tour) could found a pursuit. Duplied,—He insisted as apparent heir, and cited my Lord Balmerino's case against Airlie, wherein they found not only that an apparand heir might reduce a deed done to his prejudice ex capite lecti, but even a personal creditor.

My Lord Gosford demurred on this: for Durie 11th February 1635, Muire, seems to be contrary.

Act. Cunyghame.

Alt. Yeoman.

Advocates' MS. No. 112, folio 87.

1671. January 27. Gordon of Cluny against

This was a charge upon a contract; against which it was alleged,—That the charge was null, because the contract was summarily registrate after the death of one of the parties contractors, whereas it should have been registrate by way of action; for the registration of a writ is a formal decreet; now a decreet can never be obtained at a dead man's instance, nor yet against one that's dead. 2do, The clause of registration giving warrant to such a person to compear and give his assent to the registration thereof, is of the nature of a mandate; but mandatum expirat tam morte mandatoris quam mandatarii.

And this the Lords found in the Inner-house, in the case of Kylle and Seaton;

See a case not unlike, 13th July 1610, Gordon and Mackie.

Act. Nicolsone.

Alt. Seaton.

Advocates' MS. No. 113, folio 87.

1671. January 27. BISHOP of CAITHNESS against Angus Macky of Bighouse.

This is a suspension upon this reason, that whatsoever bonds are granted ob causam datam causa non secuta, the same are null by way of exception; but ita est this bond charged on is such in so far as he granted it in contemplation of a tack of teinds which the Bishop was to set him, and which is never yet done; and that this was the cause of the bonds, refers it to the charger's oath.

This was found relevant.

Act. Thoires. Alt.

Advocates' MS. No. 114, folio 87.

1671. January 27. Anent VALIDITY of a TICKET.

This was a suspension upon this reason, that the ticket charged on is null, because it wanted the writer's name. It was answered, that it was all written with the suspender's own hand, and so they condescended on him as the writer of it.

This answer was sustained. Second reason is, that it was to put out of horse in the 1648 which he never did, and so it was causa data. This was sustained.

Act. Hamiltone.

Advocates' MS. folio 87.

1671. January 28.

GIBSONE against LAURIE.

This being a controversy betwixt thir parties about a piece land, Laurie intented a declarator of his right to the same before the Sheriff of Dumfries; in this action they are settled by friends, that Gibsone should consent to a decreet of dedeclarator, and Laurie should pay him for his right he had in that land 1600 merks. Accordingly he compears, and, (as the decreet bore,) specially consented thereto. Then Laurie raises a summons for the mails and duties of that land before the Lords; and having obtained decreet, charged Gibsone thereon; who suspended upon obedience. Of thir two decreets Gibsone intents reduction; and when they obtrude the pregnant and strong homologations aforesaid, viz. that he consented to the decreet of declarator and raised suspension upon obedience, so that he can never be heard to come against that now.

To this it was answered, That with the clerk's leave the assertion of a clerk can never bind consent upon Gibsone unless they can show where he gave them warrant to insert that consent in their decreet under his hand; and truly it were of very dangerous consequence if such a clause cast in only by the by were sustained as sufficient to deprive any of their rights or heritage, seeing quod meum est sine facto meo ad alium transferri non potest L. 11. D. De regulis Juris: but here there is no factum on Gibsone's part. Item, The Lords found the clerk's assertion not enough in L. Colonel Osburne's case; Durie also has a case somewhat coincident 25th January, 1635, Bell and the Lady Mow.* (See Stair's Decisions, 16 July, 1661, Osburne. See 27th July, 1678.) Next the consent was but given by his procurator, whereas to make it relevant it should have been interposed by himself. As for the suspension, all that it can import is, that being altogether ignorant of the law, and such as could not get caution, and being most desirous to have a suspension, he thought this the most clear and the most easy way to get the same by offering obedience; but he noways meant the same, but allenarly this, that in case after the discussing of all his reasons the Lords should find the letters orderly proceeded against him, that then he should give obedience.

They were to have the Lords' answer upon both.

Vide 9th February, 1609, Clerk. Vide infra, 31st January, 1671, Blair, and Papon there cited.

Act. Wallace.

Alt. Lockhart.

Advocates' MS. No. 115, folio 87.

^{*} Vide No. 236, [Louthain, &c. against Presbytery of Edinburgh, 4th Nov. 1671.] Amongst the Romans and since, great confidence was reposed in clerks and such public persons, but piece and piece that trust has much diminished.