

holden to compt; for in law *dies incertus pro conditione est*; and therefore she was preferred *in toto*. See Mungal against Steil, Durie, p. 827. *voce* HUSBAND and WIFE; where a bond to pay a sum to the husband and wife, and their heirs, gave the wife no more right than she would have had, albeit her name had not been insert therein, and no mention made of her or her heirs. See DONATIO MORTIS CAUSA.

A&. Sibbald.

Alt. Forbes.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 105. Durie, p. 826.

No 6.

1661. July 25. WEMYSS against LORD TORPHICHEN.

LADY Mary, Jean, Elizabeth, and Katharine Wemyss, pursue the Lord Torphichen, alleging that their deceased sister, Dam Anne Wemyss, having a wadset of 20,000 merks upon the barony of Errol, granted a bond of provision thereof to her daughter Jean Lindsay, thereafter Lady Torphichen, and to the heirs of her body; which failing, to return to the said pursuers, with an obligation, that her said daughter should do nothing to prejudice the said heirs of tailzie; which bond was delivered by the Earl of Wemyss to the defender, then husband to the said Jean Lindsay, who obliged himself to make the same forthcoming to all parties having interest, as accords. Yet thereafter, during the marriage, the said Jean Lindsay entered heir to her mother; and she and the defender uplifted the wadset sum, passing by the bond of provision; which sum being in place of the wadset, and unwarrantably uplifted by the defender, contrary the bond of provision, known to himself, which he was obliged to make forthcoming; he ought to re-fund the same.—The defender *answered*, That the libel is noways relevant; for if his deceased Lady, Jean Lindsay, being fiar of the wadset, did uplift the same, and contravened the bond of provision, *nihil ad eum*, who is but a singular successor, having right from his Lady, by contract of marriage, whereof there was a minute at the time of his marriage, expressly disposing this sum, without any mention or knowledge of the bond of provision; and albeit he knew the same after his right, *nihil est*. And as for his ticket, it can work nothing; for though the bond of provision were now produced, it being but a personal obligation, can oblige none but his Lady's curators or successors; and if they will allege that he is either heir or successor relevant, and his ticket to make it forthcoming as accords, *nihil novi juris tribuit*.—The pursuer *replied*, That albeit a singular successor, for an onerous cause, might have uplifted the wadset, and been free, yet the defender being as the same person with his Lady, and having no onerous cause but his contract of marriage, wherein there was a plentiful tocher of L. 20,000 provided to him besides this, and having known the bond of provision, before the uplifting of the sum; and so, *particeps fraudis*, he is liable to make the sums received by him forthcoming. by the act of Parliament 1621; and also by the common law, *in quantum est lucratus alterius dispendio*.

No 7.

An heirs of entail made up titles, neglecting the entail. She disposed the subject, which was a wadset, to her husband. He uplifted the wadset sum; but was obliged to re-fund to the substitutes, although a singular successor would not. He knew of the entail.

No 7.

THE LORDS found the libel and reply relevant and approved; and therefore decerned Torphichen to re-fund the sum.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 105. Stair, v. 1. p. 56.

1708. January 29. FULTON against JOHNSTON.

No 8.

THE possessor of a bill having raised a process of recourse against the drawer, and thereafter indorsed the bill; in a new process for recourse, at the indorsee's instance, his knowledge of the former process, which rendered the bill litigious, found relevant to subject him to the oath of the indorser.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 105. Forbes, p. 233.

* * * See The particulars *voce* LITIGIOUS.

1728. June. M'AUL against LOGAN.

No 9.

An onerous indorsee, who knew, when he received the indorsation, that the sum had been arrested before the drawer's name was filled up, was obliged to give way to the arrestment.

IN a competition between Archibald M'Aul in Killofide, and Hugh Logan in Littlecreoch, M'Aul arrester, was preferred to Logan an indorsee; because, 'it consisted with the indorsee's knowledge, that the arrestment was laid on before the signing of the bill by the drawer.'

At the time the indorsation was taken, the indorsee, knowing of the arrestment, saw that the bill was not signed by the drawer, but then got him to add his subscription.

In a petition for the indorsee, it was *argued*, That there is no law or custom enjoining the drawer of a bill to sign at the time of acceptance, otherwise the bill shall be null. Neither can such consequence be founded on the reason of the thing, or the nature of the contract. It is the acceptance which constitutes the transaction. There is no obligation imposed on the drawer. A bill is not a contract between the drawer and the acceptor. If it be a contract at all, it is *ab una parte tantum obligatorius*, as *mutuum* or *stipulatio* in the civil law. In the case of a draught, the drawer often pays without at all subscribing. In that case, it may be the drawer who is the debtor, and the drawee will have recourse on him, although there is the name of but one of the parties on the bill. If the debtor in a bill sign it, it is good, whether he be drawer or acceptor. In this case, however, the drawer's name is in the body of the bill which ought to be held sufficient.

This bill is holograph, which does away any argument founded on the risk of forgery. In the case of the Kirk of Bogrie,* a bill was reduced accepted while blank in the drawer's name, not simply because it wanted the drawer's name, but because it fell under the act of Parliament against blank writs.

The drawer of the bill in question, by not having signed it, has transgressed no law. And the indorsee's knowledge, that there was an arrestment upon a

* Examine General List of Names.