

(Post. 339. a.)  
 10. E. 2. confirmation 24.  
 8. E. 2. garr. 62. 11. II. 4. 33.  
 43. E. 3. 17. 42. E. 3. 24. per  
 Finchden. 17. E. 3. 67.  
 Lib. 1. fol. 112, 113. in Alba-  
 nie's case.  
 (9. Rep. 75.)  
 (1. Roll. Rep. 197.)

15. H. 7. 11.

(1. Rep. 111. a. 173. Ant. 215. a.  
 218. b. 237. a.)

[m] Lib. 1. Albanie's case, ubi  
 supra.  
 Lib. 5. Hoc's case 70, 71.  
 10. H. 6. 4.

25. Aff. p. 7. 27. E. 3. Execu-  
 tion 130. Pasch. 38. Eliz.  
 Rot. 521. inter Borough et  
 Gray.  
 (2. Roll. Abr. 403. 408. Hob. 46.  
 2. Cro. 401. 449.)

49. E. 3. 28.

(Doct. and Stud. 18. a.  
 10. Rep. 48. b.  
 Post. 276. a.)

[1] 7. E. 4. 13. 20. II. 6. 29.  
 5. II. 7. 41. 18. E. 3. 12.  
 8. II. . . . 5. E. 3. 36. 5. E. 3. 46.  
 Vide Sect. 490. 491.  
 (Post. 284. b.  
 1. Rep. 87. b.  
 3. Rep. 29. b.)

in fee, the grandfather dieth, the father against his owne feoffment shall not enter; but if he die, his sonne shall enter. And so note a diversity betweene a release, a feoffment, and a warrantie: a release in that case is void: a feoffment is good against the feoffor, but not against his heire; a warrantie is good both against himselfe and his heires. (1) *Post. 25. A. 59.*

And here are three diversities worthy of observation, viz. First, betweene a power or an authority, and a right. Secondly, betweene powers and authorities themselves. Thirdly, betweene a right and a possibilitie.

As to the first, if a man by his last will deviseth that his executors shall sell his land, and dieth, if the executors release all their right and title in the land to the heire, this is void, for that they have neither right nor title to the land, but only a bare authority, which is not within *Littleton's* case of a release of a right. And so it is if *cessy que use* had devised that his feoffees should have sold the land. Albeit they had made a feoffment over, yet might they sell the use, for their authority in that case is not given away by the livery.

As to the second, there is a diversity betweene such powers or authorities as are only to the use of a stranger, and nothing for the benefit of him that made the release (as in the case before) and a power or authority which respecteth the benefit of the releasor; as in these usuall powers of revocation, when the feoffor, &c. hath a power to alter, change, determine, or revoke the uses (being intended for his benefit) he may release; and where the estates before were defeasible, he may by his release make them absolute, and seclude himselfe from any alteration or revocation, as it hath bene resolved; which diversity you may read in [m] *Albanie's* case. (2)

As to the third, before judgement the plaintife in an action of debt releaseth to the baile in the king's bench all demands; and after judgement is given, this shall not barre the plaintife to have execution against the baile, because at the time of the release he had but a meere possibilitie, and neither *jus in re*, nor *jus ad rem*, but the duty is to commence after upon a contingent, and therefore could not be released presently. So if the comfice of a statute, &c. release to the comisor all his right in the land, yet afterwards he may sue execution; for he hath no right in the land till execution, but only a possibilitie; and so have I knowne it adjudged. (3)

Sec. 447.

**DE tout le droit.**

*ITEM; en releas de tout le droit que home ad en certain terres, &c. il covient a celuy a que le releas est fait en aucun cas, que il ad le franktenement en les terres † en fait, ou en ley, al temps de releas fait, &c. ‡ Car en chescun cas lou celuy a que le releas est fait, ad franktenement en fait, ou franktenement en ley, al temps del releas, || &c. ¶ donque le releas est bone.*

This must be intended of a bare right, and not of a release of right, whereby any estate passeth, as to a lessee for yeares, &c. as shall be said hereafter. Also it must be intended of a release of a right of freehold at the least, and not to a right for any terme for yeares or chattle reall; as if lessee for yeares bee ousted, and hee in the reversion disseised, and the disseisor maketh a lease for yeares, the first lessee may release unto him. All which is implied in the first &c. Also in some case a release of a right made to one that hath neither freehold in deed, nor freehold in law, is good and available in law, [e] as the demandant may release to the vouchee, and yet the vouchee hath nothing in the land; but the reason of that is, for that when the vou-

chee entereth into the warrantie, he becommeth tenant to the demandant, and may render the land to him, in respect of the privitie; but an estranger cannot release to the vouchee, because, *in rei veritate*, he is not tenant of the land.

**ALSO,** in releas of all the right which a man hath in certaine lands, &c. it behooveth him to whom the release is made in any case, that hee hath the freehold in the lands in deed, or in law, at the time of the release made, &c. For in every case where he to whom the release is made, hath the freehold in deed, or in law, at the time of the release, &c. there the release is good. (4)

[d] And

\* *aucun—tel*, in L. and M. and Roh.  
 † *fait* added in L. and M. and Roh.

† &c. added in L. and M. and Roh.  
 § *donque* not in L. and M. nor Roh.

‡ &c. not in L. and M. nor Roh.

(1) Ant. 186. it is laid down that a man may warrant more than passes from him. In Fitzg. 234. lord chief-justice Trevor observes, that the reason why the feoffment prevails against the father, is, that by the disseisin he had acquired possession, and might make a feoffment, and the operation of a feoffment is to bar future and contingent rights.

(2) See note 2. to page 113. The doctrine of the suspension and extinction of powers will be considered in a note to the chapter of Discontinuance. *See p. 24. § 2. b.*

(3) In the king's bench, where the proceeding is by bill, the bail is not bound in a certain sum to the plaintiff, but only undertakes that the defendant shall pay the condemnation money, or render his body to prison; so that they are but in the nature of jailors to the defendant: but in the common pleas, the bail are bound to the plaintiff in a certain sum. 5. Rep. 70. 10. Rep. 51.

(4) Ant. 1st note to this Section.

particular estate may determine before the remainder can take place: but that in every case where the person to whom the remainder is limited is *in esse*, and is actually capable, or entitled to take on the expiration, or sooner determination, of the particular estate, supposing that expiration, or determination, to take place at that moment, there the remainder is vested. That the doubt arose, by not adverting to the distinction between the different nature of the contingency, in those cases where the remainder is limited to a person *in esse*; but the title of the remainder man to take, depends on a collateral or extraneous contingency, which may or may not take place during the continuance of the preceding estate; and those cases where the preceding estate may endure beyond the continuance of the estate in remainder. Thus if an estate is limited to A. for life, and after the death of A. and I. S. to B. for life, or in tail; there, during the life of I. S. the title of B. depends on the contingency of I. S. dying in the lifetime of A. This being an event which either may or may not take place during the continuance of the preceding estate, B.'s estate is necessarily contingent. But then, supposing I. S. to die; still it remains an uncertainty whether B.'s estate will ever take place in possession; for if the remainder be limited to B. for life; there if B. dies in A.'s lifetime, A.'s estate would endure beyond the continuance of the estate limited in remainder. The same would be the case if the remainder over were limited to B. in tail, and B. was to die in A.'s lifetime without issue.— Yet, in both cases, it was agreed that B. took, not a contingent but a vested remainder. Hence they inferred that it was not the possibility of the remainders over never taking effect in possession, but the remainder man's not having a capacity or title to take, supposing the preceding estate at that instant to expire, or determine, and its being uncertain whether he ever will obtain that capacity or title, during the continuance of the preceding estate, that makes the remainder contingent. Upon these grounds they determined that the trustees took a vested remainder, and that the recovery therefore was void. The doctrine established in the case of *Dormer and Fortescue* is laid down by sir Edward Coke, 10. Rep. 85. where he, with great accuracy of expression, observes, that where it is dubious and uncertain whether the use or estate limited in future shall ever vest *in interest* or not, then the use or estate, is in contingency; because, upon a future contingent, it may either vest or never vest, as the contingent happens. And see 1. Rep. 137. b.



[d] And so it is if the tenant alien hanging the *præcipe*, the release of the demandant to the tenant to the *præcipe* is good, and yet he hath nothing in the land.

In time of vacation an annuity, that the person ought to pay, may be released to the patron in respect of the privity; but a release to the ordinary only seemeth not good, because the annuitie is temporall.

If a disseisor make a lease for life, the disseisee may release to him; for to such a release of a bare right there needs no privity, as shall be said hereafter. But if the disseisor make a lease for yeares, the disseisee cannot release to him, because he hath no estate of freehold. And yet in some case a right of freehold shall drowne in a chattell; as if a feme hath a right of dower she may release to the gardein in chivalry, and her right of freehold shall drowne in the chattle, because the writ of dower doth lie against him, and the heire shall take advantage of it. And it is to be observed, that by the antient maxime of the common law, a right of entrie, or a chose in action, cannot be granted or transferred to a stranger, and thereby is avoyded great oppression, injurie and injustice. *Nul charter, nul vende, ne nul done vault perpetualment si le donor n'est seïse al temps de contractz de 2. droitz, s. del droit de possession, et del droit del proprietie.* And therefore well faith *Littleton*, that he to whom a release of a right is made must have a freehold.

For the better understanding of transferring of naked rights to lands or tenements, either by release, feoffment, or otherwise, it is to be knowne, that there is *jus proprietatis*, a right of ownersliip, *jus possessionis*, a right of seisin or possession, and *jus proprietatis & possessionis*, a right both of property and possession: and this is antiently called *jus duplicatum*, or *droit droit*. For example, if a man be disseised of an acre of land, the disseisee hath *jus proprietatis*, the disseisor hath *jus possessionis*; and if the disseisee release to the disseisor, hee hath *jus proprietatis et possessionis*. (1) And regularly it holdeth true, that when a naked right to land is released to one that hath *jus possessionis*, and another by a meane title recover the land from him, the right of possession shall draw the naked right with it, and shall not leave a right in him to whom the release is made. For example, if the heire of the disseisor being in by descent *A.* doth disseise him, the disseisee release to *A.* now hath *A.* the meere right to the land. But if the heire of the disseisor enter into the land, and regaine the possession, that shall draw with it the meere right to the land, and shall not regaine the possession only, and leave the meere right in *A.* but by the recontinuance of the possession, the meere right is therewith vested in the heire of the disseisor.

But if the donee in taile discontinue in fee, now is the reversion of the donor turned to a naked right. If the donor release to the discontinuee and die, and the issue in taile doth recover the land against the discontinuee, he shall leave the reversion in the discontinuee; for the issue in taile can recover but the estate taile onely, and by consequence must leave the reversion in the discontinuee, for the donor cannot have it against his release: but if the disseisee enter upon the heire of the disseisor, and infeoffe *A.* in fee, and the heire of the disseisor recover the whole estate, that shall draw with it the meere right, and leave nothing in the feoffee. *Nota* the diversity. Another diversity is observable when the naked right is precedent before the acquisition of the defeasible estate, for there the recontinuance of the defeasible estate shall not draw with it the preceding right. [e] As if the disseisee disseise the heire of the disseisor, albeit the heire recover the land against the disseisee, yet shall he leave the preceding right in the disseisee. So if a woman that hath right of dower disseise the heire, and he recover the land against her, yet shall he leave the right of dower in her.

Another diversity is to be noted, when the meere right is subsequent, and transferred by act in law; there, albeit the possession be recontinued, yet that shall not draw the naked right with it, but shall leave it in him: as if the heire of the disseisor be disseised, and the disseisor infeoffe the heire apparent of the disseisee being of full age, and then the disseisee dieth, and the naked right descend to him, and the heire of the disseisor recover the land against him, yet doth he leave the naked right in the heire of the disseisee. So if the discontinuee of tenant in taile infeoffe the issue in taile of full age, and tenant in taile die, and then the discontinuee recover the land against him, yet he leaveth the naked right in the issue. [c] But if the heire of the disseisor be disseised, and the disseisee release to the disseisor upon condition, if the condition be broken, it shall revert the naked right. And so if the disseisee hath entred upon the heire of the disseisor, and made a feoffment in fee, upon condition, if he entred for the condition broken, and the heire of the disseisor entred upon him, the naked right should be left in the disseisee. But if the heire of the disseisor had entred before the condition broken, then the right of the disseisee had bene gone for ever. But now let us heare what *Littleton* faith.

[d] 10. E. 4. 14. 12. Aff. p. 41.  
8. E. 3. 21. 46. E. 3. 6. b.  
8. H. 6. 23. 21. H. 7. 41.  
(Post. 284. a. 8. Rep. 148.  
5. Rep. 24. b. 2. Cro. 151.)

(Dyer 30. b. 2. Cro. 105.)

