

S E C T. XI.

Whether Possession of a Part validates as to the Whole.

1630. *January 14.* HUNTER *against* His TENANTS.

No 59.

In a competi-
tion betwixt
a prior base
infestment,
and a poste-
rior public
one; the
latter ha-
ving never
attained pos-
session, but
the former
having pos-
sessed the
greater part
of the lands;
this was
found suffi-
cient to de-
fend, against
the public in-
festment, for
the lands of
which the
defender was
never in pos-
session; the
infestment
being indivi-
sible.

IN this action, mentioned 16th December 1629,* the pursuer's infestment being public, the defender alleging a base infestment of lands, whereof the lands libelled were acknowledged to be a part by both parties; which base right was anterior to the pursuer's public right, and by virtue whereof he was in possession many years of a part of the lands contained in his infestment, (for the infestment was of a quarter of the lands of Cadislie,) and the rest which he possessed not, viz. the lands libelled, he *alleged* pertained to him by that same right of his prior infestment; and the tenants possessors, now defenders, ought not to be decerned to remove at this pursuer's instance, seeing he allowed that possession.—And the pursuer *replying*, That albeit the defenders base right was anterior to him, and clad with possession of a part of the lands, yet the same ought not to defend against his public infestment for these lands now libelled, whereof he was never in possession.—THE LORDS found, That the base right being prior, and clad with possession of a part of the lands therein contained, the possession being of more than the half of the lands, was sufficient to defend against the pursuer's public right, for these lands libelled, whereof the defender was never in possession, as well for the lands whereof he was in possession; and sustained the same to assilzie the defenders; albeit they had never been the defenders tenants; nor never had acknowledged him before the warning; nor never had paid him any duty; seeing he now allowed their possession; and found, that possession of the most part of the land contained in his infestment, was sufficient to sustain the same for the whole therein contained, the same being allenary of one quarter of the land, and not of diverse tenements; and found, that the same was enough to sustain the infestment, which was not divisible.

Act. Baird.

Alt. Belsbes & Hart.

Clerk, Hay.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 91. Durie, p. 480.

No 60.

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infest his se-
cond son in
an annual-
rent out of
his lands, cor-
responding to
an accumu-
lated princi-
pal sum; the

1668. *February 5.* ROBERT KER *against* HENRY KER.

ROBERT KER of Graden having infest his second son Robert Ker in an annual-rent out of his lands of Graden and others, upon a contract betwixt them, whereby Graden for the sum of 6000 merks addebted by him to his son, viz. 3000 merks of borrowed money, and 3000 merks for his portion, (accumulatory, and extending together as said is,) was obliged to infest the said Robert in 360

* Durie, p. 474. *voce* OBLIGATION.