against Campbell, No 5. p. 9654.; 26th February 1663, Cuthbert against Monro, No 24. p. 9666.; 4th July 1665, Innes against Wilson, *infra*, *h. t.* and 17th July 1666, Ogilvy against Gray, No 42. p. 9684. And seeing there is neither law nor custom against such intromissions, whatever inconveniencies may follow, Sir William ought to be assoilzied. And the Lords, for preventing the danger arising to creditors, may make an act of sederunt, regulating the case, and prohibiting such clandestine intromission in time coming, and declare it shall infer a passive title hereafter, as the LORDS did in the known case of Glendonwyne against the Earl of Nithsdale, in 1662, *infra*, *h. t.*; or may procure an act of Parliament *pro futuro*.—The LORDS, by a scrimp plurality of six against five, assoilzied Sir William, and refused to divide his oath, though most were convinced this might embolden apparent heirs to embezzle their predecessor's writs *in necem creditorum*; but some thought it hard to begin the preparative here.—See QUALIFIED OATH.

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1698. February 26. MURRAY against BLAIR.

MURRAY of Levistoun having pursued Blair of that Ilk, on the passive titles. for payment of a debt of his father's; which being referred to his oath, he deponed, he being put in the fee of his father's estate at the age of six years old. he meddled with no other papers of that charter-chest, but what concerned the lands disponed to him. Which being advised, the Lords thought this different from Sir William Sharp's case, supra, 28th January 1698, No 31. p. 0673. 2 charter-chest being nomen universitatis, and found him liable. Blair finding the hazard of the decision laying him open to all his father's creditors, he immediately transacts with Levistoun, and gets up the hail process from the Clerks, particularly the oath, and burns them. Boyle of Kelburn, and the other creditors who were attending rhe event of this cause, give in a bill, craving the process might be secured, and the Clerks who had lent it up ordained to call it back. Some argued, that parties agreed might take up their papers, and do what they pleased with them. Others answered, That a party might take up his bonds, or other writs produced by him, as instructions; but it was pessimi exempli to give up principal oaths, or depositions judicially taken; for these became common evidents to all concerned, and to burn or cancel these might be pursued criminally and punished. THE LORDS did not determine this, being the last day of the Session; but ordained the Clerks to do diligence against him who had given his receipt for the process, that the Lords might know what had become of it,

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