Mirror, cap. 2. §. 17.  
(2. Roll. Abr. 45. 46. 47. 48.  
Ant. 214. a. 232. b. Post. 280.)

Mirror ubi supra. Bracton, lib. 2.  
fol. 32. Brutton, fol. 89. 121.  
Bracton, lib. 5. fol. 372.

(2. Rep. 56. Sect. 473.  
Post. 283. b. 286. a.)

(Post. 319. a.)

[c] 5. Aff. 1. 10. Aff. 16.  
50. E. 3. 7. 4. E. 3. Estopp. 133.  
30. Aff. 5. 11. E. 3. Entric. 56.  
12. Aff. 41. 27. E. 3. 84. 488.  
(6. Rep. 70. a.)

23. H. 8. tit. Restore al action.  
Br. 5. 50. E. 3. 7. Vid. Sect. 473.  
475. 478. 487.

[c] 38. E. 3. 16. 9. H. 7. 24.  
(Post. 279. a. 4. Rep. 9. b.)

*Should not it be said the donee die?*

## Sect.

(1) These may be subdivided, with respect to the disseisor, into that bare, naked, possession which he acquires by the disseisin, and the estate by title which his heir acquires by the descent; and, with respect to the disseisee, into that right of possession which he can restore by entry, and the bare right which he can only recover by action.



## Sect. 448.

(Doct. and Stud. 17. a.)

[a] Braet. li. 4. f. 206. 236.  
Britton, fol. 83. b. Fieta, lib. 3.  
cap. 15. Vid. Sect. 680.42. E. 3. 20. 10. H. 6. 14.  
17. E. 3. 78. 2. E. 3. 33.  
(5. Rep. 123. b.)

(Mo. 141.)

11. H. 4. 61. 21. H. 7. 12.

[g] 32. E. 3. barre 262.  
41. Aff. 2. 13. H. 4.  
surrender, 10.

[h] 38. E. 3. 12.

17. E. 3. 77. 18. E. 4. 25.

**H**ERE Littleton describeth what a freehold in law is, for he had spoke before in many places of freeholds in deed. This *Braeton* calleth [a] *civilem et naturalem possessionem seu seisinam*. The naturall seisin is the freehold in deed, and the civill the freehold in law. (1)

If a man levie a fine to a man *sur consance de droit come ceo que il ad de son done*, or a fine *sur consance de droit tantum*; these be coffments of record, and the consusee hath a freehold in law in him before hee entreteth.

Upon an exchange, the parties have neither freehold in deed, nor in law, before they enter; so upon a partition the freehold is not removed untill an entry.

[g] If tenant for life by the agreement of him in the reversion surrender unto him; he in the reversion hath a freehold in law in him before he enter. [h] Upon a livery within the view no freehold is vested before an entrie.

If a man doth bargaine and sell land by deed indented and inrolled, the freehold in law doth passe presently. And so when uses are raised by covenant upon good consideration.

If a tenant in a *præcipe* being seised of lands in fee, confesse himselfe to be a villeine to an estranger, and to hold the land in villenage of him, the estranger by this acknowledgement is actually seised of the freehold and inheritance without any entrie. But let us returne to *Littleton*.

**F**RANKTENEMENT en ley est, sicome un home disseisist un auter, et \* morust seisie, per que les tenements descendent a son fits, coment que son fits ne entra pas en les tenements, uncore il ad un franktenement en ley, quel per force de discent est jeēt sur luy, et pur ceo un releas fait a luy, issint esteant seisie de franktenement en ley, est assēs bon; et s'il prent feme issint esteant seisie en ley, coment que il ne unque enter pas en fait, et morust, son feme serra endow. †

**F**REEHOLD in law is, as if a man disseiseth another, and dieth seised, whereby the tenements descend to his sonne, albeit that his sonne doth not enter into the tenements, yet hee hath a freehold in law, which by force of the discent is cast upon him, and therefore a release made to him, so being seised of a freehold in law, is good enough; and if he taketh wife being so seised in law, although he never enter in deed, and dieth, his wife shal be endowed.

## Sect. 449.

**I**TEM, en ascuns cases de releases de tout le droit, coment que celuy a que le release est fait n'ad riens en le franktenement en fait ne en ley, uncore le release est assēs bone. Sicome le disseisor lessa la terre que il ad per disseisin a un auter pur terme de sa vie, savant le reversion a luy, si le disseisee ou son heire release al disseisor tout le droit, &c.

**A**LSO, in some cases of releases of all the right, albeit (2) that he to whom the release is made hath nothing in the freehold in deed nor in law, yet the release is good enough. As if the disseisor letteth the land which hee hath by disseisin to another for terme of his life, saving the reversion to him, if the disseisee or his heire release to the disseisor all the right, &c. this

\* ent added L. and M. and Reh.

† &amp;c. added L. and M. and Reh.

(1) It may not, perhaps, be improper in this place, to attempt a short explanation of some words familiar both in the ancient and modern law. *Seisin* is a technical term, denoting the completion of that investiture by which the tenant was admitted into the tenure, and without which no freehold could be constituted or pass. It is a word common as well to the French as to the English law. It is either in deed, which is, when the person has the actual seisin or possession; or in law, when after a discent the person on whom the lands descend, has not actually entered, and the possession continues vacant, not being usurped by another. *Disseisin* seems to imply the turning the tenant out of his fee, and usurping his place and relation. It has been observed in a preceding note, that persons, to avail themselves of the remedy by assise, frequently supposed or admitted themselves to be disseised, when they were not; and that this was called *disseisin by election*, in opposition to an *actual disseisin*. To constitute an actual disseisin, it was necessary that the disseisor had not a right of entry; (or, to use the old law expression, that his entry was not congeable;) that the person disseised was, at the time of the disseisin, in the actual possession of the lands; that the disseisor expelled him from them by some degree of constraint or force; and that he substituted himself to be tenant to the lord. But how this substitution was effected, it is difficult, perhaps impossible, now to discover. From what we know of the feudal law, it does not appear how a disseisin could be effected without the consent or connivance of the lord: yet we find, the relationship of lord and tenant remained after the disseisin. Thus, after the disseisin, the lord might release the rent and services to the disseisee; might avow upon him; and if he died his heir within age, the lord was entitled to the wardship of the heir. See Litt. Sect. 454, and the commentary upon it. It should be observed, that a disseisin did not disturb rent issuing out of land, the seisin of the rent being considered as a separate and distinct factum from that of the land. 1. Rep. 133. b. A *discontinuance* is the effect of a disseisin, when, on certain events, the person disseised has lost his right of entry upon the disseisor, and can only recover by action. The word *freehold* is now generally used to denote an estate for life, in opposition to an estate of inheritance. Perhaps, in the old law it meant rather the latter than the former. It is known that fees were held originally at the will of the lord; then, for the life of the tenant; that afterwards they were descendible to the particular heirs of the body of the tenant; then, to all the heirs of his body; and that in succession of time the tenant had the complete dominion or power over the fee. The word *freehold* always imported the whole estate of feudatory, but varied as they varied. Hence we find the freeholder represented the whole fee, did the duty to the lord, and defended the possession against strangers. See Feud. L. 1. tit. 25. l. 2. t. 1. 2. Craig. lib. 2. tit. 2. l. Inst. 31. 153. Litt. Sect. 59. 279. 592. Britton, cha. 32. and Sir Ed. Coke's Commentary upon those Sections; and the case of Taylor on the demise of Atkins v. Horde, 1. Burrows 60.

(2) But a common recovery vests no freehold in deed or in law before execution served. See Moor 141.



*cel release est bone, pur ceo que celuy a que le release est fait, avoit en luy un reversion al temps del release fait.* release is good, because hee to whom the release is made, had in law a reversion at the time of the release made (1).

(Flo. 352.)

**H**ERE *Littleton* addeth a limitation to the next precedent Section, *viz.* that a release of all the right may be good to him in reversion, albeit he hath nothing in the freehold, because he hath an estate in him.

7. E. 4. 13. 14. H. 4. 32. b.  
41. E. 3. 17. 49. E. 3. 28. case ult.

*Tout le droit, &c.* Or title, interest, demand, or the like; and so it is if he in the reversion hath an estate for life or in taile in reversion, as in the like case it appeareth in the next Section.

## Sect. 450.

**E**N *mesme le maner est, lou leas est fait a un home pur terme de vie, le remainder a un autre pur terme de \* autre vie, le remainder a le tierce en le taile, le remainder a le quart en fee, si un estranger que droit ad a la terre releffa tout son droit a aucun de eux en le remainder, tiel release est bone, pur ceo que chescun de eux ad un remainder en fait vestue en luy.* **I**N the same manner it is, where a lease is made to a man for terme of life, the remainder to another for terme of another man's life, the remainder to the third in taile, the remainder to the fourth in fee, if a stranger which hath right to the land releaseth all his right to any of them in the remainder, such release is good, because everie of them hath a remainder in deed vested in him.

**H**ERE is another limitation, that a release is good to him in the remainder, albeit hee hath nothing in the freehold in possession, because he hath an estate in him, as hath beene said. In both these limitations it is to be observed, that the state which maketh a man tenant to the *præcipe*, is said to be the freehold, as here the state of tenant for life, and not the reversion in fee.

7. E. 4. 13. 41. E. 3. 7. 17. E. 3.  
54. 18. E. 2. Tit. *Entric* 74.  
3. E. 2. Tit. *Entric* 7.  
F. N. B. 207. E.

## Sect. 451.

**M**ES *si le tenant a terme de vie soit disseise, et puis celuy que ad droit (esteant le possession en le disseisor) releffa a un de eux a que le remainder fuit fait tout † son droit, cel release est void, pur ceo que il n'avoit ‡ un remainder en fait al temps de release fait, forsque tantsolement un droit del remainder.* **B**UT if the tenant for terme of life be disseised, and afterwards he that hath right (the possession being in the disseisor) releaseth to one of them to whom the remainder was made all his right, this release is void, because hee had not a remainder in deed at the time of the release made, but only a right of a remainder.

**F**orsque tantsolement un droit del remainder. For a release of a right to one that hath but a bare right regularly is void; for, as *Littleton* hath before said, hee to whom a release is made of a bare right in lands and tenements, must have either a freehold in deed or in law in possession, or a state in remainder or reversion in fee or fee taile, or for life.

Vide Sect. 454.

## Sect.

\* *autre* not in L. and M. nor Roh. nor in *Cambr.* MSS. † *son—le*, L. and M. and Roh. ‡ *en luy* added L. and M. and Roh.

(1) Releases may enure four manner of ways. 1<sup>st</sup>, *Per mitter le droit*, where a person is disseised, and he releases to the disseisor his heir or scollie.—2<sup>d</sup>, *Per mitter le estat*; *viz.* when two or more are seised by a joint title of the same estate, as by a contract, or by descent, as jointenants or coparceners, and one of them releases to the other, this enures *per mitter le estat*.—3<sup>d</sup>, *Per Pelarger*, is where the possession and inheritance are separated for a particular time, and he who hath the reversion or inheritance, releases to the tenant in possession all his right and interest. Such release is said to enlarge his estate, and to be equal to an entry and feoffment, and to amount to a grant and attornment.—4<sup>th</sup>, *Per extinguishment*, where the releasee cannot have the thing *per mitter le droit*, yet the release shall enure by way of extinguishment against all manner of persons; as when the lord grants the feignory to his tenant, such releases absolutely extinguish the rent, &c. although the releasee be only tenant for life. *Ant.* 193. b. and see post. 273. b.

Sect. 452.

**BY** this it appeareth, that as a release made of a right to him in reversion or remainder, shall aid and benefit him that hath the particular estate for yeares, life, or estate taile, so a release of a right made to a particular tenant for life, or in taile, shall aid and benefit him or them in the remainder.

If two tenants in common of land graunt a rent charge of 40s. out of the same to one in fee, and the grantee release to one of them, this shall extinguish but twentie shillings, for that the graunt in judgement of law was severall. (1) So it is if two men be seised of severall acres, and grant a rent *ut supra*. But there is a diversitie betweene severall estates in severall lands, and severall estates in one land; for if one be tenant for life of lands, the reversion in fee over to another, if they two joyne in a grant of a rent out of the lands, if the grantee releaseth either to him in the reversion, or to tenant for life, the whole rent is extinguished, for it is but one rent, and issueth out of both estates, and so note the diversitie. (2)

*Si le tenant ad le fait en son poigne a pleader.* And so it is in both cases: for albeit he in the reversion or remainder is a stranger to the deed, when the release is made to the tenant, and the tenant for life or in taile is a stranger to the deed, when the release is made to him in reversion or remainder, yet seeing they are privies in estate, none of them in pleading shall take benefit thereof, without shewing the same in court, which is worthy to be observed

*S'ils ceo poient monstre.* The one cannot plead the release made to the other without shewing of it, for that they are privie in estate, as hath beene said. The residue of these two Sections needs no explication.

