeachment of Waste, Remainder to the Plaintiff *Rolt* for Life, without Impeachment of Waste, with several Remainders over. The Defendant the Lord *Somerville*, to make the most of this Estate during the Life of his Wife, pulled down several Houses and Out-Buildings upon the Estate, and sold the same, and also took up Lead Water Pipes that were laid for the Conveyance of Water to the Capital Messuage, and disposed thereof, and he also cut down several Groves of Trees that were planted for the Shelter or Ornament of the Capital Messuage. Upon this a Bill was brought by the Plaintiff to compel the Defendant to account for the Money raised by the Particulars before mentioned, and to put the Estate in the same Plight and Condition that it was before. To this the Defendant demurred, and thereby insisted that this Waste was committed by Tenant for Life without Impeachment of Waste, and therefore he was not liable to be called to an Account for what he had done either in Law or Equity, and if he was, yet the Plaintiff could not call him to an Account, because he was not a Remainder Man of the Inheritance. Lord Chan. *Hardwicke*: Tho' an Action of Waste will not lie at Law for what is done to Houses, or Plantations for Ornament or Convenience, by Tenant for Life without Impeachment of Waste, yet this Court hath set up a superior Equity, and will restrain the doing such Things on the Estate. In Lord *Bernard's* Case the Court restrained him from going on, and ordered the Estate to be put in the same Condition. In Sir *Blundel Charleton's* Case the *Master of the Rolls* decreed that no Trees should be cut down that were for the Ornament of the Park; but Lord Chan. *King* reversed that, and extended it only to Trees that were planted in Rows. My only Doubt is, as to the Trees that have been cut down, for if this Bill had been brought before such Trees had been cut down as were for the Ornament or Shelter of the Estate, this Court would have interposed; but here the Mischief is done, and it is impossible to restore it to the same Condition as to the Plantations, and therefore it can lie in Satisfaction only; and I cannot say the Plaintiff is intitled to a Satisfaction for the Timber which is a Damage to the Inheritance, yet as to the pulling down the Houses and Buildings, and laying the Lead Pipes, they may be restored, or put in as good Condition again. In the Case of my Lord *Bernard* there were Directions for an Issue at Law to charge his Assets with the Value of the Damages, he not having performed the Decree in his Life-time. The Demurrer was allowed as to Satisfaction on account of the Timber, but over-ruled as to the rest. *Trin. Term 1737. Rolt and Lord Somerville, at Lincoln's Inn Hall, MS. Rep.*

to rebuild, &c. as in Case of Houses, &c. and his Honour mentioned Lord *Barnard's* Case as to *Raby Castle*, 2 *Vern.* But as to the Repairs it was objected, That the Plaintiff

I have been informed that this Cause of *Rolt* and Lord *Somerville* was afterwards referred to two Friends, and amicably settled.

9. A Bill may be brought by a Patron against a Parson, for an Injunction to restrain committing Waste upon the Glebe. *Hil. 1740. Bradly and Stratchy, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 309.*

C A P. CXIX.

Wills.

- (A) What shall be established as a good Will to pass Lands; — And what is a good Signing, Attestation, Publication, &c.
- (B) In what Cases a Devisee, &c. shall be admitted a Witness to prove the Will.
- (C) In what Cases the Court will set aside a Will for Fraud, &c.
- (D) Of the Republication of a Will.
- (E) Of Revocations, &c.
- (F) Where the Probate differs from the original Will.

A Will is a Declaration of the Mind (either by Word or Writing) in disposing of an Estate, and to take Place after the Death of the Testator. *Trin. 1 W. & M. Lea and Libb, in B. R. Carth. 38.*

— A Will shall have relation only to Testator's Death, and not to the making, for 'till his Death he is Master of his own Will, and therefore a Will of a Papist in Ireland was held to be avoided by a subsequent Statute made in that Kingdom, which enacts, that the Lands of Papists there shall not be deviseable, but descend in Gavelkind. *Jan. 28, 1717. Burk and Morgan, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (G. b.) P. 273. Ca. 7.*

- (A) What shall be established as a good Will to pass Lands; — And what is a good Signing, Attestation, Publication, &c.

1. **I**F a Man draws up his own Will, and sends it to Counsel to be advised of the Legality of it, this is no Will, unless it has a Publication after he receives it back from his Counsel. If after his Will came from Counsel, with Alterations made by Counsel, the Party puts his Seal to it, or subscribes his Name, or writes upon it *This is my Will*, tho' there be no Witnesses to it, yet this is a good Publication, because any of those declare his Intent that that should be his Will; and tho' it had no formal Beginning, but began *Also I give and bequeath*, and tho' there be *Blanks for the Names of such Persons as he said he had made a Lease, or Feoffment to, to perform his Will*, and if there be such Lease or Feoffment, this is a good Will, and shall direct those Persons, to whom such Lease, &c. is made, to perform all Things according to the Directions of such Will. Resolved in *B. R. per tot' Cur'*, in an Issue out of *Canc'*. *Trin. 15 Car. 2. Bartlett and Ransden et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (N. 2.) Ca. 16. P. 119.* cites it as a MS. Rep. said to be Lord Chief Justice Kelyng's.

2. Will of Lands made before the Statute of *Frauds* had but two Witnesses, and the Testator died after the Statute, without altering his Will. And his Honour thought it a good Will to pass the Lands, but the other Side insisting to have it tried at Law, he directed it accordingly. *Trin. 1697. Serjeant and Puntis, Prec. in Chan. 77.*

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3. Lord Keep. *Wright* held a Publication of a Will before three Witnesses, tho' at three several Times, good within the Statute, and thought the writing the Will with the Testator's own Hand, a sufficient Signing within the Statute, tho' not subscribed nor sealed by him; but doubted whether Owning the Subscription to be his was sufficient; but the Validity of the Will is a Question at Law, and therefore ordered it to be tried. *Hil. 1701. Cook and Parsons, Prec. in Chan. 185.*

4. Testator gave Instructions to make his Will of his real and personal Estate, and when it was brought to him he made several Alterations, and then wrote the whole over as altered with his own Hand; this found in his Study, tho' not signed or sealed, was held a good Will. Note; The first Sentence was that he died intestate, but that was reversed by the Delegates. 18 July 1704. *Comyns's Rep. 453.*

5. *A. B.* made a Will or Testamentary Schedule all of his own Hand Writing, as follows: "In the Name of God, Amen. I *A. B.* do make this my last Will and Testament for fear of Mortality, 'till I can settle it more at large. I do give and bequeath 1000*l.* unto *D. P.* to be paid by my Executor (or) Administrator; and for sure Payment thereof, I do charge all the real and personal Estate which I have in the World, I being very desirous to make a Provision for the said *D. P.* for several good Reasons inducing me thereunto. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand this present 7th Day of December 1704. Signed *A. B.*" And delivered the same to the said *D. P.* and about a Fortnight before his Death, *A. B.* did declare he had left with *D. P.* an unquestionable Security for 1000*l.* charged upon his real and personal Estate, and that he had done the same for fear of Mortality, 'till such Time as he could make a full and compleat Will, which he declared he would do so soon as his Wife was brought to Bed, to see if it were Male or Female. He died suddenly 6 Feb. 1704, leaving his Wife, then lying-in of a Daughter. The Judge of the Prerogative Court gave Sentence against the Will, and pronounced that *A. B.* died intestate. On Appeal to the Delegates (among whom were *Holt Ch. J. Price B.* and Judge *Dormer*) the Sentence was reversed, and they pronounced for the Will. *East. 6 Ann. Powell and Beresford, 2 Raym. Rep. 1282.*

6. *J. S.* before the Statute of 29 *Car. 2. viz.* in 1668-9, wrote his Will with his own Hand on a Sheet of Paper, and the Writing went to the Bottom of one Side, and half Way on the Back-side, which Will at the End of it had the Name and Seal of *J. S.* and Notice was taken in his own Hand of some Interlinations. At a very little Distance at the Back-side of the same Paper, a Codicil was written, which extended almost to the Bottom of the same Back-side of the Paper, and was dated 1679, which was after the Statute of Frauds, and had the Name of the Devisor subscribed, and his Seal affixed; in which Codicil a Legacy as to a House was revoked, and the same was thereby devised to *A.* for Life, and after to his Brothers successively, but Notice was not taken of the Names of his Brothers in the Codicil, but they were named in the Will. At the Top of the Will was written, signed, sealed and published, as my last Will and Testament, in the Presence of the same, being written here for want of Room below; this was likewise written by the Testator's own Hand, and then the Names of the three Witnesses were subscribed; two of those Witnesses were dead, and the third was produced at the Trial, who testified that he was Servant to the Testator for four Years, and about twenty-seven or twenty-

It was insisted, that upon this Evidence it is apparent that the Codicil was wrote before the Execution of the Will, for otherwise there was no Reason that the Witnesses should write their Names at the Top of the first Side of the Will, and the Words wrote by the Testator's own Hand, as the Reason of it had been false if the Codicil had not then been upon that Paper, for there

would have been sufficient Room below the Will for the Witnesses to attest it. The Witness also says, that the Execution was about twenty-seven or twenty-eight Years ago, which Time is subsequent to the Codicil. The

Execution is sufficient within the Statute, for there is no Necessity that the Witnesses see the Testator write his Name, and if he writes these Words, *signed, sealed and published as his Will, and prays the Witnesses to subscribe their Names to that, it will*

be a sufficient Publication of his Will, tho' the Witnesses do not hear him declare it to be his Will; and a Case was mentioned determined by Lord Chan. *Shaftsbury* before 29 Car. 2. where a Man wrote his Will with his own Hand, and also these Words, (*signed and published in the Presence of*) and no Witnesses had subscribed it, it was held to be a sufficient Publication. *Ibid.*

twenty-eight Years ago, he and the other two Witnesses were called up in the Night, and sent for into the Testator's Chamber, who produced a Paper folded up, and desired him and the others to set their Hands as Witnesses to it, which they all three did in his Presence, but they did not see any of the Writing, nor did the Testator tell them it was his Will, or say what it was, but he believes this to be the Paper, because his Name is there, and the Names of the other Witnesses, and he never witnessed any other Deed or Paper for the Testator; and tho' the Testator did not set his Name or Seal to the Will in their Presence, yet he had often seen him write, and believes the whole Will and Codicil to be of his Hand Writing. And Lord Chief Justice *Trevor* inclined that here was sufficient Evidence to find the Codicil well executed, and the Jury found it accordingly. *Hil. 8 Ann. in C. B. Peate and Ougly, Comyns's Rep. 197.*

(a) This Case is misplaced in Point of Time.

