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debts on which adjudication was fought; yet the accumulate sum was blank in the decret of adjudication, and abbreviate of it. The creditors did not insist upon reducing the adjudication *in toto*, but only to restrict it to a security for the principal sums, annualrents, and expences of deducing the adjudication.

*Answered* for Ann and Agnes Auchinlecks, The objection was not good to strike them off from the penalties and accumulations of the sum in their adjudication. The act 1672, which prescribes the method of adjudications, does not require the amount of the principal sum, annualrents, and penalties of the adjudication, to be expressed in one sum; neither is there any warrant in the signature of the judge for ingrossing that amount: And though the extractors are in use to fill it up in extracting the decret, yet there is no necessity to do it, the same being merely an operation of figures, in which there can be no mistake, and which any one may do.

*Replied* for the creditors, Comprisings gave originally as much land as was equal to the avail of the sum; afterwards they gave a fifth part more; and therefore the sum ought to have been ascertained and expressed when the decret was pronounced. Besides, as the adjudication becomes a real burden upon the lands, it ought to appear with certainty from the records, how much the lands are burdened.

THE LORDS found, That the accumulate sums, not being filled up, is no nullity in the adjudication; and restricted the adjudication to a security for the principal sum, annualrents, and expences of deducing the adjudication.

For Auchinlecks, *Arch. Murray.*

For the Creditors, *Bruce.*

*Fol. Dic. v. 3. p. 9. Fac. Col. No 58. p. 96.*

*Dalrymple.*

1755. July 6.

FORBES of Culloden and Others, *against* The REPRESENTATIVES of DAWSON of Hempriggs.

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An adjudication found null; the decree of constitution having proceeded on a general charge to enter heir to a father, instead of the grand-father, who had been the proper debtor.

IN the ranking of the creditors of Clava, it was *objected* to an adjudication, That it proceeded upon decreets of constitution taken against an infant grandson, upon a general charge to enter heir, not to his grand-father, who was the debtor, but to his father, against whom the debts had never been constituted.

*Pleaded* for the adjudger, That the summons of constitution did particularly set forth the grounds of debt, viz. bonds and bills granted by Hugh Rois of Clava, in the 1716; and though, by mistake, he is called the defender's father, whereas truly he was his grand-father; yet, as both were of the same name, that erroneous addition, with respect to the relation he stood in to the defender, cannot hurt the diligence, he being sufficiently described as granter of the bonds and bills;

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and as the defender knew this description could only apply to his grand-father, he was therefore fully certiorated of the person to whom he was to enter by that description; and *utile per inutile non vitiatur*. 2do, Hugh Ross the father, was liable *passive* to the grand-father's debts; and though the grand-son had only been charged to enter heir to his father; yet he would, by not renouncing, have become liable for all the debts due by the father, whether of his own contracting, or as representing the grand father. 3tio, At least the adjudication ought to be sustained as an adjudication *cognitionis causa*, agreeable to the decision 27th February 1684, Dunlop against Brown, (See p. 46. Quarto Dictionary,) and to the judgment given in a late case, in the ranking of the creditors of Kinminity.\*

*Answered* for the other creditors, That there was undoubtedly a very material error in the form of leading of this diligence, which must be fatal to it in a competition among creditors; and that there was something more here than a mistake of the designation: For, in the letters of special charge which followed upon the decreets of constitution, the grand-son is charged to enter heir to both father and grand father. To the *second*, That the passive title there mentioned, might have availed to establish these debts *passive* against the father, either upon a charge to enter heir, or upon a proof of the passive titles; but they having never been constituted against him, could not, by any form known in the law, be transferred against the infant grand-son, upon a general charge to enter heir to him. To the *third*, That the cases quoted are foreign to the purpose. In them the decreets of constitution were in every respect regular and formal, but were obtained against infants in absence, who were therefore entitled to be reponed in so far as they had not renounced, but no farther; as upon a renunciation being produced, decret of constitution must have gone forth against them: But here the decreets of constitution are *funditus* void, as proceeding upon an erroneous general charge.

'THE LORDS found the decret of constitution void, and consequently the adjudication following thereon null.'

A.G. Lockhart.

Alt. Brown &amp; Ferguson.

Fol. Dic. v. 3. p. 7. Fac. Col. No 155. p. 233.

Walter Stewart.

1784. June 27.

The COMMON AGENT in the ranking of the Creditors of Pinmore, against JEAN and FERGUSIA KENNEDIES.

JEAN and FERGUSIA KENNEDIES, adjudged from Robert Kennedy of Pinmore, all and hail a tack, dated of the lands of Daldowie

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Adjudication  
of a tack  
sustained,  
though the  
date, the

\* There is a case in this ranking, collected p. 129. of this Volume, and another under Husband and Wife. See General Alphabetical List of Names.