*ET nota, que chescun release fait a celui que ad un reversion ou un remainder en fait, servira et aidera celui que ad le franktenement, auxy bien come a celui a que le release fuit fait, se le tenant avoit le release en son poigne \* de pleader.*

**AND** note, that every release made to him which hath a reversion or a remainder in deed, shall serve and aid him who hath the freehold, as well as him to whom the release was made, if the tenant hath the release in his hand to plead.

Sect. 453.

*ET en mesme le man- ner † est lou un release ‡ est fait al tenant pur terme de vie, ou al tenant en le taile, || ceo urera a eux en le reversion, ou a eux en le remainder, auxy bien come al tenant de franktenement, et averont auxy grand avantage de cel, s'ils ceo poient monstre §.*

**IN** the same manner it is where a release is made to the tenant for life, or to the tenant in taile, this shall enure to them in the reversion, or to them in the remainder, as well as to the tenant of the freehold, and they shall have as great advantage of this, if they can shew it.

Sect.

(2. Roll. Abr. 414. Post. 275. s. 279. b. 285. b. 297. a. Ant. 147. b. 197.)

(1. Rep. Mayoe's case.)

35. H. 6. 8.

(Ant. 292. s. Hob. 66. 2. Roll. Abr. 412.)

\* de pleader not in L. and M. nor Roh.  
|| ceo not in L. and M. nor Roh.

† est lou not in L. and M. nor Roh.  
§ &c. added in L. and M. and Roh.

‡ est not in L. and M. nor Roh.

(1) If they grant a rent-charge of 20s. which in law amounts to a rent-charge of 40s. as two grants, for otherwise non est casus. When two tenants in common grant a rent, that is, several estates in one land, and yet they are several grants, therefore quare of this diversity. Pl. Que. pl. 315. contra. Lord Nott. MSS.

(2) For Plover in his Quere 315. if tenant for life grants rent, and the grantee purchases the reversion, the rent remains during the life of the tenant for life. Lord Nott. MSS.



Sect. 454.

**I**TEM, si soit seignior et tenant, et le tenant soit disseisee, et le seignior releffa al disseisee tout le droit que il avoit en le seignorie ou en le terre, cel release est bone, et le seignorie est extinct: et ceo est pur cause del privitie que est perenter le seignior et le disseisee. Car si les avers le disseisee soient pris, et de eux le disseisee suist un replevin envers le seignior, il compellera le seignior d'avowrer sur luy; car s'il avowrer sur le disseisor, donques sur le matter monstre l'avowrie abatera, car le disseisee est tenant a luy en droit et en la ley.

**A**LSO, if there bee lord and tenant, and the tenant be disseised, and the lord releaseth to the disseisee all the right which he hath in the seignorie or in the land, this release is good, and the seignorie is extinct: and this is by reason of the privitie which is betweene the lord and the disseisee. For if the beasts of the disseisee be taken, and of them the disseisee sueth a replevin against the lord, hee shall compell the lord to avow upon him; for if hee avow upon the disseisor, then upon the matter shewn the avowrie shall abate, for the disseisee is tenant to him in right and in law. (1)

**H**EREUPON may bee collected and observed two diversities: first, betweene a seignorie or rent service, and a rent charge: for a seignorie or rent service may bee released and extinguished to him that hath but a bare right in the land, And the reason hereof is, in respect of the privitie betweene the lord and the tenant in right; for he is not only as tenant to the avowrie, but if hee die his heire within age, hee shall bee in ward; and if of full age, hee shall pay releefe; and if he die without heire, the land shall escheat. But there is no such privitie in case of a rent charge, for there the charge only lieth upon the land.

(3. Rep. 35. b.)

The second diversitie is betweene a seignorie and a bare right to land; for a release of a bare right to land to one that hath but a bare right is void, as hath beene said. But here in the case of our author, a release of a seignorie to him that hath but a right, is good to extinguish the seignorie.

Vid. Sect. 451.

*Nota*, a seignorie, rent, or right, either *in presenti*, or *in futuro*, may be released five manner of wayes, and the first three without any privitie. First, to the tenant of the freehold in deed or in law.

Lib. 10. fol. 48. Lampet's case.

(Post. 275. 2. Roll. Abr. 402.)

Secondly, to him in remainder. Thirdly, to him in the reversion. The other two in respect of privitie: as, first, here the lord releaseth his seignorie to the tenant being disseised, having but a right, and no estate at all: secondly, in respect of the privitie, without any estate or right; as by the demandant to the vouchee, or donor to the donee, after the donee hath discontinued in fee, as appeareth hereafter in this chapter.

Sect. 455.

*Per cause de privitie, &c.* See for this word (*privitie*), Sect. 461.

*Il compellera le seignior d'avowrer sur luy, &c.* This is regularly true; but if the lord hath accepted services of the disseisor, then the disseisee cannot enforce the lord to avow upon him, though his beasts be taken, &c. (2)

20. H. 6. 9. b. 41. E. 3. 26.

48. E. 3. 9. 2. E. 4. 6. a.

31. E. 1. Discent 17. 26. E. 3. 72.

4. H. 6. 21. F. N. B. 144. o.

[d] 7. E. 6. tit. Escheat. Br. 18.

If a man hath title to have a writ of escheat, if he accept homage or fealtie of the tenant, he is barred of his writ of escheat; but if he accept rent of the tenant, that is no bar to him, for it may be received by the hands of a baylife. [d] But some doe hold, that if there be lord and tenant, and the tenant be disseised, and the disseisee die without heire, the lord accepts rent by the hands of the disseisor, this is no barre to him. Contrarie it is, if he avow for the rent in court of record, or if he take a corporall service, as homage or fealtie, for the disseisor is in by wrong: but if the lord accept the rent by the hands of the heire of the disseisor, or of his scoffee, because they be in by title, this shall barre him of his escheat, which is to

(9. Rep. 22. 1. Roll. Abr. 316. b.)

bee

(1) Here the release operates by way of extinguishment. See post. 279. b.

(2) But the opinion of the 48. E. 3. 9. seems to the contrary; because when the tenant pleads the disseisin, to compel the lord to avow upon him, it is strange that the lord, by his own act of acceptance, should maintain his avowry, and destroy the feudal contract. Gilb. Ten. 64. 65.



(e) 7. H. 4. 17. 3. R. 2. entr. 38. 2. H. 4. 8. 6. H. 7. 9. Vide Sect. 556.

(f) 21. H. 8. cap. 19. (Hob. 242.)

Lib. 9. fol. 136. Afcough's case.

27. H. 8. fol. 4. 32. H. 8. cap. 2. Lib. 9. fol. 36. Bucknall's case.

34. H. 8. Avowrie Br. 113. 27. H. 8. 4. & 20. Bucknall's case ubi supra.

Lib. 9. fol. 22. in case d'avowrie.

44. E. 3. 20. 11. H. 7. 4. 21. H. 7. 40. 34. H. 6. 18. 16. E. 4. 10. 6. R. 2. Refcou. 11. (Ant. 161.)

bee understood of a discent or feoffment, after the title of escheat accrued: (e) for if the disseisor make a feoffment in fee, or die seised, and after the disseisee die without heire, then there is no escheat at all, because the lord hath a tenant in by title. And when *Littleton* wrote, the disseisee in the case here put, should have compelled the lord to have avowed upon him, as *Littleton* holdeth. But now this is altered by a latter statute of (f) 21 H. 8. For whereas by fines, recoveries, grants, and secret feoffments, &c. made by tenants to persons unknowne, the lords were put from knowledge of their tenants, upon whom by order of law they should make their avowrie, &c. it is by that statute enacted, that if the lord shall distreine upon the lands and tenements holden, &c. that he may avow, &c. upon the same lands, &c. as in lands, &c. within his fee or seignorie, &c. without naming of any person certaine, and without making avowrie upon a person certaine. Upon which statute these foure points are to be observed. First, that the lord hath still election either to avow according to the common law, by force of the statute, by reason of this word (*may*). Secondly, albeit the purview of the act be general, yet all necessary incidents are to be supplied, and the scope and end of the act to be taken: and therefore, though he need not to make his avowrie upon any person certaine, yet he must allege seisin by the hands of some tenant in certaine, within fortie yeares. Thirdly, that if the avowrie be made according to the statute, everie plaintife in the replevin, or second deliverance, be he termor or other, may have everie answer to the avowrie that is sufficient; and also have aid, and everie other advantage in law (disclaimer only except); for disclaime he cannot, because in that case the avowrie is made upon no certaine person. Fourthly, where the words of the statute be, if the lord distreine upon the lands and tenements holden, yet if the lord come to distreine, and the tenant enchafe his beasts which were within the view out of the land holden, and there the lord distreine, albeit the distresse be taken out of his fee and seignorie in that case, yet is it within the said statute; for in judgment of law the distresse is lawfull, and as taken within his fee and seignorie; and this statute being made to suppress fraud, is to be taken by equitie (1).

## Sect. 455.

*ITEM, si terre soit done a un home en taile, reservant al donor et a ses heires un certaine rent, si le donee soit disseisee, et puis le donor releffa al donee et a ses heires tout le droit que il avoit en la terre, et puis le donee enter en la terre sur le disseisor; en cest case le rent est ale, pur ceo que le disseisee al temps de release fait, fut tenant en droit et en la ley al donor, et avowrie a fine force covient de estre fait sur luy per le donor pur le rent aderere, &c. Mes uncore rien de droit de terres, scilicet, de le droit de le reversion, \* passera per tiel release, pur ceo que le donee a que le release est fait, adonque n'avoit riens en la terre forsque tant-solement un droit, et issint le droit del terre ne pouvoit † adonques passer al donee per tiel release.*

**A**LSO, if land be given to a man in taile, reserving to the donor and to his heires a certaine rent, if the donee be disseised, and after the donor release to the donee and his heires all the right which hee hath in the land, and after the donee enter into the land upon the disseisor; in this case the rent is gone, for that the disseisee at the time of the release made, was tenant in right and in law to the donor, and the avowrie of fine (2) force ought to be made upon him by the donor for the rent behinde, &c. But yet nothing of the right of the lands, (*scilicet*) of the reversion, shall passe by such release, for that the donee to whom the release is made, then had nothing in the land but onely a right, and so the right of the land could not then passe to the donee by such release.

Si

\* adonques ne added L. and M. and Rob.

† adonques not in L. and M.

(1) See the following page. Gilb. Distr. 189. Lord Raym. 257.

(2) That is, of necessity.



*SI le donee soit disseisne, &c.* This is evident by that which hath beene said. But admit that the donee maketh a feoffment in fee, and the donor release unto him and his heires all the right in the land, this shall extinguish the rent, because the lord must avow upon him, and yet the tenant in taile after the feoffment hath no right in the land. But the reason is in respect of the privity, and that the [m] donor is by necessity compellable to avow upon him only; for if he should avow upon the discontinuance, then it should appeare of his owne shewing that the reversion whereunto the rent is incident should be out of him, and consequently the avowrie should abate; and so was it [n] resolved *Trin. 18. Eliz.* in the court of common pleas in *sr Thomas Wiat's* case, which I heard and observed. And *Littleton* saith here, that in case of the disseisin of fine force, the avowrie must be made upon the donee.

Vide Sect. 454. 1. H. 5. tit. grant. 33. 14. H. 3. 38. m. 3. fol. 29. lib. 6. 58. *Lampet's* case ubi supra. (Ant. 46. Post. 348.) [m] 10. E. 3. 26. 28. E. 3. 8. b. 31. E. 3. gard. 116. 5. E. 4. 3. 7. E. 4. 27. 15. E. 4. 13. [n] *Trin. 18. Eliz.* in *Thomas Wiat's* case in *communibus banco.*

*Uncore riens de droit, &c. de reversion, &c.* Here the diversity aforesaid betweene the rent service and a bare right to the land appeareth.

Sect. 456.

*EN mesme le manner est, si leas soit \* a un pur terme de vie, reservant al lessor et a ses heires certaine rent, si le lessee soit disseisne, et puis lessor releffa al lessee et a ses heires tout le droit que il ad en la terre, et apres le lessee enter, coment que en cest cas le rent est extinct, uncore rien del droit de la reversion passera, causâ qua supra.*

**I**N the same manner it is, if a lease be made to one for terme of life, reserving to the lessor and to his heires a certaine rent, if the lessee be disseised, and after the lessor release to the lessee and to his heires all the right which he hath in the land, and after the lessee entreteth, albeit in this case the rent is extinct, yet nothing of the right of the reversion shall passe, *causâ qua supra.*

**H**EREBY the diversity is made apparent betweene a release of a rent service out of land, and a release of right to land, in this Section.

Sect. 457.