7. Upon an Issue directed out of Chancery, wherein the Question was, Whether a Man was *Compos* or not at the Time of executing his Will, it was held by the Chief Justice, that it was not necessary that all the Witnesses to the Will should see it executed; if one of them saw it executed, and the others were present, he said it would be sufficient. *Trin. 3 Geo. 2. in the Case of Durrant and Durrant in B. R. (a). Barnard. Rep. in B. R. 367.*

(b) For the Intent was, that all the Witnesses should be together, that one might testify for the other, and this was a ready Way to let in Fraud and Perjury, for after the first Witness had attested it, there might be a Rasure or Interlineation. *Per Baron Price, ibid.*

8. A Will of Land duly signed by Testatrix in the Presence of A. and also published, which A. writ the Will, but is now dead; his Hand was proved. After this the Testatrix called in B. to be a Witness to the Will; she told him it was her Will, and published it as such; after this she called in C. and did the same. The Question was, Whether these Witnesses attesting this Will at several Times, tho' all in the Presence of the Testatrix, was according to the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries? Baron Price held it ill (b) at Lent Assizes at Devon 1717. *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (N. 10.) Ca. 3. P. 128.*

The proper Way of examining a Witness to prove a Will as to Lands, is, that the Witness should not only prove the executing the Will by the Testator and his own subscribing it in the Presence of the Testator, but likewise that the rest of the Witnesses subscribed their Names in the Testator's Presence, and

then one Witness proves the full Execution of the Will, since he proves that the Testator executed it; and likewise that the three Witnesses subscribed it in his Presence. *Per Lord Chan, Macclesfield, ibid. 741.*

9. A Witness proving a Will of Lands swears, that he subscribed the Will as a Witness in the same Room, and at the Testatrix's Request; two others swore that they saw the Will executed by the Testatrix, and that they subscribed the same in the Testatrix's Presence; a fourth Witness was gone beyond Sea, and therefore could not be examined. *Cowper C.* doubted as to the Proof of the Execution of this Will, but would declare no Opinion on the Point until further Application, saying, that the Heir at Law, then an Infant, might by that Time come of Age. Afterwards Lord *Macclesfield* held that the bare subscribing by the Witnesses in the same Room did not necessarily imply it to be in the Testator's Presence, for it might be in a Corner of the Room, in a clandestine, fraudulent Way; and then it would not be a Subscribing by the Witness in the Testator's Presence, merely because in the same Room, but that here it being sworn by the Witness, that he subscribed the Will at Testatrix's Request, and in the same Room, this could not be fraudulent, and was therefore well enough. *Mich. 1721. Longford and Eyre, 1 Will. Rep. 740.*

10. J. S. possessed of a Term of five hundred Years in *Blackacre*, afterwards purchases the Fee-simple in B.'s Name, and devises *Blackacre* by Will (*all of his own Hand Writing*) to C. in Fee, but the Will was neither dated, subscribed or attested. Decreed *per* his Honour, that as *this was a Term which would have attended the Inheritance*, and in Equity have gone to the Heir, and not to the Executor, in which Respect it was to be considered as Part of the Inheritance, so the Will which was *not attested by three Witnesses*, as the Law required it to be when Land was to pass, should not carry this Term. *Trin. 1724. Whitchurch and Whitechurch, 2 Will. Rep. 236.*

itself. *Per* his Honour, *ibid.* 238. — A Will not attested as the Statute of Frauds requires, shall not pass any Estate of which the Heir, as Heir, would otherwise have had the Benefit. *Per* his Honour, *ibid.* — *Gilb. Rep. in Eq. 168. S. C. with the Argument of Lord Chief Baron Gilbert.* — 2 *Mod. Cases in Law and Eq. 124. S. C. decreed that the Term did not pass by this Devise.*

11. A Testator signs his Will, but delivers it as his Act and Deed, yet well, for this will be sufficient Publication. *Hil. 10 Geo. in Chan. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (N. 7.) Ca. 13. P. 125.*

12. J. S. seised of Lands in Fee, conveyed them by Lease and Release to Trustees to the Use of them and their Heirs, In Trust that (after such Monies raised as therein mentioned) the Trustees should convey to A. his Heirs and Assigns, or to such Person or Persons as he or they should direct. The Monies were raised, and A. by Will attested only by two Witnesses, devised the Premises to B. Lord Chan. *Macclesfield* said, there could be no Question but that a Trust of an Inheritance could not be devised otherwise than by a Will attested by three Witnesses, in the same Manner as a legal Estate, for if the Law were otherwise, it would introduce the same Inconveniences as to Frauds and Perjuries, as were occasioned before the Statute by a Devise of a legal Estate in Fee-simple. Decreed the Will void, and that the Trustees should convey the Premises to the Testator's Heir at Law. *Mich. 1724. Wagstaff and Wagstaff, 2 Will. Rep. 258.*

was said arg' that this Will, tho' not good by way of Devise, should be so by way of Appointment, like a Copyhold surrendered to the Use of a Will, which may be devised by a Will attested by two Witnesses, or one Witness only. But his Lordship said, that the Copyhold passes by the Surrender, and not by the Will, and that if this Matter had not been settled, it might be more reasonable to say, When I have surrendered my Copyhold to the Use of my Will, a Will of this Copyhold shall be so executed, and in such a Manner as by the Act of Parliament a Will of Lands ought to be executed; but this Case having been ruled otherwise, he said he would not shake it. *Ibid.* 258. — In *Hil. Vac. 1727.* his Honour admitted it to be settled, that where a Copyhold in Fee is surrendered to the Use of a Will, such Will, tho' executed in the Presence of one or two Witnesses only, is good, because it passes by the Surrender, and not by the Will, which is only a Declaration of the Use of the Surrender; but that if a Copyholder be seised only of the Trust or Equity of Redemption of the Copyhold, and devises such Trust or Equity of Redemption, there must be three Witnesses to the Will; for here can be no precedent Surrender to the Use of the Will to pass this Trust, and the Trust and Equity of Redemption of all Lands of Inheritance are within the Statute of Frauds, otherwise great Inconvenience would arise therefrom; and it is no Prejudice to the Lord to comprise the Trust of a Copyhold within that Statute, because the Person who has the legal Estate of the Copyhold is Tenant to the Lord, and liable to answer all the Services. *Ibid.* 261. *Anon.* — But in the Case of *Tuffnell and Page, East. 1740.* Lord Hardwicke was of Opinion, that the Trust of a Copyhold would pass by a Will not attested according to the Statute of Frauds, as a Copyhold surrendered to the Use of a Will would do; for that Equity ought to follow the Law, and make it at least as easy to convey a Trust as a legal Interest. And decreed accordingly. *Ibid.* at the Bottom of the P. 261.

13. A Surrender was made of a Copyhold Estate to Trustees to the Use of the Will; a Will was made with only two Witnesses to it. It was admitted, that a Will of a Copyhold Estate does not require three Witnesses; but this is a Devise of a Trust relating to Lands, so within the very Words of the Statute of Frauds; the Heir controverting the Surrender and the Will, this Point was not determined, but

necessary to have three Witnesses, as the Copyhold might be devised without three Witnesses; but this may be a Question to be determined when the Issues are tried. *Ibid.* — *Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (N. 1.) Ca. 4. P. 129.* S. C. states it thus: A. seised in Fee of Copyhold Lands, makes a Surrender to the Use of B. and C. and their Heirs, to the Use of his Will, and devises the Lands to D. Parker C. was of Opinion, that the Circumstances required

required by two Issues ordered. 12 July 1725. *Appleyard and Wood, Select Cases*
the Stat. 29 in Chan. 42.
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Frauds in Devises of Lands, ought to be observed in this Case, for by this Surrender the Fee of the Copyhold was in the Surrenderees, and only a Trust devised by the Will, which cannot pass by the Devise without the Circumstances required by the Statute of Frauds, in relation to Devises of Lands to be duly observed. But the Counsel insisting that a Devise of Copyhold is *not* within the Statute, Lord Chancellor said, that if the Surrender had been only to the Use of the Will, that might have been a Question in this Case, but now it is not; however, he inclined to think it necessary in that Case, but would not determine that Point now, that not being the Case before him.

14. Will made beyond Sea of Lands in England, must be attested by three Witnesses. *Vide 2 Will. Rep. 293.*

Lord Chan. King said, that tho' he himself inclined to think the Will of the Lands good, if the Testator should acknowledge the Name to be his, and the Witnesses should subscribe in his Presence, yet that Point should be referred to the Defendant; and said, that he took this Will to be a good one, and being so to be a good Charge, but referred, &c.

15. J. S. had a Power at any Time during the joint Lives of him and M. his Wife, by his last Will, or any Writing purporting to be his last Will, under his *Hand and Seal*, attested by three or more credible Witnesses, (if he should die before his Wife without any Issue between them then living) to charge Lands with any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding 2000 *l.* to be paid to such Persons, and in such Proportions as he should appoint; with the like Remainder to M. if she should die without Issue in the Life of her Husband J. S. There was no Issue of the Marriage, and J. S. by his last Will in Writing under his Hand, attested by three Witnesses, *but not sealed*, reciting his Power, &c. disposed of the 2000 *l.* to the Plaintiffs (being his Relations) in the Proportions therein mentioned. There were three Witnesses to the Will. Two of the Witnesses swore, that the Will was signed by the Testator in the Presence of all the three Witnesses, but the third swore that the Testator having *written and signed the Will before*, called for the Witnesses, and *declared that Writing to be his last Will*, and that all the three Witnesses were then present, and *subscribed their Names in his Presence*. Lord Chan. King referred it to the Judges of B. R. who determined (on Argument) that the Will was void as a Charge for want of being *sealed*. *Hil. 1728. Dormer et al' and Thurland et al', 2 Will. Rep. 506.*

—In the Case of *Stonehouse and Evelyn, East. 1734.* in proving a Will disposing of a *real Estate*, the Proof was full that the three subscribing Witnesses did subscribe their Names in the Presence of the Testatrix; but one of them said, he did not see the Testatrix sign, but that she owned, at the same Time the Witnesses subscribed, that the Name signed to the Will was her own Hand Writing. Which Sir Joseph Jekyll held without all Doubt to be sufficient. *3 Will. Rep. 254.* And *ibid.* the Reporter says, that on his mentioning his Honour's Opinion above to Mr. Justice Fortescue Aland, he said it was the common Practice, and that he had twice or thrice ruled it so upon Evidence on the Circuit; and that it is sufficient if one of the three subscribing Witnesses swears the Testator acknowledged the Signing to be his own Hand Writing. And it is remarkable that the Statute of Frauds does not say that the Testator shall sign his Will in the Presence of three Witnesses, but requires these three Things: First, That the Will should be in Writing. Secondly, That it should be signed by the Testator. And, Thirdly, That it should be subscribed by three Witnesses in the Presence of the Testator.

