ESCHEAT.

SECT. 4.

1680. June 26.

OUNG against The LAIRD of RAPLOCH.

ONE Young having a gift from the Duke of Hamilton, of the escheat of Gavin Hamilton of Raploch, as being denounced when he had his domicile within the regality of Hamilton, pursues declarator against Raploch and his debtors, who alleged absolvitor as to any goods or debts without the regality, because the Lord of the regality could not have right to them, but they would belong to the King and his donatar. It was replied, That all escheats of moveable goods, or sums, follow the person denounced and his domicile; and though such escheats upon the gifts of the Lords, or Bailies of regality, have been very frequently declared, yet without any restriction; nor was it ever found that two donatars were found to have right to the same sum, one by the King, and another by the Lord of regality.

No 26. The escheat of a person denounced in the regality where he dwelt, was¹ found to belong to the Lord of regality, and to include his moveables wherever situated.

THE LORDS found, that the escheat followed the domicile of the person denounced, and that the gift of the Lord of regality extended to all his goods and moveables whatsoever.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 254. Stair, v. 2. p. 778.

SECT. IV.

Liferent Escheat to Whom it falls.

1598. February. WILLIAM LESLIE against WILLIAM STEWART.

THIS was a declarator sought by Mr William Leslie of a liferent-tack of the lands set by the Earl of Murray to William Stewart of Seton, which lands were holden feu by the said Earl, of the Abbot of Lindores, to the which the said Mr William Leslie pretended right, as donatar to the King, of the life. rent of the said William Stewart. It was *alleged*, That the said tack could not fall under his Highness's gift of liferent, because the said William was not his Highness's vassal. THE LORDS, at the report of the interlocutor, disputed very long and contentiously, whether, if a liferent tack fell in liferent, it should go to the setter, by the tacksman's remaining year and day at the horn, or to the King, or if it fell under single escheat to the King; because it was thought that liferent tacks might fall under single escheat; or, if they fell in liferent, they behoved to appertain to the King, because they were not heritable nor holden

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No 27. Whether a liferent tack which falls under liferent, and not single escheat, goes to the King by escheat, or to the letter? Not decided.