*MES si soit veray seignior et veray tenant, et le tenant fait un feoffment en fee, lequel feoffee ne unque devient tenant al seignior, † si le seignior releffa al feoffor tout son droit, &c. cest releas est en tout void, pur ceo que le feoffor ad nul droit en la terre, et il n'est tenant en droit al*

**B**UT if there be very lord and very tenant, and the tenant maketh a feoffment in fee, the which feoffee doth never become tenant to the lord, if the lord release to the feoffor all his right, &c. this release is altogether void, because the feoffor hath no right in the land, and he is not tenant in right to the

*VERAY seignior et veray tenant.*

This is to be understood of a lord in fee simple, and of a tenant of like estate.

There be foure manner of avowries for rents and services, &c. viz. 1. *Super eorum tenentem*, as in the case here put. 2. *Super eorum tenentem in formâ predictâ*, as where a lease for life, or a gift in taile bee made, the remainder in fee. 3. Upon one as upon his tenant by the minor omitting (*verie*); and this is when the lord hath a particular estate in the seigniorie, and so shall the donor upon

Vide *Afcough's* case, l. 9. fo. 135. 136. 20. H. 6. 9. 2. H. 4. 24. 12. E. 4. 2. 26. H. 6. avowrie 17. 9. Lit. Diet. 257. 5. H. 7. 11. 7. E. 4. 24. 20. E. 3. avow. 131. (9. Rep. 135. b. 21. H. 8. c. 19.)

\* *dit* added in L. and M. and Roh.

† *&c.* added in L. and M. and Roh.



47. E. 3. fol. ultimo. 38. H. 6. 23.

(Doc. Pla. 53.)

21. H. 8. cap. 19.  
(Post. 345.)

upon the donee, or lessor upon the lessee. 4. *Sur le matter en la terre*, as within his fee and feignorie. As where the tenant by knights service maketh a lease for life reserving a rent, and die his heire within age, the gardene shall avow upon the lessee, *scilicet, super materiam prædictam in terris et tenementis prædictis ut infra feudum et dominium suum*. Now by the statute the very lord may avow, as in lands within his fee and feignorie, without avowing upon any person in certaine. (1)

*seignior, mes tenant solement tenant quant al avowry faire, et il ne unques compellera le seignior d'avower sur luy, car le seignior avowera sur le feoffee s'il voile.*

lord, but only tenant as to make the avowre, and hee shall never compell the lord to avow upon him, for the lord shall avow upon the feoffee if hee will.

Here appeareth the diversity betweene a tenant in taile, and a tenant in fee simple; for albeit tenant in taile make a feoffment in fee, yet the right of the entaile remaine, and shall descend to the issue in taile. But when the tenant in fee simple make a feoffment in fee, no right at all remaine of his estate, but the whole is transferred to the feoffee.

Also the lord is not compellable in that case to avow upon the feoffor; but if he will, as Littleton here saith, he may avow on the feoffee; but so it is not, as hath bene said, in case of tenant in taile.

Note a diversity betweene actions and acts which concerne the right, and actions and acts which concerne the possession only. For a writ of customes and services lieth not against the feoffor, nor a release to him shall extinguish the feignorie. So if a rescous be made, an assise shall not lie against the feoffor, and him that made the rescous, because the feoffee is tenant, and in assise; the surplussage incroached shall be avoided. For these actions and acts concerne the right; but of a seisin and an avowrie which concerne the possession, it is otherwise. And if the lord release to the feoffor, this is good betweene them, as to the possession and discharge of the arrerages, but the feoffee shall not take benefit of it, for that, as hath bene said, it extendeth not to the right. But the feoffor shall plead a release to the feoffee, for thereby the feignorie is extinct; as if lessee for life doth waste, and grant over his estate, and the lessor release to the grantee, in an action of waste against the lessee, he shall plead the release, and yet he hath nothing in the land. And so in waste shall tenant in dower or by the courtisie in the like case, and the vouchee, and the tenant in a *præcipe* after a feoffment made. And so in a *contra formam collationis*.

(Doc. Pla. 321.)

4. E. 3. 22. 7. F. 3. 8.  
7. E. 4. 27. 29. H. 8. 111. avow-  
rie. Br. 111. li. 2. fol. 65. 66.  
Pennant's case. 7. H. 4. 14.  
2. E. 4. 6. 31. H. 6. 46.  
37. H. 6. 29. H. 8. avowrie.  
(6. Rep. 58. b.)

*Le feoffee ne unques deveigne tenant.* Nota here an excellent point of learning, viz. if there be lord and tenant, and the rent is behind by divers yeares, and the tenant make a feoffment in fee, if the lord accept the service or rent of the feoffee due in his time, he shall lose the arrerages due in the time of the feoffor; for after such acceptance he shall not avow upon the feoffor, nor upon the feoffee for the arrerages incurred in the time of the feoffor. But in that case if the feoffor dieth, albeit the lord accept the rent or service by the hand of the feoffee due in his time, he shall not lose the arrerages, for now the law compelleth him to avow upon the feoffee, (2) and that which the law compelleth him unto, shall not prejudice him.

So it is, and for the same reason, if there be lord, mesne, and tenant, and the rent due by the mesne is behinde, and after the tenant fore-judge the mesne, and the lord receive the services of the mesne which issue out of the tenancie, he shall not be barred of the arrerages which issued out of the mesnalty; and so if the rent be behinde, and the tenant dieth, the acceptance of the services by the hand of the heire shall not barre him of the arrerages; for in these cases albeit the persons be altered, yet the lord doth accept the services of him which only ought to doe them. (3)

4. E. 3. 22. 47. E. 3. 4.

But as long as the feoffor liveth, the lord shall not be compelled to avow upon the feoffee, unless he giveth the lord notice, and tender unto him all the arrerages.

21. H. 8. cap. 19.

But now by the statute the lord may avow upon the lands so holden, as in lands within his fee or feignorie, without naming of any person certaine to bee tenant of the same, and without making of any avowrie upon any person certaine, as hath bene said, which hath much altered the common law in the cases abovesaid, for the benefit and safety of the lord.

But yet these cases are necessary to be knowne (for which purpose I have added them), for that the lord may avow still at the common law if he will.

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(1) On the continuance of the right of the entail in the tenant in tail after a feoffment made by him, see the case of lord Sheffield v. Radcliffe, Hob. 334. and see Duncombe v. Wingfield, ibid. 252.  
(2) For the lord could not introduce the heir into the feud contrary to the express alienation of the ancestor. Gilb. Ten. 67.  
(3) By acceptance of rent from the assignee, the lessor loses his action of debt against the first lessee, but he may still maintain an action of covenant against him. 1. Saund. 240. 241. 2. Saund. 302.



## Sect. 458.

*AUTERMENT est lou le veray tenant est disseise, come en le cas avantdit; car si le veray tenant que est disseise, teigne del seignior per service de chivaler et morust (son heire esteant deins age), le seignior avera et seisera le garde del heire, et issint n'avera il my le gard del feoffor que fist le feoffment en fee, &c. issint il est graund diversity enter les deux cases, &c.*

**OTHERWISE** it is where the very tenant is disseised, as in the case aforesaid; for if the very tenant who is disseised, hold of the lord by knights service and dieth (his heire being within age), the lord shall have and seize the wardship of the heire, and so shall he not have the ward of the feoffor that made the feoffment in fee, &c. so there is a great diversitie betweene these two cases.

(Ant. 76. b.)

Of this sufficient hath beene said before.

## Sect. 459.

*ITEM, si un home lessa a un auter son terre pur terme d'ans, si le lessor rellessa al lessée tout son droit, &c. devant que le lessée avoit enter en mesme le terre per force de mesme le leas, tiel releas est void, pur ceo que le lessée n'avoit possession en la terre al temps del releas fait, mes tant seulement un droit d'aver mesme la terre per force de mesme le leas. Mes si le lessée enter en mesme la terre, et ent cit possession per force de mesme le leas, donque tiel releas fait a luy per le feoffor, ou per son heire, est \*sufficient a luy per cause del privitie que per force del leas est perenter eux, &c.*

**ALSO**, if a man letteth to another his land for terme of yeares, if the lessor release to the lessee all his right, &c. before that the lessee had entered into the same land by force of the same lease, such release is void, for that the lessee had not possession in the land at the time of the release made, but only a right to have the same land by force of the lease. But if the lessee enter into the land, and hath possession of it by force of the said lease, then such release made to him by the feoffor, or by his heire, is sufficient to him by reason of the privitie which by force of the lease is between them, &c. (1)

*DEVANT que le lessée avoit enter,*

*&c.* For before entry the lessee hath but *interesse termini*, an interest of a terme, and no possession, and therefore a release which enure by way of enlarging of an estate cannot worke without a possession, (2) for before possession there is no reversion; and yet if a tenant for twenty yeares in possession make a lease to *B.* for five yeares, and *B.* enter, a release to the first lessee is good, for he had an actual possession, and the possession of his lessee is his possession. And so it is if a man make a lease for yeares, the remainder for yeares, and the first lessee doth enter, a release to him in the remainder for yeares is good to enlarge his estate. (3)

12. H. 4. 13. 36. E. 3. tit. gard.  
10. 6. H. 7. 9. 37. H. 6. 1.  
32. H. 6. 27. 7. E. 6. tit. gard. Br.  
(Post. 345. b.)

49. E. 3. 28. 32. H. 6. 8.  
37. H. 6. 18. 22. E. 4. 37.  
4. H. 7. 10. 15. H. 7. 14.

22. E. 4. Surrender. 6.  
(Post. 273. a.)

But if a man make a lease for yeares to beginne presently, reserving a rent, if before the lessee doth enter the lessor releaseth all the right that hee hath in the land, albeit this release cannot enlarge his estate, yet it shall in respect of the privity extinguish the rent. And so it is if a lease be made to beginne at *Michaelmas*, reserving a rent, and before the day the lessor release all the right that hee hath in the land, this cannot enure to enlarge

(Ant. 46. b.)

\* *bon et* added L. and M. and Roh.

(1) On releases which operate by enlargement, see post. 273. a.

(2) But this must be understood of a lease at common law; for if it be so framed as to be a bargain and sale under the statute, the possession is immediately executed in the lessee, so that no entry is necessary. See the note page 71. b. and Cro. Car. 110. 2. Ventris 35.

(3) By this passage it appears, that what sir Edward Coke observes a few lines before, that a release which enures by enlargement cannot work without a possession, must be understood to mean, not that an actual estate in possession is necessary, but that a vested interest suffices, for such a release to operate upon. By comparing this with what is said in note 1. 271. b. of the operation of a lease and release, it will be seen, that not only estates in possession, but estates in remainder and reversion, and all other incorporeal hereditaments, may be effectually granted and conveyed by lease and release: but it is an inaccuracy to say, that the releasee, in these cases, is in the actual possession of the hereditaments; the right expression is, that they are *actually vested in him*, by virtue of the lease of possession, and the statute.



[d] Mich. 39. & 40. Eliz. in Scaccario, betwene sir Henrie Woodhouse and sir William Palton.

[c] Pasch. 38. Eliz. in quare impedit per Bennet. vers. Pevell- que de Norwich in communi banco. *11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.*

Pl. Com. 423.

25. E. 3. 53. 31. E. 3. Confirmat. 14. 31. Ass. Pl. 13.

enlarge the estate but to extinguish the rent in respect of the privity, as it was resolved [d] in the exchequer, which I observed.

A man granteth the next avoidance of an advowson to two, the one of them may before the church become void release to the other; for although the grantor cannot release to them to increase their estate, because their interest is future, and not in possession, yet one of them to extinguish his interest may release to the other in respect of the privity. But after the church become void, then such a release is void, because then it is (as it were) but a thing in action. And this was resolved [c] by the whole court of common pleas, which I myselfe heard and observed. And by consequent in the case of *Lidleton*, if a lease for yeares be made to two, albeit the lessor before they enter cannot release to them to enlarge their estate, yet one of them may before entry release to the other.

*Mes tantsolement un droit, &c.* Which is not so to be understood that he hath but a naked right, for then he could not grant it over; but seeing he hath *interesse termini*, before entrie, he may grant it over, albeit for want of an actuall possession he is not capable of a release to enlarge his estate.

*Mes si le lessee enter en mesme le terre, &c.* This is evident. And herein note a diversity betwene a lease for life, and for yeares, for before the lessee for yeares enter, a release cannot be made unto him: but if a man make a lease for life, the remainder for life, and the first lessee dieth, a release to him in the remainder and to his heires is good before hee doth enter to enlarge his estate, for that he hath an estate of a freehold in law in him, which may be enlarged by release before entrie.

And where our author speaketh only of a lessee for yeares, the same law it is of a tenant by statute merchant or staple, or tenant by *elegu*, or the like.

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21. H. 6. 37. 2. E. 4. 6. b. 7. E. 4. 27. 3. E. 4. 16. 29. H. 6. Release 6. (5. Rep. 13. 2. Sid. 153. Ant. 47. Cio. Jac. 169.)