16. In Ejectment by the Heir at Law, the Question for the Opinion of the Court was, Whether it should be left to a Jury to determine, whether, the Witnesses to a Will (*being all dead*) set their Names in the Presence of the Testator, and this merely upon Circumstances, without any positive Proof? *Per Cur'*, This is a Matter fit to be left to a Jury, which is all that is referred to the Court. The Witnesses by the Statute of Frauds ought to set their Names as Witnesses in the Presence of the Testator, but it is not required by the Statute that this should be taken Notice of in the Subscription to the Will; and whether inserted or not, it must be proved; if inserted, it does not conclude but it may be proved *contra*, and the Verdict may find *contra*; then if not conclusive when inserted, the *Omission* does not conclude it was not so, and therefore must be proved by the best Proof the Nature of the Thing will admit.

In Case the Witnesses be dead, there cannot probably be any express Proof, since at the Execution of Wills few are present but Devisor and Witnesses; then, as in other Cases, the Proof must be circumstantial, and here are Circumstances; First, Three Witnesses have set their Names, and it must be intended they did it regularly. Secondly, One Witness was an Attorney of good Character, and may be presumed to understand what ought to be done, rather than the contrary. And there may be Circumstances to induce a Jury to believe that the Witnesses set their Hands in the Presence of the Testator, rather than the contrary; and it being a Matter of Fact, was proper to be left to them; as, whether Livery was given on a Feoffment, when no Livery is indorsed; whether a Deed was executed when only a Counterpart was produced, &c. And the Court was of Opinion that the Plaintiff ought to be nonsuited. *East. 9 Geo. 2. in C. B. Hands and James, Comyns's Rep. 531.*

17. A Will shall not be read on Proof of a Witness's Hand, unless there be positive Proof that he is dead. *Hil. 11 Geo. 2. in Scac', Bishop and Burton, Comyns's Rep. 614.*

18. Upon a Trial at Bar concerning the Execution of a Will, it did not appear upon the Face of it, that the Attestation of the Witnesses was made in the Presence of the Testator, which being objected to, a Case was cited where Lord Chief Justice *Eyre* held it a Matter proper to be left to a Jury, whether they believed it to be so done or not; and Mr. Justice *Chappel* cited a Case to the same Purpose, *quod Curia concessit*, and held it not necessary it should be inserted in the Will, that the Attestation was in the Presence of the Testator, tho' by the Statute it is necessary it should in Fact be so attested. *East. 12 Geo. 2. in B. R. Croft on the Demise of Dalby, and Pawlet, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (N. 9.) Ca. 4. P. 128.*

19. If a Copyholder, after Admittance, surrenders the Lands to the Use of his last Will, and by his last Will gives them to *A.* but the Will is not attested by any Witnesses, yet *A.* is well intitled to the Lands. *Per Lord Chancellor, East. 1740. Tuffnell and Page, Barnard. Rep. in Chan. 11, 12.*

And his Lordship said, that the Reason is, that the Party is in by the Surrender, and not by the Will, and therefore it is good, tho' there be no Witnesses at all; but that it is necessary that the Will be in Writing, and if it be so, it is sufficient, if it be signed by the Party; and so it is where a Person is intitled to the Trust of a Copyhold, tho' there were no Surrender at all to the Use of the Will, nor the Will attested by any Witness, yet it is sufficient to give the Trust of a Copyhold Estate. *Per his Lordship, ibid. 11, 12.*

(B) In what Cases a Devisee, &c. shall be admitted a Witness to prove the Will.

1. **B**Y the Act of the 25 Geo. 2. for avoiding and putting an End to certain Doubts and Questions, relating to the Attestation of Wills and Codicils, concerning real Estates; in that Part of Great Britain called England, and in his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America, it is enacted, That if any Person shall attest the Execution of any Will or Codicil, which shall be made after the 24 June 1752, to whom any beneficial Devise, Legacy, Estate, Interest, Gift, or Appointment of, or affecting any real or personal Estate, other than and except Charges on Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for Payment of any Debt Debts; and any Creditor,

whose Debt is so charged, hath attested, or shall attest the Execution of such Will or Codicil, such Creditor shall be admitted as a Witness to the Execution of such Will or Codicil, within the Intent of the said Act. That if any Person hath attested the Execution of any Will already made, or shall attest the Execution of any Will, &c. made on or before the 24 June 1752, to whom any Legacy is or shall be thereby given, whether charged upon Lands,

Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or not; and such Person, before he shall give his Testimony concerning the Execution of such Will, &c. shall have been paid, or have accepted or released, or shall have refused to accept such Legacy or Bequest, upon Tender made thereof; such Person shall be admitted as a Witness to the Execution of such Will, &c. within the Intent of the said Act. Provided, That in case of Tender and Refusal, such Legatee shall in no wise be intitled to such Legacy, but shall be barred from his Legacy; and in case of Acceptance, such Legatee shall retain his Legacy which shall have been so paid, satisfied, or accepted, notwithstanding such Will or Codicil shall afterwards be adjudged to be void. That in case a Legatee, &c. who hath attested the Execution already made, or which shall be made on or before 24 June 1752, shall die in the Testator's Life-time, or before he shall have received or released, or refused (on Tender) his Legacy, such Legatee shall be a legal Witness to the Execution of such Will, &c. within the Intent of the said Act of 29 Car. 2. Proviso, That the Credit of every such Witness, so attesting, &c. and all Circumstances relating thereto, shall be subject to the Consideration and Determination of the Court, and the Jury, before whom any such Witness shall be examined, or his Testimony or Attestation made use of; or of the Court of Equity, in which his Testimony or Attestation shall be made use of; in like Manner, as the Credit of Witnesses in other Cases ought to be considered of, and determined. No Person, to whom any beneficial Estate, Interest, Gift, or Appointment, shall be given or made, which is thereby enacted to be null and void, or who shall have refused to receive any such Legacy, on Tender as aforesaid, and who shall have been examined as a Witness concerning the Execution of such Will or Codicil, shall, after he shall have been so examined, demand or take Possession of, or receive, any Profits or Benefit of or from any such Estate, &c. given by any such Will or Codicil; or demand, receive, or accept from any Person, any such Legacy or Bequest, or any Satisfaction or Compensation for the same, in any Manner, or under any Colour or Pretence whatsoever. This Act not to extend to the Case of any Heir at Law, or of any Devisee in a prior Will or Codicil of the same Testator, executed and attested according to the Act of the 29 Car. 2. or any Person claiming under them respectively, who has been in quiet Possession for two Years next preceding the 6th of May 1751, as to such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whereof he has been in quiet Possession as aforesaid. This Act not to extend to any Will or Codicil, the Validity or due Execution whereof hath been contested in Law or Equity by the Heir of such Devisor, or the Devisee in any such prior Will or Codicil, for recovering the Lands, &c. mentioned to be devised in any Will or Codicil so contested, or any Part thereof, or for obtaining any other Judgment or Decree relative thereto, on or before the said 6th of May 1751, and which has been already determined in favour of such Heir at Law, or Devisee in such prior Will or Codicil, or any Person claiming under them respectively, or which is still depending, and has been prosecuted with due Diligence; but the Validity of every such Will or Codicil, and the Competency of the Witnesses thereto, shall be adjudged and determined in the same Manner as if this Act had never been made. No Possession of any Heir at Law, or Devisee in such prior Will or Codicil as aforesaid, or of any Person claiming under them respectively, which is consistent with, or may be warranted by or under, any Will or Codicil attested according to the Intent of this Act, or where the Estate descended or might have descended, to such Heir at Law, till a future or executory Devise, by Virtue of any Will or Codicil attested according to this Act, should or might take Effect, shall be deemed to be a Possession within the Intent of the Clause herein last contained. This Act shall extend to such of the British Colonies in America where the 29 Car. 2. is by Act of Assembly made, or by Usage received as Law, or where by Act of Assembly or Usage, the Attestation and Subscription of a Witness or Witnesses are made necessary to Devises of Lands, &c. and shall have the same Force and Effect in the Construction of, or for the avoiding of Doubts upon, the said Acts of Assembly, and Laws of the said Colonies, as the same ought to have in the Construction of, or for the avoiding of Doubts upon the said Act in England. Provided always, That as to Cases arising in any of the said Colonies, no such Devise, Legacy, or Bequest as aforesaid, shall be made null and void, by Virtue of this Act, unless the Will or Codicil whereby such Devise, &c. shall be given, shall be made after 1 March 1753. — Note; The above was intended to have been inserted as Matter, and not by way of Note.

(C) In what Cases the Court will set aside a Will for Fraud, (a) &c.

(a) *Jekyll* Ld. Commissioner

took a Difference between a Will and a Deed gained upon a weak Man, and upon a Misrepresentation or Fraud; for if a Will be gained from such by false Misrepresentation, this is not Reason sufficient to set it aside in Equity, as was determined in the late Duke of Newcastle's Will betwixt Lord Thanet and Lord Clare, and in the Case of *Bodvil* and *Roberts*; but where a Deed, which is not revocable as a Will is, is so gained from such a Person, and without any valuable Consideration, the same ought to be set aside in Equity. 2 Will. Rep. 270. East. 1725. in the Case of *James* and *Greaves*.

1. WILL obtained in *Extremis*, and upon Importunity of Testator's Wife, his Hand being guided in the Writing of his Name, set aside. 15 May 1711. *Money* and *Brown*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. 2.) Ca. 7. P. 167.

