SECT. XIV.

Under Sentence of Death.—Effect of Reduction capite lecti.—Ratification upon Oath.—Sale for a Reasonable Price.—Equivalent benefit to the Heir.

1593.

CANT against RAA.

No 107. An obligation granted by a man under sentence of death, is no better than one granted on death-bed.

Ane Cant being convict for slaughter, and reddie to tak to the place of execution, his wyffis father, William Raa, in Edinburgh, cam to him, and desyrit him that he wald give him ane obligatioun for the soume of six thousand merks, quhilk he allegit the said Cant to be auchtand to him, quhilk the said Cant grantit, and thairupon the said Raa causit mak ane obligatioun, subscrybit be twa nottars, immediatlie before the said Cant's executioun; thairefter this, Cant's air being persewit upon the obligatioun, allegit that it was null, becaus it was onlie subscrybit be twa nottars, and the partie could wrytt. Secundo, It was subscrybit post contractum capitale crimen, et post latam sententiam mortis, quhilk was mair nor give it had bene in lecto ægritudinis. Quhilk allegeance was fund relevant, and the obligatioun declarit to be of nane avail; reservand to the said Raa his actionne for ony debt that he could pruve aliunde.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 220. Haddington, MS. v. 1. No 255.

1677. December 11.

WILLIAM LOCKHART against The Legatee of John Lockhart, his Brother.

Decided and found, a testament could not adminiculate a disposition of heritage, though it spoke his enix will, quia non egit, quod in se erat; they reduced a provision to his relict of 600 merks, in toto, because provided aliunde; but reduced only in time coming, and assoilzied from the bygone fruits and annual-rents intromitted with by them; and found, in all sicklike sentences, they must only take place, for the future, where the contrary is not insert in the decreet.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 220. Fountainhall, MS.

*** See No 78. p. 3297.

1683. February 27.

EARL of LEVEN against Montgomery.

No 109.

No 108. Reduction upon the head

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RATIFICATION upon oath of deeds on death-bed, made by the granter, hinders not the heir to quarrel the same.

Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 220.

** See This case Section 7. h. t. No 41. p. 3217.