BY these two Sections is to be observed, a diversity between a tenant at will, and a tenant at sufferance; for a release to a tenant at will is good, because betwene them there is a possession with a privity; but a release to a tenant at sufferance is void, because he hath a possession without privity. As if lessee for yeares hold over his terme, &c. a release to him is void, for that there is no privity betwene them; and so are the books that speake of this matter to be understood. (1)

*Sed contrarium tenetur, &c.* This is of a new addition, and the booke here cited ill understood, for it is to be understood of a tenant at sufferance.

*EN mesme le maner est, come il semble, ou lease est fait a un home a tener de le lessor a sa volunt, per force de quel leas le lessee eit possession: si le lessor en cest case fait un releas al lessee de tout son droit, &c. cest releas est assés bon pur le privity que est perenter eux; car en vain serra de faire estate per un liverie de seisin a un auter, lou il ad possession de mesmes les tenements per le leas de mesme celui devant, &c.*

\* Sed contrarium tenetur, P. 2. Ed. 4. per tous les justices.

IN the same manner it is, as it seemeth, where a lease is made to a man to hold of the lessor at his will, by force of which lease the lessee hath possession: if the lessor in this case make a release to the lessee of all his right, &c. this release is good enough for the privity which is betwene them; for it shall bee in vaine to make an estate by a livery of seisin to another, where he hath possession of the same land by the lease of the same man before, &c.

But the contrarie is holden, *Pasch. 2. E. 4.* by all the justices. \*

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\* This paragraph is not in L. and M. nor Rob.

(1) A tenant at will is he who enters and enjoys the land by the express or implied consent of the owner, without there being any obligation on the part either of the lessor or lessee to continue it for any certain or determinate term. A tenant by sufferance is he who, having entered and obtained possession by title, continues the possession, after his title is ended, by the laches of the lessor. The former is in by the consent of the owner of the lands; this creates a privity between them. A tenant by sufferance is in only by the laches of the owner, so that there is no privity between them. Both these estates differ from that of a tenant from year to year, the tenant of which may determine it at the end of any year, but after a new year is begun, the tenure cannot be determined either by the lessor or lessee till the end of the year. See 1. lord Raymon!, 757. 708. 2. Salk. 413. 3. Salk. 222. If a person holds by lease, and the term expires, the lease itself is notice of the expiration of the term, and the lessor may enter on the lessee without further notice, unless for double rent, under the 4. Geo. 2. c. 1. in which case there must be a previous demand in writing. Where the tenant holds by will, the modern determinations are, that there must be a previous notice; but this notice varies according to the custom of the place, and the nature of the hereditaments in lease.

*See the specific.*



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MES lou home de de sa teste demesne occupia terres ou tenements a la volunt celuy que ad\* le franktenement, et tiel occupier ne claima riens forsque a volunt, &c. si celuy que ad le franktenement voile releaser tout son droit al occupier, &c. tiel release est void, pur ceo que nul privitie est perenter eux per lease fait al occupier, ne per auter manner, &c.

BUT where a man of his owne head occupieth lands or tenements at the will of him which hath the freehold, and such occupier claimeth nothing but at will, &c. if hee which hath the freehold will release all his right to the occupier, &c. this release is void, because there is no privitie betweene them by the lease made to the occupier, nor by other manner, &c.

DE sa teste demesne occupia.

Hee doth not say, de sa teste demesne enter, &c. so as this is to bee understood of a tenant at sufferance, viz. where a man commeth to the possession first lawfully, and holdeth over.

(m) For if a man entred into land of his owne wrong, and take the profits, his words to hold it at the will of the owner cannot qualifie his wrong, but hee is a disseisor, (1) and then the release to him is good; or if the owner consented thereunto, then hee is a tenant at will, and that way also the release is good. But there is a diversitie when one cometh to a particular estate in land by the act of the partie, and when by act in law; for if the gardein hold over, he is an abator, because his interest came by act in law.

Vide Sect. 68. (1. Roll. Abr. 658. Ant. 57. Cro. Car. 3. 3.)

(m) Temps H. 8. tit. tenant a volunt. Br. 15. 2. E. 4. 38. 18. E. 4. 25. 39. E. 3. 28. 12. E. 3. Alf. 86. 11. E. 3. ibid. 87. 12. Alf. 21. 13. E. 3. Alf. 92. 28. Alf. 11. 34. Alf. 10. 10. E. 3. 41. 8. E. 3. 63. (1. Roll. Abr. 662. Poll. 277.)

Vide 2. part of the Institutes. Marlb. cap. 16. 10. E. 4. 9. 10.

(1. Roll. Abr. 861. Ant. 56. 2.)

Old N.B. 117. 137. Lib. 3. fo. 28. Walker's case. Lib. 4. fol. 123. 124.

Vide Sect. 454.

(8. Rep. 42. b.)

(Ant. 242. a.)

meth to a particular estate in land by the act of the partie, and when by act in law; for if the gardein hold over, he is an abator, because his interest came by act in law.

Nul privitie. Privitie is a word common aswell to the English as to the French, and in the understanding of the common law is fourefold.

- 1. As privies in estate, whereof Littleton here speaketh; as betweene the donor and donee, lessor and lessee, which privitie is ever immediate.
2. Privies in blood; as the heire to the ancestor, or betweene coparceners, &c.
3. Privies in representation; as executors, &c. to the testator.
And fourthly, privities in tenure; as the lord and tenant, &c. which may be reduced to two generall heads, privies in deed, and privies in law.

Sect. 462, 463.

ITEM, si home enfeoffe auters homes de sa terre sur confidence, et al entent de performer sa darreine volunt, et le feoffor occupiast mesme la terre a la volunt de ses feoffees, et puis les feoffees releffont per leur fait a leur feoffor tout leur droit, &c. ceo ad este un question, si tiel release soit bon ou non. Et ascuns ont dit, que tiel release

ALSO, if a man enfeoffe other men of his land upon confidence, and to the intent to performe his last will, and the feoffor occupieth the same land at the will of his feoffees, and after the feoffees release by their deed to their feoffor all their right, &c. this hath beene a question if such release be good or no. And some have said, that

HERE is a question moved, and the reasons of both sides shewed, and as it hath beene observed, the latter opinion is the better, being Littleton's owne opinion.

Il serra entendue per la ley que le feoffor doit maintenant occupie la terre a la volunt de les feoffees. For intendments of law mentioned by our author, see the Section in the margin.

Here is to bee observed the intendment of law, that when a feoffment is made to a future use, as to the performance of his last will, the feoffees

12. E. 4. 12. b. 15. E. 4. 9. H. 7. 25. Vide Sect. 302. 176. 340.

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35. H. 6. Subpena 22. 15. H. 7. 12. b. 37. H. 6. 36. 11. H. 4. 52. 7. H. 4. 22. 1. Mar. 111. Dicr. (6. Rep. 18. a.) (Ant. 111. b. 113. a.)

ent added Land M. and Roh.

(1) This is to be understood when there is no particular estate in the land; but if there be a term in esse, and one enters claiming the term, he shall not be a disseisor, but an action of debt or waste shall be against him, and one may be executor de son tort of a term. 3. Lav. 35.

(2) P. 9. Car. C. B. on the argument of the case of Blundell or Bugh, commonly called the Earl of Nottingham's case, justice Bacon said, that he whom lord Coke call' in this place an abator, must be taken for a disseisor, as he had actual possession by the possession of the guardian. Lord Nat. MSS.—See Cro. Car. 302. Litt. Rep. 372. 1. Vent. 57. 52.

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(2. Rep. 58.)

feoffees shall bee seised to the use of the feoffor and of his heires in the meane time.

*Ipsæ etenim leges cupiunt ut jure regantur.*

(1. Roll. Abr. 859, Sid. 458. Dyer. 186. a.)

And reason would that seeing the feoffment is made without consideration, and the feoffor hath not disposed of the profits in the meane time, that by construction and intendment of law the feoffor ought to occupie the same in the meane time. And so it is when the feoffor disposeth the profits for a particular time *in presenti*, the use of the inheritance shall be to the feoffor and his heires, as a thing not disposed of; wherein it is to be observed, that lands and tenements conveyed upon confidences, uses, and trusts, are to be ruled and decided, if question groweth upon the confidences, uses or trusts, by the judges of the law; for that it appeareth by this and the next Section, they are within the entendment and construction of the lawes of the realme (1).

35. H. 6. Subpena. 22. 30. H. 6. tit. Devise.

(Ant. 111. b. 112. a.)

And it is to be observed (as hath beene said) that there is a diversitie betweene a feoffment of lands at this day upon confidence, or to the intent to performe his last will, and a feoffment to the use of such person and persons, and of such estate and estates, as hee shall appoint by his last will: for, in the first case, the land passeth by the will, and not by the feoffment; for after the feoffment the feoffor was seised in fee simple, as he was before; but in the latter case, the will pursuing his power is passe by execution of the uses, which were raised upon the feoffment; but in both cases the feoffees are seised to the use of the feoffor and his heires in the meane time: and all this and much more concerning this matter hath beene adjudged.

Lib. 6. fol. 17. 18. Sir Edward Clere's case.

Dillon &amp; Grayn's case, l. 1. &amp;c. fol. 113.

(2. Roll. Abr. 797. 1. Rep. 129. b. 192. b. Stat. 27. H. 8. c. 10. Plow. 348. 1. Rep. 127. Sid. 26.)

Note, uses are raised either by transmutation of the estate, as by fine, feoffment, common recoverie, &c. or out of the state of the owner of the land, by bargaine and sale by deed indented and inrolled, or by covenant upon lawfull consideration, whereof you may read plentifully in my *Reports*.

A feoffee to the use of *A.* and his heires, before the statute of 27. II. 8. for money bargaineth and selleth the land to *C.* and his heires, who hath no notice of the former use; yet no use passeth by this bargaine and sale, for there cannot be two uses in *esse*, of one and the same land; and seeing there is no transmutation of possession by the terre-tenant, the former use can neither be extinct nor altered. And if there could be two uses of one and the same land, then could not

*est voyd, pur ceo que nul privitie fuit perenter les feoffees et leur feoffor, entant que nul lease fuit fait apres tiel feoffment per les feoffees al feoffor, a tener a leur volunt. Et ascuns ont dit le contrarie, et ceo per deux causes.*

such release is void, because there was no privitie betweene the feoffees and their feoffor, insomuch as no lease was made after such feoffment by the feoffees to the feoffor, to hold at their will: and some have said the contrarie, and that for two causes.

## Sect. 463.

*UN est, que quant tiel feoffment est fait sur confidence a performer la volunt del feoffor, il serra intendue per la ley, que le feoffor doit maintenant occupier la terre a la volunt de ses feoffees; et issint il est tiel manner de privitie enter eux, si come home fait un feoffment as auters, et ils incontinent sur le feoffment voylent et granteront, que leur feoffor occupiera la terre a leur volunt, &c.*

ONE is, that when such feoffment is made upon confidence to performe the will of the feoffor, it shall bee intended by the law, that the feoffor ought presently to occupie the land at the will of his feoffees; and so there is the like kinde of privitie betweene them, as if a man make a feoffment to others, and they immediately upon the feoffment will and grant, that their feoffor shall occupy the land at their will, &c.

but a direction of the uses of the feoffment, and the estates raised upon the feoffment; but in both cases the feoffees are seised to the use of the feoffor and his heires in the meane time: and all this and much more concerning this matter hath beene adjudged.