2. *A.* by Will had devised his Lands to *M.* his Mother in Fee; *M.* was afterwards told by *J. S.* that this Will would not be good, but ought to be *guarded* (as he called it) and that he would make another Will for *A.* which he would take Care should be *sufficiently guarded*. *J. S.* afterwards drew a Will, by which *A.* thereby gave the Land to *M.* for Life only, Remainder to *J. S.* in Fee. Upon a Bill to establish the first Will, because of the ill Practices used in obtaining the After-Will, Lord Chan. Cowper directed an Issue in *Middlesex*, where the Will was made, (tho' the Lands lay in *Shropshire*) to try whether the Will by which the Lands in Fee were devised to *M.* was the last Will of *A.* Mich. 1715. *Goss and Tracy*, 1 Will. Rep. 287, 289.

effectually guarded, and accordingly he had made another Will for *A.* whereby the Estate had been devised to *M.* for Life only, Remainder to *J. S.* in Fee, this would be a good Will in Law, if attested pursuant to the Statute of Frauds, but would be set aside in Equity for the Fraud; but as to the Evidence of the Testator's being *non Compos* when he made his second Will, that is to be tried at Law. Per Lord Chancellor, *ibid.* 288.—A Will, tho' good at Law, may yet be set aside in Equity for Fraud (a); as if *A.* should agree to give *B.* Bank Bills to the Amount of 1000*l.* in Consideration that *B.* would make his Will, and thereby devise his Land to *A.* and accordingly *B.* does make his Will, and *A.* gives *B.* the Bank Bills, which prove to be forged; this, tho' a good Will at Law, shall nevertheless be avoided in Equity by *A.*'s Heir for a Fraud. Per Lord Chancellor, *ibid.*—2 Vern. Rep. 699. (a) See in 1 Chan. Rep. 12, 66. Instances of a Will of Land being set aside in Equity for Fraud.

3. A Will shall have Relation only to the Testator's Death, and not to the Making, for 'till his Death he is Master of his own Will, and therefore a Will of a Papist in Ireland was held to be avoided by a subsequent Statute made in that Kingdom, which enacts, that the Lands of Papists there shall not be deviseable, but descend in Gavelkind. Jan. 28, 1717. *Burk and Morgan*, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (H. b.) Ca. 7. P. 273.

4. Bill to be relieved against a Will obtained by Fraud and Imposition, upon this Case. The Plaintiff's Son had made a Will in Jan. 1716, and thereby devised all his real and personal Estate to Plaintiff his Father, but falling ill soon after at a great Distance from his Father of a Consumption, of which he died, Defendant persuaded him to make a new Will, some short Time before his Death, whereby he devised all his real and personal Estate to Defendant, (being his Kinsman) Upon Trust to pay his Debts and Legacies, but says nothing of the Residuum, but there is the general Clause of revoking all former Wills, &c. There were several Witnesses to prove an Imposition and Contrivance, and false Suggestions to induce the Testator to make this new Will, sufficient to satisfy the Court that it was unfairly obtained, but the Will was regularly signed, sealed and published, according to the Statute 29 Car. 2. and so a good Will at Law. Lord Chan. Parker, after having taken Time to consider of it, decreed (as Mr. Viner says he heard) Defendant to account for the personal Estate, having just Allowances, &c. and to convey the real Estate to Plaintiff, subject to the Payment of the Testator's Debts, as a Trustee for the Plaintiff. Mich. 5 Geo. 1. *Bransby and Keridge et al'*, in Canc', Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. 2.) Ca. 11. P. 167.

5. A Bill was brought to set aside a Will of a personal Estate, and to stay the Probate, upon a Suggestion of its being obtained by Fraud, and the Defendant demurred to the Jurisdiction of the Chancery, whereupon an Injunction was moved for, insisting that the Demurrer confessed the Fraud, and that Fraud was cognizable in Equity as well as in the Spiritual Court; but Injunction denied. Trin. 1725. *Stephenson and Gardiner*, 2 Will. Rep. 286.

way of Allegation touching the same, and if the Will was falsely read to the Testatrix, then it was not her Will. *Ibid.*

6. Where

Will set aside after forty Years Possession under it, upon account of the *Infanity of the Devisor*, and *altho' in Prejudice of a Purchaser*. Feb. 24, 1726. *Squire and Persball, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Z. 2.) Ca. 13.*

6. Where a Bill is brought to prove a Will of Land, the Sanity of the Testator must be proved; otherwise in Case of a Deed of Trust to sell for Payment of Debts. *Hil. 1730. Harris and Ingledew, 3 Will. Rep. 93.*

(D) Of the Republication of a Will.

J. S. by Will, dated 25 Mar. 1700, devised all his Lands to A. his Nephew and his Heirs, and directed that he should take the Surname of Lytton, and his personal Estate he devised to Dame Ruffel his Sister, and said A. and made them Executors. Afterwards J. S. purchased the Equity of Redemption of some Mortgages in Fee, which were mortgaged to him before he made his Will, and 13 Jan. 1704 by a Codicil attested by three Witnesses, he says, I make this Codicil, which I will shall be added to, and be Part of my last Will which I have formerly made.

1. *J. S. by Will, dated 17 Jan. 1711, devised to M. his Wife 1000 l. per Annum for her Life, to issue out of his real Estate, his Capital Messuage in H. &c. To his Sister E. 200 l. per Annum for her Life; and 1000 l. to L. her Daughter for her Portion; and after other Legacies, he devised the Residue of his real and personal Estate to A. B. C. D. and F. and their Heirs, Executors and Administrators, On Trust to vest the Residue of his personal Estate in Lands of Inheritance, and that his Trustees should stand seised and possessed of his real and personal Estate to the Uses of his Will during his Wife's Life, and after her Decease, if he should die without Issue, to the Intent that his Freehold and Leasehold Estate, and the Lands to be purchased should be settled to the Use of the Defendant G. for ninety-nine Years. Then to his first and other Sons in Tail Male, &c. J. S. purchased several Fee-farm Rents, Assart Rents and other Lands and Tenements; and then by a Codicil 2 Feb. 1720, being two Days before his Death, he recites, That he made a Will, dated 17 Jan. 1711, and then says, I hereby ratify and confirm the said Will, except in the Alterations hereafter mentioned. The Portion to my Niece L. shall be made up 6000 l. and what I have given to my Sister and Niece shall be accepted by them in Satisfaction of all they may claim out of my real and personal Estate, and on Condition they release all Right, &c. to my Executors and Trustees in my Will named; and thus having provided for my Sister and Niece, I devise all the Lands by me purchased since my Will to my Trustees and Executors in my Will named, to the same Uses and subject to the same Trusts to which I have mentioned to devise the Manor of H. and the Bulk of my Estate; and I revoke that Part of my Will whereby I appoint A. B. and C. three of my Trustees in my Will, and I desire K. and N. to be two of my Trustees, and devise my said real Estate to them accordingly. Lord Chan. Macclesfield 20 Nov. 1723 decreed that the Will was confirmed by the Codicil; that J. S. signing and publishing his Codicil in the Presence of three Witnesses was a Republication*

And Lord Chan. Cowper, assisted by Sir John Trevor Master of the Rolls, and Lord Chief Justice Trevor, and Tracy J. 16 June 1708, decreed that this was not a Republication; for since the Statute 29 Car. 2. there can be no Devise of Lands by an implied Republication, for the Paper in which a Devise of Lands is contained, ought to be re-executed in the Presence of three Witnesses. Cited *arg'* in the Case of *Acherly and Vernon*, as the Case of *Lytton and Viscountess Falkland*, vide *Comyns's Rep. 383.*—A. by Will dated 11 Oct. 1684 only executed, took Notice that his Lands were settled upon his Sons B. and C. in Tail Male, and then devised in these Words: "In Case my Sons shall have no Issue Male, then, for the Preservation of my Name and Family, I devise my said Lands unto my Brother G. and the Heirs Male of his Body issuing." G. died in the Life of the Testator, having Issue a Son, then Lord *Lansdown*, by which the Devise to G. in Tail Male lapsed. 15 Aug. 1701 the Testator sent for seven Persons, and said, "I sent for you to be Witnesses to my Will, and sometimes to be Witnesses to the Republication of my Will;" and then took a Codicil dated same Day in one Hand, and the Will in the other, and said, "This is my Will whereby I have settled my Estate, and I publish this Codicil as Part thereof;" and then signed the Codicil which lay upon the Table with the Will in the Presence of the Witnesses, who subscribed it in his Presence. By this Codicil he devised in these Words: "Whereas I heretofore made my Will, dated 11 Oct. 1684, which I do not intend wholly to revoke, but in regard to the many Accidents and Alterations to my Family and Estate, I by this Codicil, which I appoint to be taken as Part of my Will, devise as follows;" and then devised several Manors, &c. to his Son B. in Fee, and 100 l. per Annum to his Nephew, then Lord *Lansdown*, for Life. He then put the Will and Codicil together in

Republication of his Will, and both together made but one (a) Will; and by the said Will and Codicil his Fee-farm Rents, Assart Rents and Lands, contracted to be purchased, and all his real and personal Estate (except the Copyhold purchased before his Will) did well pass. On Appeal to the Lords, the Decree was affirmed. *Acherly and Vernon, Comyns's Rep.* 381.

in a Sheet of Paper, and sealed them up in the Presence of the same Witnesses; but the Will was not un-

folded in their Presence, nor did any of them write their Names as Witnesses, on or under the Will, or on the same Paper, but on the Codicil only. And *Parker Ch. J.* and the whole Court held this no Republication, for since the Statute 29 Car. 2. there shall be no Republication by Implication; but the Will must be re-executed, otherwise a Devise of Lands shall not be good. *Hil. 11 Ann.* cites it as the Case of *Penbroke and Lord Lansdown et al'*, *Comyns's Rep.* 384. *Vide Lucas's Rep.* 96.——Since the 29 Car. 2. the same Forms are necessary to the *republicing* a Will as to the first making. Resolved *per Lord Chan. Cowper, Trevor Ch. J.* and *Tracy J.* *Vide Lucas's Rep.* 98.

(a) *Vide Fortescue's Rep.* 192, 193.

(E) Of Revocations, &c.

In every Revocation three

Things are required, First, That the Devisor should expressly declare his Mind that his Will should be revoked. Secondly, That the Estate devised ought to be altered, which is an implied Revocation. Thirdly, That the Thing devised be altered. *Mich. 4 Ann.* in *C. B. Sir Richard Templeman's Case, MS. Rep.*——If the latter Part of a Will is inconsistent with the former Part of it, it supercedes and revokes it. *Per Reynolds C. B.* and *Comyns and Thompson, Barons, in Scac', Hil. 4 Geo. 2. obiter. Fitz-Gibb.* 195.

