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No 3. that is a latent fraudulent deed to deceive the creditors, who seeing the contract, thought themselves secure against the terce.

THE LORDS found, That, by the contract, the terce was not excluded, and therefore preferred the young Lady to her terce, against both the old Lady and the creditors, neither of them being infeft during the husband's life; and found, That if the old Lady did liquidate the value of her liferent, and adjudge therefore, the creditors adjudging within year and day, would come in *pari passu*; but if she adjudged only the lands provided to her in liferent, and was infeft before the creditors adjudged, she is preferable to them, and excludes them during her life.

*Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 16. Stair, v. 2. p. 577.*

1680.

ADAM against ALISON.

No 4.

FOUND, that an adjudication, led within year and day of another, could not come in *pari passu* with it; because the first was for a liquid debt, and the second only special, for implement of a disposition, which the Lords thought not included in the 62d act, Parliament 1661; yet the equity is the same in both; *sed egit remedio imperatorio.\**

*Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 16.*

1704. June 21. SINCLAIR of Southdun against SINCLAIR of Barack.

No 5.

Of two adjudications in implement; the one on which the superior had been charged was preferred.

THIS was a competition betwixt two adjudications, both of them being for implement of dispositions. Southdun craved preference, because he had charged the superior to infeft him, and the other had neglected it. *Alleged*, This step of diligence, by a charge against the superior, was in this case preposterous, nimious, and unwarrantable; for though, in adjudications for debts, the superior is obliged, by act of Parliament 1669, to receive the adjudger, on his paying a year's rent; yet in adjudications for a fact, such as implement of a disposition, (which has no legal,) there is neither law nor custom obliging the superior to receive or infeft such an adjudger; for, by the ancient feudal customs, which are become our law, the superior was not obliged to change his vassal, or to accept of a stranger; and alienations of feus were strictly prohibited, only the favour of true and lawful creditors procured some relaxation by the 36th act, Parl. 1469, that superiors were then obliged to receive creditors apprising for their vassals; but so, that if superiors pleased, they might take the land to themselves, they paying the debt.

\* This is taken from that part of Lord Fountainhall's Works, which have not been printed.

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which the commentators call *jus retractus feudalis*; and that being a correctory law, it cannot go beyond its case, nor extend to apprisings or adjudications for implement of dispositions; And Craig complains, that they had fallen upon indirect methods in his time to compel superiors to receive strangers for their vassals, by granting simulate bonds for sums of money, and apprisings thereon; so that *quod directe non licebat ei erat prohibitum, erat per ambages permissum*.—Answered, At the time of the act 1469, alienations of land by vendition or sale, were very rare in Scotland, and so no law could be made for regulating them, or superiors; but, these 150 years bygone, such bargains turning frequent, the style of adjudications, on such dispositions of sale, is fixed, and bears a warrant for letters of horning against the superior, for charging him to infest; which could never be, if he were not in law obliged: And to deny this, were to make these adjudications for implement altogether elusory and ineffectual; especially seeing a bond may be taken for the price; and if the adjudication proceed on that bond, then the superior can be forced to infest, on payment of a year's rent, and so has no prejudice: And Barack having omitted to charge, can never compete with me. Dirleton, *v. v. v. Adjudications*, p. 1, states this question, If a superior may be forced to enter an adjudger upon a disposition? and makes his *ratio dubitandi*, because the overlord in that case, has not *retractum feudalem*, and leaves it undecided.—THE LORDS thought the diligence, by charging the superior, warrantable, and that to find otherwise, were to insignificate all the adjudications which have been led for implement of dispositions; and therefore preferred Southdun, who had charged on his adjudication to Barack, who, apprehending superiors not obliged to enter parties on such charges, did neglect that step of diligence as superfluous.

This question is only as to subject-superiors; for *quoad* the King, who is *pater communis sue patrie*, all his people are alike to him.

*Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 16. Fount. v. 2. p. 231.*

\* \* \* See report of this case by Dalrymple, p. 56. Quarto Dictionary.

1664. December 22.

DOCTOR RAMSAY *against* Mr WILLIAM HOGG and ALEXANDER SEATON.

THESE three parties having apprifed the same lands, the first apprifiser being infest, the second not being, and the third being infest: The first apprifiser declared he would not infest for the mails and duties of the whole, but only possessed a part. The question came, Whether the second apprifiser, not having charged, should be preferred to the third, who was infest.—It was *alleged* for the second apprifiser, That he needed not be infest, because the first apprifiser being infest in all, he had the only *jus proprietatis*, and there was nothing remaining, but *jus*

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Of three apprifisers, the first and third only being infest; found, that the second who had charged, was preferable to the third, tho' infest.