(1) Many references have been made, in the foregoing notes, to this part of the work, for some observations on conveyances at common law, and those which derive their effect from the statute of uses. It appeared advisable to collect them into one continued note, that the difference between the two modes of conveyance might appear in a stronger light; and to prevent a necessity of frequently repeating those general principles and illustrations, which otherwise must have been introduced on every occasion, where any point of this nature seemed to require an explanation. On the same ground it seemed advisable to anticipate some passages which otherwise would have had a place in a subsequent part of the notes.—*Feoffments* and *grants* were the two chief modes used in the common law for transferring property. The most comprehensive definition which can be given of a *feoffment* seems to be, a conveyance of corporeal hereditaments, by delivery of the possession upon or within view of the hereditaments conveyed. The delivery of the possession was made on or within view of the land, that the other tenants of the lord might be witnesses to it. No charter of feoffment was necessary: it only served as an authentication of the transaction; and when it was used, the lands were supposed to be transferred, not by the charter, but by the livery, which it authenticated. Soon after the Conquest, or perhaps towards the end of the Saxon government, all estates were called fees. The original and proper import of the word feoffment is, the grant of a fee. It came afterwards to signify, a grant with livery of seisin of a free inheritance to a man and his heirs; more respect being had to the perpetuity, than the feudal tenure of the estate granted. In early times, after the Conquest, charters of feoffment were various in point of form. In the time of Edward I. they began to be drawn up in a more uniform style. The more ancient of them generally run with the words *dedi, concessi, or donavi*. It was not till a later period that *feoffment* came into use. The more ancient feoffments were also usually made in consideration of, or for, the homage and service of the feoffee, and to hold of the feoffor and his heirs. But after the statute *quia emptores*, feoffments were always made to hold of the chief lords of the fee, without the words *pro homagio et servitio*. Sir Edward Coke mentions in page 6. a. that there are eight necessary parts in a feoffment. The fifth, sixth, and seventh of these are not to be found in many of the ancient charters. When the land comprised in the feoffment descended from the ancestor, or by usage retained the property of the ancient lord-land, of not being alienable from the kindred, the ancient feoffments were often expressed to be made with the assent of the feoffor's wife, his heir or his heirs. In ancient charters there was inserted a general warranty: in that, the phrase was much varied. The oath of the party was often added to it, and sometimes a clause, that if the feoffor's title was evicted, he should give other lands of equal value. Sometimes these clauses extended to a second eviction; and sometimes the feoffor obliged himself, if he should make default in warranting the lands granted, to make restitution to the feoffee. The proper limitation of a feoffment is to a man and his heirs; but feoffments were often made of conditional fees (or of estate tail, as they are now called) and of life estates; to which may be added, feoffments of estates given in frankmarriage and frankalmoigne. To make the feoffment complete, the feoffor used to give the feoffee seisin of the lands: this is what the feudists called investiture. It was often made by symbolical tradition; but it was always made upon or within view of the lands. When the king made a feoffment, he issued his writ to the sheriff, or some other person, to deliver seisin: other great men did the same. This gave rise to powers of attorney. (See the preface to Mr. Madox's *Formulare*)



not the said statute execute either of them for the uncertaintie. But if *A.* disseise one to the use of *B.* and *A.* doth bargain and sell the land for money to *C.* *C.* hath an use; and here be two uses of one land, but of severall natures; the one, *viz.* upon the bargain and sale to be executed by the statute, and the other not.

But since *Littleton* wrote, all uses are transferred by act of Parliament [c] into possession, [c] 27. H. 8. cap. 10. so as the case which *Littleton* here puts is thereby altogether altered. Yet it is necessarie to (Dr. and Stud. 98. a.) bee known, what the common law was before the making of the statute, and may serve for the knowledge of the law in like case.

*Incontinent sur le feoffment. Que incontinenti fiunt in esse vident'.*

*A leur volunt, &c.* Here is implied, everie tenancie at will is at the will of both parties, as before in his proper place hath bene shewed.

## Sect. 464.

*UN autre cause ils allegeont, que si tiel terre vault xl. s. per an, &c. donquetiel feoffor sera jure en assises et en autres enquestes en plees realx, et auxy en plees personals, de quel graund sum que les plaintives voilent counter, \* &c. Et ceo est per le common ley de la terre. Ergo, ceo est pur un graund cause. Et la cause est, que la ley voet que tiels feoffors et leur heires doient occuper, &c. et prender et enjoyer tous maner de profits, issues, et revenues, &c. sicome les tenements fueront leur mesmes, sans interruption de les feoffees, nient obstant tiel feoffment. Ergo, mesme la ley done privitie perenter tiels feoffors et*

**A**NOTHER cause they alleage, that if such land bee worth fortie shillings a yeare, &c. then such feoffor shall be sworn in assise and other enquests in plees reals, and also in plees personals, of what great sum soever the plaintiffe will declare, &c. And this is by the common law of the land. *Ergo,* this is for a great cause. And the cause is, for that the law will that such feoffors and their heires ought to occupie, &c. and take and enjoy all manner of profits, issues, & revenues, &c. as if the lands were their own, without interruption of the feoffees, notwithstanding such feoffment. *Ergo,* the same law giveth a privitie between such feoffors and the feoffees upon confidence,

**B**Y the statute of 2. H. 5. cap. 3. statute 2. it is enacted, that, in three cases, he that passeth in an enquest, ought to have lands and tenements to the value of fortie shillings, *viz.* First, upon trial of the death of a man. Secondly, in plea reall betweene partie and partie. And thirdly, in plea personall, where the debt or the damages in the declaration amount unto fortie markes. (1) And it is worth the noting, that the judges that were at the making of that statute did construe it by equitie: for where the statute speaks in the disjunctive debt or damages, they adjudged that where the debt and damages amounted to fortie markes, that it was within the statute. *Fortescue* [f] saith, *Ubi damna vel debitum in personalibus actionibus non excedunt quadraginta marcas monete Anglicane, hinc non requiritur, quod juratores in actionibus hujusmodi tantum expendere possint: habebunt tamen terram vel redditum ad valorem competentem, juxta discretionem justitiariorum, &c.* And forasmuch as at the time of the making of this statute, the greater part of the lands in England in those troublesome and dangerous times (when that unhappie controversie betweene the houses of Yorke and Lancaster was begun) were in use; and the statute was made to remedie a mischiefe, that the sheriffe used to return

(Ant. 156. b.)  
28. H. 8. Dy. fol. 9.  
Vid. W. 2. cap. 28. L'estat. de  
21. E. 1. de juratis ponendis in  
assisis, &c.  
(Fortescue 62. a. 27. El. c. 6.  
Ant. 157. a.)

9. H. 5. fol. 5.  
[J] Fortesc. cap. 15.

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\* &c. not in L. and M. nor Roh.

(1) By 32. H. 8. inhabitants of corporate towns worth 40s. in goods, may try felonies in sessions and gaol deliveries for such towns, and this is not repealed by subsequent statutes concerning jurors. 1. Ven. 366. The 4th and 5th W. and M. c. 24. requires that all trials in the courts at Westminster, or before the judges of *nisi prius*, oyer and terminer, or gaol delivery, or general sessions of the peace, must be by jurors, each worth 10 l. *per annum*, of freehold or copyhold in the same county, if the trial be in England; and by jurors worth 6 l. *per annum*, if in Wales; and talemen must have 5 l. *per annum* in England, and 3 l. *per annum* in Wales, excepting strayers returned *propter medietatem lingue*.—But by the 14th and 15th Ann. c. 16. no hundreders are required except in prosecutions criminal, and on penal statutes, because in other cases the *venire* shall be *de corpore comitatûs*.

A grant, in the original signification of the word, is a conveyance or transfer of an incorporeal hereditament. As livery of seisin could not be had of incorporeal hereditaments, the transfer of them was always made by writing, in order to produce that notoriety in the transfer of them, which was produced in the transfer of corporeal hereditaments, and by delivery of the possession. But, except that a feoffment was used for the transfer of corporeal hereditaments, and a grant was used for the transfer of incorporeal hereditaments, a feoffment and a grant did not materially differ.—Such was the original distinction between a feoffment and a grant. But, from this real difference in their *subject matter*, a difference was supposed to exist in their *operation*. A feoffment visibly operated on the *possession*, a grant could only operate on the *right* of the party conveying. Now, as possession and freehold were synonymous terms, no person being considered to have the possession of the lands but he who had, at least, an estate of freehold in them; a conveyance which was considered as transferring possession, must necessarily be considered as transferring an estate of freehold; or, to speak more accurately, as transferring the whole fee. But this reasoning could not apply to grants; their essential quality being that of transferring things which did not lie in possession; they therefore could only transfer the right; that is, could only transfer that estate which the party had a right to convey. It is in this sense we are to understand the expressions which frequently occur in our law-books, where they describe a feoffment to be a *total*, and a grant to be a *rightful*, conveyance. Thus, from a difference in the *quality* of the hereditament; conveyed by those two modes of conveyance, a difference has been considered to exist in their *operation*. A great part of Mr. Knowler's celebrated argument in the case of *Taylor on the demise of Atkins v. Horde*, turns on this distinction. See 1. Burr. 92. This appears to have been the outline of conveyances at the common law. The introduction of *uses* produced a great revolution in this respect. Without entering into a minute discussion of the difference between *uses* at common law, and *uses* since the statute of 27. H. 8. it is sufficient to state the following circumstances. *Uses* at the common law were, in most respects, what *trusts* are now. When a feoffment was made to *uses*, the legal estate was in the feoffee. He held the possession, did the feudal duties, and was, in the eye of the law, the tenant of the fee. The person to whose use he was feoffed, called by the law-writers the



15. H. 7. 13. b. 13. H. 7. 7. b.  
5. E. 4. 7. a.

simple men of small or no understanding; and therefore the statute provided, that hee should returne sufficient men: and albeit in law the land was the feoffees, yet for that they had it but upon trust, and *cestuy que use* tooke the whole profits, as our author here saith, and in equity and conscience the land was his, therefore the judges, for advancement and expedition of justice, extended the statute (against the letter) to *cestuy que use*, and not to the feoffees. (1)

[n] 3. H. 6. 39. Challeng. 19.  
21. H. 6. 37.  
(Ant. 157. 2.)

[n] But note, if a man hath a freehold *pur terme d'auter vie*, or is seised in his wife's right, and is returned on a jurie, yet if after he be returned, *cestuy que vie*, or his wife die, hee may be challenged; and so it is if after the returne the lands be evicted.

[5] 27. H. 8. cap. 10.

*Et ceo est per le common ley.* Here three things are to be observed. First, that the surest construction of a statute is by the rule and reason of the common law. Secondly, that uses were at the common law. Thirdly, that now seeing the statute [g] of 27. H. 8. cap. 10. which hath beene enacted since *Littleton* wrote, hath transferred the possession to the use, this case holdeth not at this day; but this latter opinion before that statute was good law, as *Littleton* here taketh it.

[8. Rep. 42. b.)

*Mesme la ley done privitie, &c.* Hereof it followeth, that when the law gives to any man any estate or possession, the law giveth also a privitie and other necessaries to the same: and *Littleton* concludeth it with an illative, *ergo, mesme la ley done privitie*, which is verie observable for a conclusion in other cases.

(Ante 136. b.)

And the (*quære*) here made in the end of this Section is not in the originall, but added by some other, and therefore to be rejected.

27. El. cap. 6.

Also since *Littleton* wrote, the said statute of 2. H. 5. is altered: for where that statute limited fortie shillings, now a latter statute hath raised it to foure pounds, and so it ought to be contained in the *venire facias*.

Pl. Com. 352. b. in *Delameire's* case, and 349. b. Lib. 1. fol. 121, 122. 127. 140. in *Chudley's* case. Lib. 2. fol. 58. 78. Lib. 6. fol. 64. Lib. 7. fol. 13. & 34.

*Nota*, an use is a trust or confidence reposed in some other, which is not issuing out of the land, but as a thing collateral, annexed in privitie to the estate of the land, and to the person touching the land, *scilicet*, that *cestuy que use* shall take the profit, and that the terre-tenant shall make an estate according to his direction. So as *cestuy que use* had neither *ius in re*, nor *ius ad rem*, but only a confidence and trust, for which he had no remedie by the common law, but for breach of trust his remedie was only by *subpœna* in chancerie: and yet the judges, for the cause aforesaid, made the said construction upon the said statute.

Fortesc. cap. 25, 26, 27.

Now how jurors shall be returned, both in common plects, and also in plects of the crowne, and in what manner evidenee shall be given to them, and how they shall be kept, untill they give their verdict, you may read in *Fortescue*, and therefore need not to be here inserted.

Seçt. 465.

Flet. lib. 5. cap. 34.  
25. H. 7. 14. 22. E. 4. 4.

IT is a certaine rule, that when a release doth enure by way of enlarging of an estate, that there must be privitie of estate, as betweene lessor and lessee, donor and donee. For if *A.* make a lease to *B.* for life, and the

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ALSO, releases according to the matter in fact, sometimes have their effect by force to enlarge the state of him to

\* &c. added L. and M. and Rob.

+ This paragraph not in L. and M. nor Rob.

(1) See lord Bacon's reading on the statute of uses, p. 8. *in ord.* edit. 1785.