1. Defendant's Testator by his Will gave his four Daughters 600*l.* apiece, and afterwards married his eldest Daughter to the Plaintiff, and gave her 700*l.* Portion; after that he makes a *Codicil*, and gives 100*l.* apiece to his unmarried Daughters, and *thereby ratifies and confirms his Will*, and dies. Plaintiff preferred his Bill for the Legacy of 600*l.* given to his Wife by the said Will. And his Honour held, that the Portion given by the Testator in his Life-time should be intended in Satisfaction of the Legacy. *Mich. 1698. Irod and Hurst,* 2 *Freem. Rep.* 224.

It was agreed to be the constant Rule of this Court, that where a Legacy was given to a Child, who afterwards, upon Marriage or otherwise, had the like or greater

Sum, it should be intended in Satisfaction of the Legacy, unless the Testator should declare his Intent to be otherwise; and it was said *the Words of ratifying and confirming* do not alter the Case, tho' they amount to a *new Publication*, being only Words of Form, and declare nothing of the Testator's Intent in this Matter. *Ibid.*

2. *J. S.* had four Daughters, *A. B. C.* and *D.* and by his Will devised to *A.* 1000*l.* and by the same Will devised to them 1500*l.* apiece for their Portions, which last Sums of 1500*l.* were to be raised out of a real Estate devised by his Will for that Purpose. *A.* marries in *J. S.*'s Life-time, and *J. S.* gave her 4000*l.* Portion. And *per Lord Keep. Wright*, This 4000*l.* Portion must be taken to be a Satisfaction of the 1500*l.* given *A.* by the Will for her Portion, and a Revocation of the Will *pro tanto*, but as to the 1000*l.* that being a general Legacy, *A.* must have that notwithstanding the 4000*l.* given her for her Portion. *Hil. 1701. Ward and Lant, Prec. in Chan.* 183.

3. *J. S.* devised Lands in *S.* to *A.* his Son for ninety-nine Years, determinable upon three Lives, and by his Will charges the said Lands with an Annuity of 40*l.* *per Annum* to his Daughter *M.* and afterwards devises the same Lands for ninety-nine Years, determinable upon three other Lives, reserving 50*l.* a Year Rent; this is, during the Continuance of the Lease, a Revocation, but it is no Revocation as to the 40*l.* *per Annum* Annuity, there being Rent enough reserved to satisfy that. *Feb. 14, 1706. Parker and Lamb, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (R. 2.) Ca. 16. P.* 140.

4. *J. S.* by Will (*int' al'*) devises to *B.* his younger Son 750*l.* and afterwards buys him a Cornet of Horse's Commission, and paid 650*l.* for it, and it was proved he intended this 650*l.* should be discounted out of the Legacy, and that he would strike so much out of the

Will, as soon as the Accounts came to *London* to him, but died before they came, without altering his Will. Decreed that the Money paid for the said Commission shall go in Diminution of the Legacy, and be taken in Payment and Satisfaction of so much. *Mich. 1706. Hoskins and Hoskins, Prec. in Chan. 263.*

5. If a Man devises Lands, and afterwards mortgages the same for Years, and then levies a Fine *sur Conuſance de Droit come ceo, &c.* and not a Fine *sur Conceſſit*, this will be a Revocation; but if there had been a Fine *sur Conceſſit*, it had revoked only *pro tanto*. *Per Cowper C. Eaſt. 6 Ann. Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (P) Ca. 10. P. 136.*

His Honour mentioned the Case of Lord Guernsey, who married a Daughter of Sir John Banks, with whom he had a considerable Fortune in Land. Afterwards Sir

John builds a House upon the Land, and being a Merchant, makes an Entry, *Lord Guernsey Debtor so much for building the House*, and then makes his Will, and devises the Residue of his Estate to his two Daughters; and yet it was held that this House should fall into the Lump of the Fortune given to the Lady Guernsey. *Ibid.*

6. *A.* by Will gives his Children several Legacies, and to his eldest Son 2000*l.* Afterwards he gives him 400*l.* to go to *Italy*, and being a Merchant, enters on the Debtor Side of his Book, *my Son Debtor* 400*l.* Then by a *Codicil*, having taken an Account of his Estate, and finding it would not answer all the Legacies, he retrenches 400*l.* out of each of the younger Children's Legacies, without taking any Notice of the eldest Son or his 400*l.* His Honour decreed the whole 2000*l.* to the eldest Son. *Trin. 1710. Bird and Hooper, Prec. in Chan. 298.*

7. *A.* in Dec. 1715 makes his Will, and signs, seals and publishes it in the Presence of four Witnesses, who attest and subscribe the same in his Presence, and thereby gives to *H. P.* his Son, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever, his Lands, &c. The 2d of Jan. following he orders one *O.* to make an Alteration in his Will, and *interlines* these Words: *I give unto my Wife A. P. and her Assigns, my Lands in W. for her Life, and after her Decease to my Son H. and his Heirs.* The Will is read to the Testator, and he approves of it, with the Interlineation. He put his Seal upon the Wax in the Presence of three of the same Witnesses, but does not write his Name *de Novo*, neither do the Witnesses subscribe theirs *de Novo*. *Quære*, Whether this was a good Devise to *A. P.* for her Life? The Doubt was chiefly upon the 29 *Car. 2.* whether this Alteration was not a Revocation within the Statute. Every Bequest is to continue in Force until the same be burnt, &c. by the Testator or his Direction, in his Presence, or unless the same be altered by some other Will or other Writing of the Devisor, signed in the Presence of three or four Witnesses, declaring the same. If the Will be signed it may be in any Part; and *per Parker and Eyre*, the putting a Seal is a good Signing; for *per Parker Ch. J.* the Intention of the Parties signing it, and the Witnesses attesting, is only that the Witnesses may know it again. This Act is fully penned, and is not to be expounded away. *Per Powis*, Here is no Danger of *Fraud* or *Perjury*; here is a new Devise, and not only an Alteration. *Per Eyre*, Every Thing is right, save the new Subscribing by the Witnesses; the Case of *Lee and Libb*, in *Show. 68, 69.* is right; no Body can say this new Bequest was signed in the Presence of the Testator. *Per Eyre and Parker*, There must be more than a bare Revocation. It must be signed in the Presence of (three) Witnesses. The Altering a Will must be understood of a Revoking, *i. e.* an Alteration by Revocation. The latter implies of the whole Will, the former of any Part, otherwise this Altering will clash with the former Clause; so that if the Testator revokes the Whole or Part, it shall be by Will or Writing signed in the Presence of Witnesses, but *they are not obliged to subscribe*. *Per Eyre*, Is (if) *H. P.* had been here found Heir at Law, then *A.* the Lessor

of the Plaintiff might have been helped; for if this be an Alteration, so as *H.* is not to have the Lands 'till after *A.*'s Death, she will have an Estate by Operation and Implication of Law. *East. 10 Ann. Townsend and Pearce, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (R. 4.) Ca. 3. P. 142.*

8. Devise of Lands to *A.* and afterwards the Devisor devises the same Lands to *B.* who was a Papist; both Devises are void; for tho' the last is void as a Will, yet it is good as a Revocation. *July 11, 1713. Roper and Constable, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (R. 3.) Note to Ca. 2. P. 141.*

9. A subsequent Devise to a Person *incapable* of taking is a Revocation of a precedent Devise to a Person capable. This was approved by the Counsel on both Sides as good Law. *East. 13 Ann. in Dom. Proc', in the Case of Roper and Radcliffe, Lucas's Rep. 233.*

10. Devise of a Term carved out of an Inheritance for ninety-nine Years before the Statute of 3 & 4 *W. & M. cap. 14.* of fraudulent Devises, *In Trust to pay 14l. per Annum to his Grand Daughter for Life*; and after the making this Will, the Devisor mortgaged this Land for five hundred Years, (which is a Revocation in Law for the Term, but the Devisee has an Equity to redeem the Mortgage); the Mortgagee assigns over the Mortgage to the Plaintiff, who was a Creditor by Bond to the Testator, and the Reversion in Fee descended to the Testator's Heir at Law. *Per Cowper C. The Mortgage is a Revocation pro tanto of the Devise of the Annuity, and she must keep down the Interest, or pay a third Part of the Redemption; but being a Devisee, she may redeem the Mortgage without paying the Bond. East. 2 Geo. Saunders and Hawkins, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Y) Ca. 2.*

11. *A.* devises Lands to an Executor for Payment of Debts, and recites that a particular Schedule of them was annexed to the Will, Remainder over. Afterwards he mortgages Part of the same Lands, and pays most of the Schedule Debts with the Money. Decreed that this Mortgage is not a Revocation neither in all nor Part, and that the Will ought to extend to all the Debts that should be owing at the Time of his Death, and not to the Schedule Debts only; and that the Mortgage was only a Security, and not an Appointment how it should be made. But this Decree was reversed, but without Prejudice to the Heir at Law. *21 May 1717. Bernardiston and Carter, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (R. 6.) Ca. 25. P. 147.*

12. *J. S.* having four Daughters, *A. B. C.* and *D.* in 1705 by Will devises several Parcels of his Estate severally to his four Daughters, and int' al' he devises to Trustees all his Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in *E.* and *F.* or either of them, or near thereto adjoining, *In Trust for A. until her Marriage or Death, and in Case she marries with the Consent of her Trustees, then for her and her Heirs, or for such Person as she should appoint, &c. but in Case she should marry without Consent of her Trustees, and forfeit her Estate, then to her other Sisters equally between them, &c.* In 1708 the Plaintiff *Clarke* married *A.* with the Consent of *J. S.* and he settles upon the Marriage (his Wife joining with him, who had these Lands in Jointure) Part of these Lands devised to her by his Will after the Death of her Mother, and also 7l. per Annum in Fee-Farm Rent, which was doubtful if it passed by the Will or not. In 1709 *J. S.* died, without altering the Will. (Note; *J. S.* in a Letter to *Clarke* upon the Treaty of Marriage, declares, what he will give him with his Daughter in Present, and

For per Lord Chancellor, Conditions of this Kind, be the Conditions precedent or subsequent, are in Nature of Penalties and Forfeitures, and if the substantial Part and Intent be performed, Equity should supply small Defects, and favour the Devisee; and his Lordship observed that it was admitted that here was no Forfeiture,

ture, and said, should he take away the Estate from the first Devisee, when it cannot go to the Devisee over, only to let it descend to the Heirs at Law, which certainly was never the Intent of the Testator? The second

Question

Question in this Case was, If the Father giving and settling upon A.'s Marriage Part of the Lands devised to her by the Will precedent to the Marriage, be a Revocation of the whole Devise to her, or only *pro tanto* as was settled on her upon the Marriage? And Lord Chancellor held that the Lands settled by the Father upon the Marriage of A. is a Revocation only *pro tanto* of the Lands devised to her, and not of the whole Devise; for implied Revocations ought to be plain and certain, and the Inconsistency most apparent, which is not so in this Case; for why may not the Father give his Daughter all these Lands at his Death, tho' it was not proper for him to part with them all in his Life-time; tho' he gave Part by Deed, why may he not give her the rest by Will? Decreed for Plaintiff the Wife for all the Lands devised to her by the Will. *Ibid.*—2 Vern. 720. *Clarke and Berkley et al'*, S. C. decreed *accord'*, and the Father's Consent more to be regarded than any Consent of the Trustees to whom the Father had delegated a Power to consent in Case of Marriage after his Decease.

