** Dirleton's report of this case is No 66. p. 863., vace Assignation.

No 306.

*** For the same reason, as in the above case, in a special declarator of escheat the rebel's oath was not sustained against the donatar, to prove that the bond pursued for was paid before denunciation, 10th February 1663. Montgomery against Montgomery, No 5. p. 3615., vace Escheat.

1680. February 10.

Morton against Gilchrist.

WILLIAM ANCRUM and James Grieve having bought a parcel of iron from Arthur Udney; James Gilchrist arrests the price, and obtains a decreet for making forthcoming, in satisfaction of a debt due by Udney to him, and obtains payment thereupon. Andrew Morton pursues the same persons for payment to him of the price, because the iron belonged to him, and Udney was only his factor, and for proving thereof, hath produced an assignation from Udney to the price, bearing expressly, That it did belong to Morton, and that he sold it as a factor, with a letter to the same purpose. It was alleged for Ancrum and Grieve, absolvitor, because they had made payment bong fide to Gilchrist, before this pursuit; but seeing Gilchrist compeared, the Lords considered the competition between him and Morton. It was alleged for Gilchrist, That Udney's acknowledging the property to belong to Morton, cannot be respected, because Udney before that time was broken, at least Gilchrist had used diligence against him by horning.

THE LORDS found the allegeance relevant for Morton, That the property of the iron belonged to him, and that Udney was only his factor, and found the same proved by Udney's acknowledgement in his assignation or letter, unless he was bankrupt, or incapacitated by diligence before the same, in which case they found the property of the iron to belong to Morton probable prout de jure.

Fol. Dic. v. 2. p. 237. Stair, v. 2. p. 754

1683. March.

Cockburn against Turnbull.

WALTER TURNBULL surgeon merchant, having become cautioner to Mrs Reidman for Janet Watt, her taverner, by which he was obliged to hold count and pay whatsoever wine or other liquors should be vented by the said Janet Watt, after just count and reckoning made betwixt Mrs Reidman and the said Walter; and Mrs Reidman having counted with the said Janet Watt by herself, and the balance being assigned to John Cockburn; who having pursued Walter Turnbull, and the Representatives of Janet Watt for payment; and it the tavern a

No 338≲ Where a party had become cautioner for a servant in a tavern, for any balance of accounts to be settled: by the cautioner and 3

No 307 Found, that the seller of goods having become bankrupt, his evidence could not be received to prefer one party to another.