*cestuy que use*, had the beneficial property of the lands; had a right to the profits; and a right to call upon the feoffee to convey the estate to him, and to defend it against strangers. This right at first depended on the conscience of the feoffee: if he withheld the profits from the *cestuy que use*, or refused to convey the estate as he directed, the feoffee was without remedy. To redress this grievance, the writ of *subpœna* was devised, or rather adopted from the common-law courts, by the court of chancery, to oblige the feoffee to attend in court, and disclose his trust, and then the court compelled him to execute it. Thus uses were established. — They were not considered as issuing out of, or annexed to the land, as a rent, a condition, or a right of common; but as a trust reposed in the feoffee, that he should dispose of the lands, at the discretion of the *cestuy que use*, permit him to receive the rents, and in all other respects have the beneficial property of the lands. Yet an use, though considered to be neither issuing out of nor annexed to the land, was considered to be collateral to it, or rather as collateral to the possession of the feoffees in it, and of those claiming that possession under them. Hence the disseisor, abator, or intruder of the feoffee, or the tenant in dower, or by the countess of a feoffee, or the lord entering upon the possession by escheat, were not seized to an use, though the estates in their hands were subject to rents common, and conditions. They were considered as coming in by a paramount and extraneous title; or, as it is called in the law, *in the post*, in contradistinction from those who, claiming under the feoffee, were said to be *in the per*. Thus, between the feoffee and *cestuy que use*, there was a confidence in the person, and privity in estate. (See *Chudleigh's* case, 1. Rep. 120. and *Burgess and Wheat*, 1. Bla. 123.) But this was only between the feoffee and *cestuy que use*. To all other persons the feoffee was as much the real owner of the fee, as if he did not hold it to the use of another. He performed the feudal duties; his wife was intitled to dower; his infant heir was in wardship to the lord; and, upon his attainder, the estate was forfeited. To remedy these inconveniencies, the statute of 27. H. 8. was passed, by which the possession was divested out of the persons seized to the use, and transferred to the *cestuys que use*. For by that statute it is enacted, that when any person shall be seized of any lands to the use, confidence, or trust of any other person or persons, by reason of any bargain, sale, feoffment, fine, recovery, contract, agreement, will, or otherwise; then, and in every such case, the persons having the use, confidence, or trust, should from thenceforth be deemed and adjudged in lawful seisin, estate, and possession of and in the lands, in the same quality, manner, and form, as they had before in the use. There seems to be little doubt, but that the intention of the legislature, in passing this act, was utterly to annihilate the existence of uses, considered as distinct from the possession. But they have been preserved under the appellation of trusts. The courts hesitated much before they allowed them under this new name. On the one hand, it had clearly been the intent of the legislature to destroy them, while they continued uses at the common law; on the other hand, motives of equity, or rather of compassion, and the general bent of the nation, pleaded strongly in their favour. The latter prevailed. Thus (to use the expression of lord Hardwicke, 1. Atk. 591.) a statute made upon great consideration, and introduced in a solemn and pompous manner, has had no other effect than to add, at most, three words to a conveyance. Besides this — one of the chief inconveniencies produced by trusts, was, the secret method they afforded for the transfer of property. The statute intended to restore the notoriety of the old common-law conveyances. So far from effecting it, the existence and transfer of fiduciary, or trust estates has continued. Secret modes of transferring the possession itself have



*le release est fait. Si come jeo lessa certain terre a un home pur terme des ans, per force de que il est en possession, et puis jeo releffa a luy tout le droit que jeo aye en le terre sans plus parolx mitter en le fait, et deliver a luy le fait, donques il ad estate forsque pur terme de sa vie. Et la cause est, pur ceo que quant le reversion ou le remainder est en un home lequel voile enlarger per son releas l'estate le tenant, &c. il n'avera plus greinder estate, mes en \* tiel manner et forme sicome † tiel feoffor fuit seise en fee, et volloit per son fait faire estate a un en certaine forme, et deliver a luy seisin per force de mesme le fait: si en tiel fait de feoffement ne soit ascun parol de enheritance, ‡ donques il ad forsque estate pur terme de vie; et issint il est en tiels releases faits per || eux en la reversion ou en le remainder. Car si jeo lessa la terre a un home pur terme de sa vie, et puis jeo releffa a luy tout men droit sans plus dire en le releas,*

whom the release is made. (1) As if I let certaine land to one for terme of yeares, by force whereof hee is in possession, and after I release to him all the right which I have in the land without putting more words in the deed, and deliver to him the deed, then hath hee an estate but for terme of his life. And the reason is, for that when the reversion or remainder is in a man who will by his release enlarge the estate of the tenant, &c. hee shall have no greater estate, but in such manner and forme as if such lessor were seised in fee, and by his deed will make an estate to one in a certain forme, and deliver to him seisin by force of the same deed: if in such deed of feoffement there be not any word of inheritance, then he hath but an estate for life; and so it is in such releases made by those in the reversion or in the remainder. For if I let land to a man for terme of his life, and after I release to him all my right without more saying in the release, his estate is not

lessee maketh a lease for yeares, and after *A.* releaseth to the lessee for yeares, and his heires, this release is void (Post. 296. a.) to enlarge the estate, because there is no privity betwene *A.* and the lessee for yeares.

If a man make a lease for twenty yeares, and the lessee (Ant. 270. a.) make a lease for ten yeares, if the first lessor doth release to the second lessee, and his heires, this release is void for the cause aforesaid.

For the same cause, if the donee in taile make a lease for his owne life, and the donor release to the lessee and his heires, this release is void to enlarge the estate.

And as privity is necessarie in this case, so privity only is not sufficient. As if an (Ant. 264. a. Post. 285. b. Sect. 490. 491.) infant make a lease for life, and the lessee granteth over his estate with warranty, the infant at full age bringeth a *dum fuit infra etatem*, the tenant voucheth his grantor, who entereth into warranty, the demandant releaseth to him and his heires; here is privity in law, and a tenancie in supposition of law: and yet because hee *in rei veritate* hath no estate, it cannot enure to him by way of enlargement; for how can his estate be enlarged, that hath not any.

If a tenant by the courtesie grant over his estate, yet he is tenant as to an action of waste, attornment, &c. (Ant. 53. a. 54. a.) and yet a release to him and his heires cannot enure to enlarge his estate that hath no estate at all.

But if a man make a lease for yeares, the remainder for life, a release by the lessor to the lessee for yeares, and to his heires, is good, for that he hath both a privity and an estate; and the release also to him in the remainder for life and his heires, is good also. (2. Roll. Abr. 400.)

If I grant the reversion of my tenant for life to another for life, now shall not I have an action of waste: (2) but if I release to the grantee for life, and his heires, now hee (Ant. 54. a.) hath

\* *tiel*—*la*, L. and M. and Roh.

† *tiel* *not* in L. and M. nor Roh.

‡ *tiel* added in L. and M. and Roh.

‡ *tiel* added L. and M. and Roh.

(1) Here Littleton treats of releases which operate by enlargement of the estate of the releasee. To make releases operate in this manner, it is necessary that the releasee, at the time the release is made, should be in actual possession of, or should have a vested interest in, the lands intended to be released; that there should be a privity between him and the releasor; and that the possession of the releasee should be notorious. Hence a tenant by *eligit*, or statute-merchant, is not capable of a release that is to operate by enlargement. But a tenant in dower or by the courtesie are, as they have the notoriety of possession, and privity of estate, with respect to the releasor. See Roll. Abr. 400. 401. and Gilb. Ten.

(2) Because no person is entitled to an action of waste, but he who has an estate immediate in remainder or reversion, expectant on the estate of the person committing waste. See ant. note 2. to page 218. b.

have been discovered, and have totally superseded that notorious and public mode of transferring property, which the common law required, and the statute intended to restore; and many modifications or limitations of real property have been allowed, which the common law did not admit. An attempt will be made to give the reader a succinct view of these points, by some observations. First, on the nature of the estates of the feoffee and the *cestuy que use*, since the statute of uses. Secondly, on the limitations and modifications of landed property unknown to the common law, which have been introduced under the statute of uses. Thirdly, on the mode by which conveyances to uses operate. Fourthly, on the doctrine of powers deriving their effect from the statute of uses. Fifthly, on uses not executed by the statute. It is to be premised, that what is here said of a feoffee to uses, is equally to be understood of a releasee, donee, or recoveror, who stands seised to uses.—1. *As to the estates of the feoffee and the cestuy que use*;—the statute unites the possession to the use, so that the very instant the use is raised, the possession is joined to it; and the use and the possession are thereupon immediately consolidated, and become convertible terms. Thus, had all uses been vested either in possession or in right, no estate or interest of any kind could have been left in the feoffee. But uses are frequently limited in contingency; to serve which, as they come *in esse*, it is necessary that there should be a seisin somewhere. When this case was first considered by the lawyers, it was found difficult to discover any mode of reasoning consistent with the system generally received on the doctrine of uses, by which seisin could be supposed to exist any where; or what the precise nature of it was. This was the great difficulty in Chudleigh's case. There the following case was put: Suppose a feoffment is made to the use of *A.* during his life, remainder to the use of his sons successively in tail; and, for want of such issue, to the use of *B.* in fee; is there any, and what seisin, to serve the uses limited to the sons of *A.*?—in whom does that seisin exist?—and how does it operate? Upon this point the judges seem, by the accounts which have come to us of that case, particularly Sir Edward Coke's and Lord Chief-justice Popham's, to have held very different opinions. All agreed, that to the execution of an use under the statute, it was indispensably







## Sect. 466.

**ET** *M*, ascuns foits releases urera de mitter, et vester le droit celuy que fait le releas a celuy a que le releas est fait. Si come un home est disseisi, et il releassa a son disseisor tout le droit que il ad, en cest cas le disseisor ad son droit, issint que lou son estate adevant fuit torcions, ore per tiel releas il est fait loyal et droiturel.

**ALSO**, sometimes releases shall enure de mitter, and vest the right of him which makes the release to him to whom the release is made. As if a man be disseised, and he releaseth to his disseisor all his right, in this case the disseisor hath his right, so as where before his state was wrongfull, now by this release it is made lawfull and right. (1)

**ET** il releassa a son disseisor, &c. This release putteth the right of the disseisee to the disseisor, that it changeth the quality of the estate of the disseisor; for where his estate was before wrongfull, it is by this release made lawfull. But how farre, and to what respects his estate is changed, shall be said hereafter in this chapter in his proper place.

## Sect. 467.

**MES** hic nota, que quant home est seisi en fee simple d'ascun terres ou tenements, et un auter voile releaser a luy tout le droit que il ad en mesmes les tenements, il ne besoigne de parler de les heires celuy a que le releas est fait, pur ceo que il avoit fee simple al temps de releas fait. Car si releas fuit fait a luy \* pur un jour, ou pur un beure, ceo serroit auxy fort a luy en ley, sicome il ust releas a luy et a ses heires. Car quant son droit fuit ale de luy a un foits per son releas sans ascun condition,

**BUT** here note, that when a man is seised in fee simple of any lands or tenements, and another will release to him all the right which he hath in the same tenements, he needeth not to speake of the heires of him to whom the release is made, for that he hath a fee simple at the time of the release made. For if the release was made to him for a day, or an houre, this shall bee as strong to him in law, as if he had released to him and his heires. For when his right was once gone from him by his release without any con-

**IL** ne besoigne a parler de les heires,

&c. And the reason of *Littleton* hereof is, for that the disseisor hath a fee simple at the time of the release made. And this appeareth by that which hath beene said before, so as regularly hee that hath a fee simple at the time of the release made of a right, &c. needeth not speake of his heires.

*Car si release fuit fait a luy pur un jour,*

&c. For the diversity is betweene a release of part of the estate of a right, and between a release of a right in part of the land. And therefore *Littleton* here saith, that a release of a right for a day or an houre is of as good force, as if he had released his right to him and his heires. But if a man be disseised of two acres, he may release his right in one of them, and yet enter into the other.

*Sans ascun condition,*

\* et a ses heires added L. and M. and Rob.

(1) Here *Littleton* treats of releases which operate by *mitter le droit*. Releases of this kind must be made either to the disseisor, his feoffee, or his heir. In all these cases the possession is in the releasee; the right in the releasor; and the uniting the right to the possession completes the title of the releasee: but the different degrees of title in the disseisor, his feoffee, or his heir, give the releases made to them different operations. They all agree in this respect, that no privity is required, or indeed can, from the nature of the case, exist between them and the releasor.

no use *in esse* to which it could be executed. The moment the use came *in esse*, the feoffees would be entitled at common law to the possession, to the use, or, as we should now call it, in trust for the *cestuy que use*; but by the operation of the statute, the possession is instantaneously divested from the feoffees, and executed in the *cestuy que use*. Thus, by supposing a possibility of feisin, but no actual feisin or use to remain in the feoffees during the suspension of the contingent use, a sufficient feisin is provided to serve the contingent use when it comes *in esse*, without interfering with, or breaking in upon, the legal fee.—II. With respect to the *limitations and modifications of landed property, unknown to the common law, which have been introduced under the statute of uses*; the principal of these are known by the general appellation of springing or secondary uses. No estate could be limited upon or after a fee, though it were a base or a qualified fee; nor could a fee or estate of freehold be made to cease as to one person, and to vest in another, by any common-law conveyance. But there are instances where, even by the common law, these secondary estates seem to have been allowed when limited, or rather when declared, by way of use. See *Jenk. Cent. 8. case 52*. After the statute of uses, the judges seem to have long hesitated whether they should receive them. In *Chudleigh's case* it was strongly contended, that it would be wrong to make "any estate of freehold and inheritance lawfully vested, to cease as to one, and to vest in others against the rule of law, and that no estates should be raised by way of use but those which could be raised by livery of feisin at the common law." The courts, however, admitted them. After they were admitted, it was found necessary to circumscribe them within certain bounds; because when an estate in fee simple is first limited, there is no method by which the first taker can bar or destroy the secondary estate, as it is not affected either by a fine or common recovery. It is now settled, that when an estate in fee simple is limited, a subsequent estate may be limited upon it, if the event upon which it is to take place be such, that if it does happen, it must necessarily happen within the compass of one or more life or lives in being, and 21 years and some months over. It was long before the courts agreed upon this period. In the late case of *Buckworth v. Thinkill*, lord Mansfield mentioned that it was not settled till his time. It is observed in note c. to p. 20. n. "that this period was not arbitrarily prescribed by our courts of justice with respect to the limitation of personal estates, but wisely and reasonably adopted in analogy to the cases of freehold and inheritance, which cannot



*tion, &c.* Herein is implied two diversities: first, betweene the quantity of the estate in a right, and the quality thereof; for albeit the disseisor cannot release part of the estate, as hath beene said, yet may he release his right upon condition, as here it appeareth by *Littleton*, [c] and it agreeth with our bookes.