13. Lands devised to one in Fee, and afterwards mortgaged to the same Devisee, is a Revocation *in toto*, being inconsistent with the Devise; tho' agreed, if the Mortgage had been to a Stranger, it had been a Revocation *quoad* the Mortgage only. Decreed *per* Lord Macclesfield, *East*. 1719. *Harkness and Bayley*, *Prec. in Chan.* 514.

Prec. in Chan. 541. S. C. states it thus: 14. J. S. by Will gives his Daughter 500 *l.* for her Portion, and afterwards marries her to A. and gives her 300 *l.* for her Portion in Marriage, and lived four Years after without revoking his Will. Afterwards the Husband is a Bankrupt, and the Assignees brought a Bill against the Father's Executor for the 500 *l.* or at least to recover 200 *l.* to make up the Portion *tantamount* to the 500 *l.* Legacy. Lord Chan. Parker with great Clearness held, that giving a Daughter a Portion by Will, and afterwards a Portion in Marriage, is by the Law of all other Nations as well as *Great Britain*, a Revocation of the Portion given by the Will; and dismissed the Bill with Costs. *Mich.* 1720. *Hartop and Whitmore*, 1 *Will. Rep.* 681.

and Mother, married without the Consent of either of them; but the Father was afterwards prevailed on to give her 200 *l.* and died without altering his Will. M.'s Husband afterwards becoming a Bankrupt, his Assignees brought a Bill to have the 300 *l.* or at least the 200 *l.* given M. by her Father's Will; but the Bill was dismissed, for that the 200 *l.* given by the Father in his Life-time was a Satisfaction of the Legacy, and a Revocation of the Will as to that Portion, and the 300 *l.* was to take Place on her marrying with her Mother's Consent, which could only be intended after the Father's Death, and consequently the Legacy never became due at all.

15. Testatrix having three Daughters, A. E. and M. by Will devised 1000 *l.* to A. 800 *l.* to E. and 500 *l.* to M. After this Will was made, Plaintiff courted A. and upon a Treaty of Marriage, Testatrix gave a Note for 500 *l.* payable within six Months after the Marriage to Plaintiff, in Augmentation of her Daughter's Portion left her by her Father; and the next Day the Marriage was had; and upon the same Day the Testatrix was taken ill, and died six Days after, without altering or making a new Will; but she did declare, that she did intend that her Daughter A. should have but 1000 *l.* from her, and that now since she had given her this 500 *l.* she must alter her Will; and sent for an Attorney to do it, but when he came she was light-headed, and died soon after. And it was said by the Defendants the Executors, that the Testatrix's Assets were not sufficient to pay Plaintiff the 500 *l.* upon the Note and the 1000 *l.* Legacy, and likewise the Legacy left to the two other Daughters. And two Points were made; First, If this 500 *l.* Note shall be taken in Part of Satisfaction of the 1000 *l.* Legacy. Secondly, If *parol* Evidence shall be admitted to prove the Intent of the Testatrix? And *per* Lord Chan. Parker: Circumstances of the Testatrix and her Family may be given in Evidence to expound the Will, but not any *parol* Declarations

Declarations to explain the Words of the Will, or controul it: That in this Case there is no Doubt upon the Words of the Will, but the Question is, If the Testatrix has not advanced Part of the Legacy in her Life-time upon the Marriage of her Daughter? And the Evidence is only as to the Satisfaction; and thereupon his *Lordship* admitted the Evidence to be read. The *Master* to see if Assets sufficient to pay all the Legacies, and upon Report the Court to determine as to the *Quantum* due to the Plaintiff. *Hil. 9 Geo. Pepper et Ux' and Winyeve et al', Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (Y. 2.) Ca. 10. P. 158.*

16. J. S. devised to M. his Wife six Houses in Bar of Dower, and subject to his Legacies he devised [the rest of] his real and personal Estate to his two Daughters, and their Heirs, in Moieties; and afterwards in Consideration of the Marriage of A. his eldest Daughter with B. J. S. by Marriage Articles covenants to settle one Moiety of his real Estate to the Use of himself for Life, Remainder to the Use of said B. and A. his intended Wife for their Lives, Remainder to the younger Children of the Marriage in Tail general, Remainder to said B. in Fee; and also covenanted that he would stand possessed of one Moiety of all such personal Estate as he should leave at his Death, (subject only to his Debts and such Legacies as should amount to 5000*l.*) In Trust for B. and his said intended Wife for their Lives, and afterwards to be paid to their younger Children. Lord Chan. King held that tho' this was but a Covenant, and therefore at Law no Revocation of the Will by which the Testator had disposed of his real Estate, yet that the same being for a *valuable Consideration*, was in Equity tantamount to a Conveyance, and consequently in Equity a Revocation of the Will as to the Moiety of the six Houses devised to the Testator's Wife, so that B. was intitled to one clear Moiety of the real Estate, and to an Account of the Rents, &c. thereof from J. S.'s Death; but as to the six Houses devised to the Testator's Wife, it being his Intent that she should have them, the Court held that she should have a Satisfaction out of the remaining Moiety, and that the Wife should not suffer by the Marriage Articles, there being enough out of the other Moiety to supply and satisfy the Devise of the six Houses to her. Therefore as to the other Moiety of the real Estate, it was decreed that the Testator's Widow was to have for her Life six Houses, Part thereof, and the Residue of such Moiety subject to the Wife's Estate for Life in the six Houses, to be divided between the two Daughters equally. *Hil. 1725. Rider and Wager, 2 Will. Rep. 328.*

And his Lordship thought this Case the stronger, because after the Marriage Articles entered into, J. S. had executed a Codicil confirming his Will subject to the Articles, which Confirmation was a *Republication* of his Will, and as if he had wrote it over again, or had afterwards, for a valuable Consideration, assigned over a Moiety of his real and personal Estate to his eldest Daughter by which the said Moiety thus disposed of did no longer continue any Part of J. S.'s Estate, so that the Testator afterwards by devising a

Moiety of his real and personal Estate, must be intended to have meant the remaining Moiety only, and to have divided that Moiety into Moieties. *Ibid. 334.* Note; After the making of the Will and Codicil, the Testator and his Wife by Lease and Release and Fine mortgaged the Premises, and it was urged that this was a *Revocation of the Will*; but per Lord Chancellor, It can only be a Revocation *pro tanto.* *Ibid. 334.*

17. J. S. on his Marriage with F.'s Daughter, settled 500*l.* per Annum on her; he after surrendered some Copyhold Estates to the Use of his Will which he made, and gave the Copyhold to his Wife. Afterwards J. S. (on the Death of his Wife's Father) became intitled to 1500*l.* in right of his Wife; then J. S. levied a Fine, and made a new Settlement, and increased her Jointure 300*l.* per Annum, but never altered his Will. And per Lord Chancellor, The Settlement is a Revocation of the Will, for such Lands as are not comprised in it; but the Copyhold is not, and therefore passes by the Will. *Trin. 1725. Lannoy and Lannoy, Select Cases in Chan. 48.*

18. J. S. in 1699 leaves to A. 8784*l.* In Trust to be by her invested in Lands, and to settle the same on herself for Life, Remainder to the Heirs of B. A Decree was had against A. to lay out the Money in Lands, and to settle the same according to J. S.'s Will.

A. purchases Land to the Value of 3300*l.* and devises those Lands to *G.* (who was Heir at Law to *B.*) and her Heirs, and gives several Legacies, which could not be paid if the Devise were not to be taken as Part Satisfaction; and for that Reason it was so decreed. *Per Lord Chan.*

King, Mich. 1726. Gibson and Scudamore, Select Cases in Chan. 63.

3 *Will. Rep.*
169. by way
of Note, cites
S.C. and says,
the Judge's
Certificate
appears to
be so by
the Register's
Book; with
which Lord
Chan. *King*
concurred,
and ordered
that the several
Trusts in
A.'s Will
should be
established;
but adds, that
if *A.* devises
Lands and
levies a Fine,
and the Caption
and Deed of Uses
are before the Will,
but the Writ of
Covenant is returnable
after the Will,
this seems a Revocation;
because a Fine operates
as such from the Return
of the Writ of Covenant,
and not from the Caption.
—See *Salk. 341. Lloyd and The Lord Say and Seal*; and yet this an hard Case,
since by the Caption the Party Conusor does all his Part, and the rest is only the Act of the Clerk or his
Attorney, without any particular Instructions from the Party.

19. *A.* and *B.* were Tenants in Common of Lands in Fee. *A.* by Will dated 25 Jan. 1719. devises her Moiety of the said Lands unto Trustees and their Heirs, Upon Trust to sell the same for the Purposes therein mentioned; afterwards *A.* and *B.* made Partition by Deed, dated 16 May 1722, and a Fine was levied, and the Uses were declared to be as to one Moiety in Severalty to *A.* in Fee, and as to the other Moiety in Severalty to *B.* in Fee. In 1724 *A.* died without revoking or altering her said Will, leaving *J. S.* her only Son. Lord Chancellor declared that the Will was well proved, but referred it to the Judges of *B. R.* whether the Deed of 16 May 1722 and the Fine levied pursuant thereto was not a Revocation of the Will. And Raymond Ch. J. Page, Probyn and Lee Justices, certified their Opinions to be, that the Will was not revoked by this Deed and Fine, and that *A.*'s Share of the Lands contained in this Deed and Fine do pass by the Will. April (9th) 1730. *Luther and Kirby, Vin. Abr. Tit. Devise, (R. 6.) Ca. 30. P. 148.*

Fitz. Gibb. Rep. 207.
S.C. And as
to the Inter-
lineation, Lord
Chancellor
said, that the
Party that put
it in, thought
it would be of
some Use or
other, and it
could be of
no Use but to
give *A.* an
unlimited
Power over
the Estate;
and as *A.*'s
Intention was
to reserve such
a Power, his
Lordship said
he would not
abridge it.
Ibid. 223.

