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only with the exception, that where the debtor was personally liable, his moveables behaved to be first searched for, and pointed, before the lands could be appraised: And upon this plan it was, that where the debt was illiquid, as where it consisted in *obligatione ad factum præstandum*, it was necessary, by a proper process, to liquidate that obligation. But, as the law was still defective, so far as no remedy was competent, whereby creditors might recover payment where the debtor was dead, and that the apparent heir did refuse to acknowledge the succession; or where lands had been sold, but the purchaser's right not completed; there the Court did supply that defect by a remedy, till then unknown; whereby, in the one case, they adjudged the *hereditas jacens* upon the heir's renunciation; and, in the other, did adjudge the particular lands in implement of the disposition. But, wherever the claim was liquid, or such as might be rendered so, the only remedy was an apprising; and, since the statute, adjudication; without regard whether the proprietor be personally liable or not; and as it is optional to him to give a partial progress or not, the whole lands fall to be adjudged, where such partial right is not consented to; as it is impossible to think, that a case should occur, where particular lands are affectable for payment of a particular debt; and that no form of process should be competent, whereby to make that payment effectual against the lands; and the pursuer knows of no other method but this adjudication. As to the second objection, it was answered, That however this defence may be competent against the effect of the adjudication, when payment comes to be demanded, it is not competent at present to stay decret of adjudication, as the estate itself is here the debtor; besides, there is no person who can represent Murdiston *qua* heir of line; the whole estate having been conveyed, partly to the defender *quoad* the lands of Murdiston, and the remainder by the trust-disposition.

THE LORDS found, That adjudication upon the act 1672 is not competent in this case; there being no constitution against the defender, upon which a comprising might have been led before the act. But, upon a reclaiming petition and answers, the LORDS found, That adjudication upon the act 1672 was competent in this case.

Fol. Dic. v. 3. p. 3. C. Home, No 139. p. 238.

1762. January 14.

Mrs BARBARA FARQUHAR against WILLIAM MOWAT & Co. Merchants in Aberdeen.

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A person adjudging an estate, under sequestration, not obliged to accept of a part, in terms

WILLIAM MOWAT and company, having stopt payment in 1756, they made a surrender of their effects to certain trustees, for behoof of their whole creditors; but some of these creditors, who were unwilling to accede to the trust-right, having proceeded to lead adjudications, for attaching the bankrupt's heritable subjects, a question arose betwixt them and the trustees, which was determined in.

favour of the adjudgers, upon the 25th July 1759, (*See* BANKRUPT, from Faculty Collection, No 193. p. 345.)

In July 1760, the whole subjects belonging to William Mowat, were sequestrated upon the application of the trustees, and a factor was appointed by the Court.

Barbara Farquhar, a creditor to the extent of 2000 merks, having, amongst others, brought a process of adjudication, the defenders offered to produce a process, in terms of the act 1672; and, after having done so, insisted upon her choosing any part she pleased; which part, they declared themselves willing to clear of all incumbrances.

Pleaded for the pursuer: That she was not obliged to make choice of any part, as certain incumbrances lay upon the whole; and that the sequestration must be an invincible obstacle to the method proposed; in respect, that both the bankrupt himself, and his trustees, were thereby divested, and the management of his estate put into the hands of the Court.

Answered: As the trustees are parties to this process, they will consent to dispose such lands as the adjudger shall choose; and as the sequestration was sought, for no other reason, but the opposition made by the pursuer, and a few other creditors, to the general measures that were proposed; so it will be removed, so soon as the pursuer shall have made her choice, and proved the rental of the lands.

Replied: The trust-right was undoubtedly at an end by the sequestration; and as that sequestration was made for the behoof of the whole creditors, it never can be removed, but upon an application from them all. Besides, there is no proper rental produced. The paper lodged in process, called a rental of Parby and Colpna, contains nothing but the gross money rent, and victual rent of these estates, with the deductions. Whereas, the practice has been, in such cases, to give in a very particular rental, containing the rent of all the several farms, and expressing the particular parcel, that is to be set off for payment of the debt. Nor does this rental mention any thing of the rent of the houses and lands, in and about the town of Aberdeen; to which, likewise, no process has hitherto been produced. In short, the conduct of the defenders, in the management of this process, seems to have been calculated for no other purpose, than to procure a delay, in order to try what might be done in the way of negotiation and composition.

THE LORDS decerned in the adjudication of the whole estate.

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Alt. Walter Stewart.

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