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Replied for the defender, That it appeared from the contract, that the pursuer was obliged to denude himself of the fee in the most express terms, having bound himself ' to infeft the wife and heir-male in liferent and fee of the lands; ' to grant, subscribe, and deliver to them sufficient charters containing precepts • of sasine, upon his own proper charges; to warrant the infeftments and lands ' to be good, sufficient, and free from all prior infeftments, inhibitions, adjudi-\* cations, &c. at all hands and against all deadly. He assigned them to the mails ' and duties of the lands after his own decease, and to the whole writs, evidents, ' and securities of them.' From the whole tenor of which contract it was plain that the father only reserved his liferent. To allege that in this case it could not properly be said that there was an heir, since the father was still alive, was nothing but a quibble; for the marriage being dissolved, and a son existing, it. most certainly and undoubtedly appeared who was the heir-male of the marriage. That it was a duty incumbent on the grandfather to see his grandson get justice, and to prevent the dilapidation of the estate, before he could be obliged to perform his reciprocal part of the contract.

THE LORDS found, That Mr Sutherland ought to resign the lands in favour of himself, and, failing of him, in favour of his son *nominatim* in fee, with absolute warrandice and assignation to mails and duties, as mentioned in the contract, before payment of the remainder of the tocher.

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