20. *A.* being seised in Fee settled his Estate by Lease and Release in 1712 to the Uses therein after specified, with Liberty nevertheless at his Will and Pleasure to dispose of, change, or alienate the said Estate, or any Part thereof, for any Estate or Estates whatsoever as he should think fit, and to revoke all and every the Uses thereby limited, and then declares the Uses to himself for Life, with several other Remainders, and a Remainder to *D.* in (Fee) Tail. The said Deed contains the following Powers; First, *A* Power for *A.* by any Deed or Writing signed, sealed and delivered in the Presence of two or more Witnesses, to demise, lease, limit or appoint the said Premises to any Person whatsoever for any Term or Terms whatsoever, and for so much yearly Rent as he should think fit. And that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *A.* at any Time during his natural Life, at his Will and Pleasure, to grant, sell or demise the said Premises, or any Part thereof; or by any Deed or Writing under his Hand and Seal, or by his last Will, &c. in Writing, signed, sealed, delivered and published in the Presence of three or more Witnesses, to revoke, repeal and make void, all and every, or any the Use and Uses, Estate and Estates, Trusts and Limitations before raised, and to declare or limit the same or such new Uses as should seem most meet to him; and then and from thenceforth the Estates before limited and so revoked, to cease, &c. And that the said *A.* may dispose of the same Premises, and every Part thereof, to such other Person and Uses as he shall think fit; any Thing, &c. to the contrary notwithstanding. The first Part of this Proviso, viz. to grant, sell or demise, appears inserted by Interlineation.—In 1715 *A.* by Lease and Release, reciting that he was indebted as specified in a Schedule annexed, conveyed his Estate to *W. R.* and *W. S.* and their Heirs, In Trust to pay the said Debts by the annual Profits, or Mortgage or Sale of the Premises, and after Payment thereof, to pay the Overplus, if any, and reconvey such Parts of the Premises as should remain unsold to the said *A.* or to such Person and Persons and to such Uses, &c. as *A.* by any Deed or Writing under his Hand and Seal, attested by

by two or more credible Witnesses, should limit, &c. This Release was attested by two Witnesses only. *A.* died without Issue. Lord Chancellor, assisted by Lord Chief Baron Reynolds and the Master of the Rolls, was of Opinion that *A.* intended to reserve an absolute Power over this Estate, and either to revoke it by an express Revocation, or by a Conveyance to different Uses, which are the two Kinds of Revocation, as is evident as well from the Preamble which is interwoven with the Consideration, of the Deed, as from the Proviso; and in Consequence of that Intention, it is reasonable to suppose he meant to have a Power to defeat it without taking any Notice of it, and if no Power had been reserved in the Body of the Deed, then would the Preamble have given a general Power. That a Conveyance to different Uses would have been a Revocation as effectual as an express Revocation, and that he thought any other Construction would be forced and unnatural. That if *A.* had stopped with the first Words of the Proviso, *viz. to grant, sell or demise*, he had reserved an absolute Power. Then come the Words, *or by any Deed or Writing*. Or is plainly a Disjunctive, introductory of a different Sentence, and a different Power, which is plain by the Words immediately following, *viz. and then the Uses so revoked and repealed*, refer to the express Power of Revocation. That if the second Part of the Clause, *or by any Deed or Writing, &c.* had been dropped, [and it had been] *or to repeal, &c.* it is plain they would be distinct Powers; and his Lordship asked, why those Words should alter the Case? That the Circumstance of *three Witnesses*, is only applicable to the express Revocation, but it neither goes to the first Power, nor to the general Power of Disposing at the End of the Clause, *viz. and that the said A. shall and may dispose, &c.* which is as much a distinct Power as can be, and is larger than the first, for by this he might give his Estate (Tail) by Will. That the express Power of Revocation could not by this Construction be thought *Nugatory*, for within the first Power he could not be re-instated in his former Estate without a Conveyance and Reconveyance; nor could he have devised it. But admitting it to be so, he thought a general Intention is not to be superseded because a subsequent Part of the Deed is Surplusage, and that the whole legal Estate passed to the Trustees by the Deed of 1715. Decreed 12 June 1730. *Fitzgerald and Lord Fauconberge, Lilly's Pract. Conv.* 390, 400. Affirmed in *Dom. Proc.*, 27 Feb. 1730.—1 *Ibid.* 402.

21. Tho' a Covenant or Articles do not at Law revoke a Will, yet if entered into for a valuable Consideration, amounting in Equity to

(a) a Conveyance, they must consequently be an equitable Revocation of a Will, or of any Writing in Nature thereof. A Woman's Marriage is (b) alone a Revocation of her Will. Per Lord Chan. King, Trin. 1731. in *Casu Cotton and Layer*, 2 Will. Rep. 624.

22. Tenant in Tail Remainder to himself in Fee, devises his Lands to *A.* and then suffers a Recovery to the Use of himself in Fee, and dies without Issue Male; this is a Revocation of the Will. Hil. 1732. *Marwood and Turner*, 3 Will. Rep. 163.

23. *J. S.* seised of a Lease for Lives, devises it; and afterwards *J. S.* surrenders the old Lease, and takes a new one to him and his Heirs for three Lives. Decreed by Lord Chan. King, that this Renewal of the Lease was a Revocation of the Will as to this Particular. Hil. 1732. *Marwood and Turner*, 3 Will. Rep. 166, 170.

the whole Interest; so that there being nothing left for the Devise to work upon, the Will must fall, and the new Purchase being of a Freehold descendible, could not pass by a Will made before such Purchase. Per his Lordship, who wondered, that this Case, which he said must have often happened, had not been before determined. *Ibid.* 171.

24. *A.*

24. *A.* 23d June 1729 made his Will, and executed two Duplicates thereof before three Witnesses, and made *B.* and *C.* (since deceased), Executors, and one of the Duplicates was delivered to *B.* *A.* died 2 Oct. 1730, and about three Weeks before his Death he made several Alterations and Obliterations with his own Hand in the Duplicate remaining in his own Custody, making a new Devise of his real Estate, and a new residuary Legatee and a new Executor, entirely striking out the Names of the first Devisees, residuary Legatee and Executors, and altered several of the former Legacies, and inserted or interlined new Legacies; and soon after wrote another Will with his own Hand, agreeable in a great Measure, but not altogether to the Will or Duplicate so altered, with Conclusion in these Words: “*In Witneſs whereof I the ſaid Teſtator have to each Sheet ſet my Hand, and to the Top where the Sheets are fixed together, my Hand and Seal, and to the laſt thereof my Hand and Seal, and to a Duplicate of the ſame Tenor and Date, this Day of 1730.*” But there was no Signing or Fixing together. Teſtator ſoon after began to write another Will, Word for Word with the laſt, ſo far as it goes, but went no farther than deviſing his Lands. Teſtator lived ſix Days after, and was in good Health, and might have finiſhed and executed both or either of the latter Wills if he had thought fit. Teſtator never ſent or called upon *B.* for the Duplicate of the firſt Will in his Hands, tho’ *B.* lived in Town. After the Death of Teſtator, all the Teſtamentary Papers or Schedules were found lying all in looſe and ſeparate Papers upon a Table in his Cloſet, not ſigned or executed, and the Duplicate of the firſt Will was found on the ſame Table altered and obliterated, (*ut ſupra*) with his Name and Seal thereto whole, and uncanceled. Sentence was given in the Prerogative Court for the Duplicate of the firſt Will in *B.*’s Hands, and confirmed upon Appeal to the Delegates, *viz.* Lord Raymond Ch. J. and Probyn J. Dr. Tindale and Dr. Brampton, (who were all the Delegates preſent) after four Days ſolemn Hearing; and upon a Commiſſion of Review (granted by Lord Chan. King upon the Petition of *Hyde* the Executor named in the new Will) was again affirmed by the Opinion of all the Delegates, (except Dr. Pinfold) *viz.* of the Judges Reynolds C. B. Page J. and Comyns B. and two Doctors of the Civil Law, chiefly on the Reaſon (as the Reporter ſays he heard) that the Teſtator did not intend an Inteſtacy, and by the Alterations and Obliterations in his own Duplicate of his firſt Will he appeared only to deſign a new Will, which as he never perfected, the firſt ought to ſtand, and Teſtator not calling for the Duplicate of the firſt Will in *B.*’s Hands, ſtrengthens the Preſumption of his Intent not abſolutely to deſtroy his firſt Will till he had perfected another, which he never did. 25 Nov. 1734. *Hide and Maſon, Vin. Abr. Tit. Deviſe, (R. 2.) Ca. 17. P. 140.*

3 Will. Rep. 344. S.C. and ſays, Lord Chancellor allowed Plaintiffs their Coſts, tho’ it was prayed that they might come out of the Eſtate, (which Defendant the Truſtee urged would be the

25. *J. S. deviſed all his real and perſonal Eſtate to Truſtees A. B. and C. their Heirs, Executors and Adminiſtrators, In Truſt to pay 15 l. per Ann. to the Plaintiffs (his two Siſters) for their Lives, and after ſeveral Legacies, the Surplus In Truſt for the Diſſenting Miniſters at Reading, &c. and gave 300 l. apiece to each Truſtee, and 20 l. per Annum to each, while they took Care in executing the Truſt. Afterwards by Leaſe and Releaſe of ſubſequent Date to the Will, the Teſtator conveyed all his real Eſtate unto and to the Uſe of the ſaid A. B. and C. and their Heirs, with a Proviſo to be void on Payment of 10 s. And by another Deed of the ſame Date the Teſtator gave all his perſonal Eſtate to ſaid A. B. ſame Benefit to Plaintiffs) but the Court denied it, as tending to leſſen the Charity, and ſaid the Truſtee had made ſo ill a Defence as not to deſerve the leaſt Favour. — *Vin. Abr. Tit. Deviſe, (R. 6.) Ca. 31. P. 149. S.C.**

and

and C. Proviso to be also void on Payment of 10 s. but J. S. kept both these Deeds in his Custody, and soon after died, and the said A. B. and C. obtained Administration *cum Testamento annexo* as Trustees. The Trustees for some Time paid the 15 l. *per Annum* apiece to each of the Testator's Sisters, but afterwards refused to continue the Payment thereof, and also refused to pay any of the Dissenting Ministers, but kept the Rents, &c. to their own Use. The two Sisters (the Heirs at Law) and their Husbands, brought their Bill against the surviving Trustee, insisting that the Deed of Conveyance of the *real* Estate and the Deed of Gift of the *personal* Estate had *revoked* the Will, and that there was a resulting Trust for them as Heirs at Law; or at least that they (the Sisters) were intitled to their 15 l. *per Annum* Annuities. Defendant insisted on Plaintiff's having forfeited their Annuities by bringing their Bill, there being a Clause in the Will that if they (the Sisters) disputed the Will, then they should forfeit their Annuities. Lord Chan. Talbot decreed that the Annuities should be paid to the two Sisters, with the Arrears and growing Payments thereof; but the Surplus was decreed to go to the Dissenting Ministers. *Mich. 1734. Lloyd et Ux' et al' and Spillet et al', MS. Rep.*

26. Sir John Woburn by Will in August 1722 devises his Estate to Trustees for the Term of two hundred Years, for Payment of all his Debts. In December following he devised the same to other Trustees for three hundred Years, In Trust to pay some particular Debts by Specialty mentioned in the Deed, and all Incumbrances that affected his Estate. In June 1723 he died; and the Question was, If the Deed in December was a total Revocation of the two hundred Years Term? And at the Rolls both Terms being held to be consistent, the Plaintiff now brought a Bill of Review, and Talbot Lord Chan. was of Opinion, that the Deed in December was intended only as a collateral Security for Payment of the Debts therein mentioned, and such others as were a Charge on the Estate, and that Sir John did not depart from his former Intention of paying all his Debts, but only to give Preference to those comprised in the three hundred Years Term, who by Law were preferred to the simple Contract Debts; and therefore he decreed that so much of the three hundred Years Term should be sold as would satisfy the Purposes of the Deed, and afterwards the two hundred Years Term should commence. *Weld and Acton et al', Mich. 9 Geo. 2. MS. Rep.*

(F) Where the Probate differs from the original Will.

1. A WILL is made in *French* and proved in *French*, and under it in the same Probate the Will was translated into *English*, but it appeared to be *falsly* translated. Objected, That the Translation being Part of the Probate, and allowed in the *Spiritual* Court, it must bind; and the Application must be to that Court to correct the Mistakes, which until then must be conclusive. But *per* his Honour, Nothing but the Original is Part of the Probate, neither hath the *Spiritual* Court Power to make any Translation; and supposing the original Will was in *Latin*, (as was formerly very usual) and there should be a plain Mistake in the Translation of the *Latin* into *English*, surely the Court would determine according to what the Translation ought to be. And so it was done in this Case. *Hil. 1718. L'Fit and L'Ratt, 1 Will. Rep. 526.*

C A P. CXX.

Writs.

- (A) Of the Writ Homine Replegiando.
 (B) Of the Writ Ne exeat Regnum.
 (C) Of filing an original Writ Nunc pro tunc, &c.
 (D) Of the Writ de Ventre Inspiciendo.

(A) Of the Writ Homine Replegiando.

1. **A** WIFE cannot either by herself or *Prochein Amy*, bring an *Homine Replegiando* against her Husband, for he has by Law a Right to the Custody of her, and may, if he thinks fit, confine her; but he must not imprison her, if he does, it will be good Cause for her to apply for a Divorce, *propter Sævitiā*; and the Nature and Proceedings in this Writ shew, that it cannot be maintained by the Wife against her Husband. *East. 1708. Atwood and Atwood, Prec. in Chan. 492.*

(B) Of the Writ Ne exeat Regnum.

1. **T**HE Defendant obtained an Order to have his Solicitor's Bill referred and taxed; upon the Taxation he was reported to be over-paid 60 *l.* thereupon Defendant moved for a *Ne exeat Regnum* against the Solicitor, on Affidavit that he was going beyond Sea with the Governor of *Jamaica*; and the Writ was granted by the *Master of the Rolls*, in the Absence of *Lord Keeper*, tho' there was no Bill in Court whereon to ground this Writ. *Mich. 1701. Lloyd and Cardy, Prec. in Chan. 171.*

Scotland being out of the Jurisdiction of this Court, and consequently out of the Reach of the Process thereof, the Defendant's going *there* is equally mischievous to the Suitors *here*, as if he went actually out of the Kingdom; and tho' in this Case it was moved for one Defendant against another Defendant, yet it being in a Matter of Account, in which both Parties are Actors, and Money being sworn due from the Party against whom the Writ is prayed, to the other, Lord Chan. *Harcourt* thought the Motion proper. *Ibid.* — Where the Party is to be restrained from going to *Scotland*, the Condition must be, not to go out of the Realm or to *Scotland*, for if it be only not to go out of the Realm, the Party's going to *Scotland* will not forfeit the Bond or Recognizance. *Ibid.* by way of Note. — Lord Chan. *Talbot* was moved that a *Ne exeat Regnum* might be so framed as to prevent the Defendant from going into *Scotland*, upon Affidavit of his going to reside there; and that he had confessed that as a Trustee for the Plaintiff under his Father's Will, he had received 10,000 *l.* An Order had been made at the Rolls for a *Ne exeat Regnum* to issue (upon Petition) and marked for 10,000 *l.* but it was apprehended that the usual Writ (which only restrains a Merchant from going out of the Realm) would not restrain his going to *Scotland*, which by the Union is now the same Kingdom, and yet as effectually out of the Reach of the Process of the Court as any Foreign Part out of the King's Allegiance. His Lordship asked what Authority he had to alter an original Writ, especially as this Writ was not originally intended to aid the Process of the Court, but was a Mandatory Writ to prevent the King's Subjects from going into Foreign Countries, to practise Treason with

with the King's Enemies; and seemed to think, that this Case must have happened since the *Union*; and yet he had never known or heard of any Attempt had been made to alter the Writ; and said, that perhaps there was no Foundation for the Doubt whether the common Writ would not prevent the Defendant from going into *Scotland* as well as any of the King's other Dominions out of the Reach of the Process of the Court. *East. 1736. Hunter and Meccray, Cases in Eq. Temp. Talbot 196.*—Mr. Hamilton informed the Court that something of this Kind had been moved in one *Mitchel's Case* in the Lord *Cowper's* Time, who seemed to think that the Writ extended to *Scotland*, notwithstanding the *Union*, but did nothing in it. The *Registers* likewise said, they never knew any other than the common Order made. His *Lordship* said, it was dangerous to alter old established Forms, and therefore would make no Order in it. *Ibid. 197.*

(C) Of filing an original Writ Nunc pro tunc, &c.

1. UPON a Petition to his Honour for Leave to file an Original after Error brought to reverse the Judgment, his Honour (upon speaking with an antient Officer of the Court) denied the doing it, and the rather, in the principal Case, because the Action being on a Policy of Insurance, the Plaintiff might bring a new Action, if this Judgment should be reversed. *Mich. 1717. Anon. 1 Will. Rep. 411.* Secus had it been in a *Quare Impedit*, or in an Action against the Hundred for a Robbery where the Suit must be commenced within a (a) limited Time, or if the Time had been so far elapsed as that the Statute of Limitations had been a Bar, if the Judgment should be reversed. *Ibid. 412.*

In Case of a Judgment by Confession, Equity will give Leave to file an Original after a Writ of Error brought to reverse the Judgment, because in such Case as the Defendant consents that there shall be

Judgment awarded against him, so does he likewise by Implication consent to all those Means without which the Judgment cannot be effectual; and consequently that an Original shall at any Time be filed, especially if such Judgment was given as a Security for Money or other valuable Consideration. *Ibid. 411, 412.* Secus where Judgment is given by Default or on Demurrer, &c. and there is also a Difference where the Omission proceeds from the Ignorance, and where by the Misprision of the Clerk, for in the former (b) Case it is not to be helped, and such Leave to file an Original (*ut supra*) ought not to be given without very special Reason, for this would be a Wrong to the Crown and to the Officer, no Original being then likely to be filed, unless where the Party should find himself in Danger of having his Judgment reversed. Per his Honour, *ibid. 412.*—But after, in July 1719, in another Cause, on a Petition for Leave to file an Original, upon Affidavit that the Plaintiff's Attorney had been ill and disordered in his Head, by which Means an Original was omitted to be filed; and a Writ of Error being brought to reverse the Judgment, and Bail given thereon, his Honour gave Leave to file the Original, paying the Costs of the Error hitherto, and the Bail in Error to be discharged. *Ibid. 412.* (a) Vide 3 Lev. 347. *Beachcroft* and *The Hundred of Burnham*, where for this Reason, viz. because the Time for bringing the Action was elapsed, the Court gave Leave to amend after Issue was joined, and the Jury had appeared at the Bar. (b) Vide *Blackmore's Case*, 8 Co. 159. a. b.

2. Instructions for an Original against an Hundred for a Robbery committed on 10 June 1717, were brought to the Curfitor for an Original against the Hundred within the Year, but the Writ passed the Great Seal after the Year, tho' tested within the Year, viz. when the Instructions were brought to the Curfitor. Lord Parker referred it to the Principals and Assistants of the Curfitors Office, to certify what had been the Usage and Custom in such Cases, who certified it to be the constant Practice of their Office to teste original Writs against Hundreds, Corporations, Heirs, and in several other Cases, the same Days the Writs are bespoke; and that they never knew it otherwise, or that the Practice ever was contested before the present Case. Whereupon his Lordship ordered the Plaintiff to be at Liberty to proceed in this Hue and Cry, and that Defendants should pay the Costs in respect of the Reference. *Trin. 1718. Price and Chetton Hundred in Com' Somerset, 1 Will. Rep. 437.*

(D) Of the Writ de Ventre Inspiciendo.

1. **KING** Lord C. held this Writ to be of common Right, and said that it is in the *Register*, tho' not in *F. N. B.* and is for the Security of the next Heir, to guard him or her against fraudulent or supposititious Births; and that it lies for a *Tenant in Tail*, because at the Time it was first allowed *such Estate* was a *qualified Fee*; and said, that any Affidavit proving the Husband to be in Possession would induce him *prima facie* to intend it a Fee-simple. And in the principal Case, the Widow being admitted to be with Child, the Court fixed a Place agreeable to *both* Parties, where she might be 'till delivered, and where the Heir might from Time to Time, at proper Seasons and on Notice send Women to see her, and to be present when the Child is born; and in such Case no Need to execute the Writ in a strict Manner. *Trin. 1731. Ex parte Aiscough, 2 Will. Rep. 593.*

F I N I S.