[c] 4. E. 2. Release 50.  
43. Aff. 12. 17. Aff. 2.  
31. Aff. 13. 21. H. 24.

Also here is another diversity betweene a right, whereof *Littleton* putteth his case, which is favoured in law, and a condition created by the party which is odious in law, for that it defeateth estates. And therefore if a condition be released upon condition, the release is good, and the condition void.

(6. Rep. 62. 2. Post. 297. 2.  
300. b.)

What things may be done upon condition, is too large a matter to handle in this place, our author having treated of Conditions before: only to give a touch of some things omitted there, shall suffice. An expresse manumission of a villeine cannot be upon condition, for once free in that case, and ever free; also an attornment to a grantee upon condition, the condition is void because the grant is once settled. But this is to be understood of a condition subsequent, and not of a condition precedent; for in both those cases, the condition precedent is good. But letters patents of denization made to an alien, may be either upon condition subsequent or precedent; and so may the king make a charter of pardon to a man of his life upon condition, as is abovesaid.

Rot. Parliament 18. H. 6.  
num. 29. Ap. Gwilliam's case.  
10. E. 3. cap. 2. 3. H. 7. f. 6.

## Sect. 468.

*MES* lou \* home ad un reversion en fee simple, ou un remainder en fee simple, al temps de releas fait, la s'il voyle releaser al tenant pur terme d'ans, ou pur terme de vie, ou al tenant en le taile, il covient a determiner l'estate que celuy a que le releas est fait avera per force de meisme le releas, pur ceo que tiel releas enurera pur enlarger l'estate de celuy a que le releas est fait. †

(2. Roll. Abr. 400.)

**BUT** where a man hath a reversion in fee simple, or a remainder in fee simple, at the time of the release made, there if he will release to the tenant for yeares, or for life, or to the tenant in taile, hee ought to determine the estate which he to whom the release is made shal have by force of the same release, for that such release shall enure to enlarge the estate of him to whom the release is made. (1)

Of this sufficient hath beene said before.

## Sect. 469.

*MES* auterment est lou home ad forsque droit a la terre, et n'ad riens en le reversion ne en le remainder en fait. Car si tiel home releassa tout son droit a un que est tenant de le franktenement, tout son droit est ale, coment que nul mention soit fait de les heires celuy a que le releas est fait. Car si jeo lessa terres ‡ a un home pur terme

**BUT** otherwise it is where a man hath but a right to the land, and hath nothing in the reversion nor in the remainder in deed. For if such a man release all his right to one which is tenant in the freehold, all his right is gone, albeit no mention be made of the heires of him to whom the release is made. For if I let lands to one for terme of his life, if I after release

\* home—un, L. and M. and Roh.

† &c. added L. and M. and Roh.

‡ on tenements added L. and M. and Roh.

(1) All releases *per mitter le droit* also agree in this, that words of inheritance are not necessary in releases which operate by *mitter le droit*; as the disseisor, to whom, or to whose feoffee, or heir, that release is made, acquies the fee by the disseisin, and therefore cannot take it under the release. In this respect they differ from releases by enlargement.

be limited by way of remainder, so as to postpone a complete bar of the entail, by fine or recovery, for a larger space. The same analogy has been observed with respect to these secondary fees, when limited upon an estate in fee simple. But the reason which induced the courts to adopt this analogy, with respect to these estates when limited upon an estate in fee simple, does not hold when they are limited upon or after an estate in tail; because, when they are limited upon or after an estate in tail, the tenant in tail, by suffering a common recovery before the event takes place, bars or defeats the secondary estate, and acquires the fee simple absolutely discharged from it. See Page v. Haywood, 2. Salk. 570. And see 1. Lev. 35. Goodman v. Cook, 2. Sid. 102. Hence if the secondary estates we are speaking of, are limited upon or after an estate in tail, they may be limited generally, without restraining or confining the event or contingency upon which they are to take place, to any period. Thus, if an estate be limited to A. and his heirs; and if B. (a person *in esse*) dies, without leaving any issue of his body living at the time of his decease; or having such issue, if all of them die before any of them attain the age of 21 years, then to C. and his heirs; here the limitation to C. is limited after a previous limitation in fee simple; and it is a good limitation, because the event upon which it is to take place, must, if it does take place, necessarily take place within the period of a life in being, and 21 years and a few months. But if the estate were limited to A. and his heirs; and after the decease of B. and a total failure of heirs or heirs male of the body of B. to C. and his heirs; here, as the secondary use is limited after a previous limitation in fee simple, and the event on which the fee limited to C. is to take place is not such as must necessarily happen within the period we are speaking of (for B. may have issue, and that issue not fail till many years after the expiration of 21 years after B.'s decease), the limitation to C. and his heirs is void. But suppose the estates were limited to A. for life, then to trustees and their heirs during his life, for preserving contingent remainders; then to A.'s first and other sons successively in tail male; with several remainders over; with a proviso, that if B. dies, and there should be total failure of heirs or heirs male of his body, the uses limited to A. and his sons, and the remainders over, shall determine, and the lands remain and go over to C. and his heirs; here the limitation to C. and his heirs is limited upon or after previous limitations for life, or in tail; and the event upon which it is to take effect, may possibly not happen till after a period of one or more life or lives in being, and 21 years. But so far as it is limited on an event which may happen during the continuance either of one or more life or lives in being, it is within the bounds we have mentioned; and so far as it is limited upon an event which may happen during the continuance of the estate of the tenants in tail, or after them, the first tenant in tail in possession by

successing



*de sa vie, si jeo puis release a luy pur enlarget son estate, il covient que jeo releffa a luy et a ses heires de son corps engender,\* ou a luy et a ses heires, ou per tiels parols, Aaver et tener a luy et a ses heires † de son corps engendres, ‡ ou a les heires males de son corps engendres, ou tiels semblables estates, ou autrement il n'ad plus greinde estate que il avoit adevant.*

to him to enlarge his estate, it behoveth that I release to him and to his heires of his body engendered, or to him and his heires, or by these words, To have and to hold to him and to his heires of his bodie engendered, or to the heires males of his bodie engendered, or such like estates, or otherwise hee hath no greater estate than hee had before.

**A** *Un que est tenant de franktenement.* Here it appeareth, that to a release of a right, made to any that hath an estate of freehold in deed or in law, no privitie at all is requisite. As if a disseisor make a lease for life, if the disseisee release to the lessee, this is good, and directly within the rule of *Littleton*, because the lessee hath an estate of freehold, albeit there be no privitie. And so it is if a disseisor make a lease to *A.* and his heires during the life of *B.* and *A.* dicth, a release by the disseisee to his heire, before hee doth actually enter, is good. (Ant. 266.)

## Sect. 470.

**MES** *si mon tenant a terme de vie lessa mesme la terre ouster a un auter pur terme de vie de son lessee, le remainder a un auter en fee, ore si jeo releffa a celuy a que mon tenant lessast pur terme de vie, § ceo serra barre a tous jours, comment que nul mention soit fait de ses heires, pur ceo que al temps de release fait jeo avoy nul reversion, mes tantsolement un droit d'aver la reversion. Car per tiel leas, et le remainder ouster, que mon tenant fist en ceo cas, mon reversion fut discontinue, || &c. et tiel release urera a celuy en le remainder, d'aver advantage de ceo, auxibien come al tenant a terme de vie.*

**BUT** if my tenant for life letteth the same land over to another for terme of the life of his lessee, the remainder to another in fee, now if I release to him to whom my tenant made a lease for terme of life, I shall bee barred for ever, albeit that no mention be made of his heires, for that at the time of the release made I had no reversion, but only a right to have the reversion. For by such a release, and the remainder over, which my tenant made in this case, my reversion was discontinued, &c. and this release shall enure to him in the remainder, to have advantage of it, aswell as to the tenant for terme of life (1).

(Post. 327.)

**LITTLETON** having before spoken of releases which enure by way of enlargement, by way of *mitter l'estate*, and by way of *mitter le droit*, here speaketh of a release of a right which in some respects enureth by way of extinguishment; as in this case which *Littleton* here putteth, the release to the lessee of the lessee doth not enure by way of *mitter le droit*, for then should he have the whole right, but as it were by way of extinguishment, in respect of him that made the release, and that it shall enure to him in the remainder, which is a qualitie of an inheritance extinguished. (Post. 279.)

\* *ou* not in L. and M. nor Roh. not in L. and M. nor Roh.

† *males* added L. and M. and Roh. § *ceo—jeo*, L. and M. and Roh.

‡ *ou a les heires males de son corps engendres* § *&c.* not in L. and M. and Roh.

(1) Here *Littleton* shews the operation of a release *per mitter le droit*, when made to the feoffee of the disseisor. The feoffee is in by title; his estate cannot be divested, or disaffirmed, but by an act equal to that which created it. A release does not affect his possession or title, but discharges it from the right of the releasor; so that whether the whole fee is in the feoffee, or carved out into particular estates, it remains unaltered by the release, except as it is discharged by it from the right of the releasor.

suffering a recovery, before the event happens, may bar the limitations over, and thereby acquire an estate in fee simple; and therefore the limitation over to *C.* and his heirs, is good.—III. With respect to the *mode by which conveyances to uses operate*. It is to be observed, that to raise an use under the statute, the possession or seisin to serve the use must be in some person distinct from the *cestuy que use*; the statute requiring that the person seised to the use, and the person to whom the use is limited, should be different persons; so that if the possession is conveyed, and the use limited to the same person, at least if the use is limited in fee simple, that is not an use executed by the statute, but the party is in by the common law. For the statute of uses mentions those cases only, where "any person or persons stand seised to the use of any other person or persons." Thus, in the case of *Jenkins v. Young*, Cro. Car. 231. 245. lands were given to two, *habendum* to the use of them and the heirs of their two bodies. It was argued, that the estate out of which the use should rise, was but for their lives, and that therefore, on the death of the *cestuys que use*, the use limited upon their estate was determined; but the court held, that where an estate is limited to one, and the use to a stranger, the use should not be more than the estate out of which it was derived; but that when the limitation is to two, *habendum* to the use of them and the heirs of their bodies, it was no limitation of the use, nor was the use to be executed by the statute. So in *Gilb. Rep.* p. 17. it is expressly said, that if a fine be levied to a man and his heirs, to the use of him and his heirs, he shall take by the common law, and not by way of use. And see *Dyer* 186. and ant. 22. b. and *Bac. uses*, ed. 1785. p. 63. *Com.* 313. *Skin.* 209. Now the possession or seisin on which the use is declared, must either remain in the party, or be transferred to some third person. This is the meaning of those passages in the books, where it is said that uses are either raised by transmutation of the possession, or without such transmutation. A bargain and sale, and a covenant to stand seised, operate on the possession of the bargainer or covenantor. A lease and release has a mixt operation; the lease having the operation of, and being in fact, a bargain and sale under the statute, and the estate of the releasor being extended or enlarged to an estate of inheritance by the operation of the release at the common law. For with respect, first, to a bargain and sale, and a covenant to stand seised; a bargain and sale is considered as a real contract, whereby the bargainer for some pecuniary consideration bargains and sells, that is, contracts to convey the lands to the bargainee. A covenant to stand seised to uses, is where a man covenants to stand seised of them to the use of his wife, his child, or kinsman. Here, in the first instance, the bargainer stands seised to the use of the bargainee; in the second, the covenantor stands seised to the use of the parties intended to be benefited.



extinguished. But yet the right is not extinct in deed, as shall be said hereafter in this chapter.

(Post. 327. b.)

*Mon reversion fuit discontinue, &c.* Here discontinue is in a large sense taken for devested, though the entrie of the lessor be not taken away, which is implied in this (&c.)

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**S**ONT come un tenant en ley. Which is certainly true in this case of remainder, and so it is also in case of a reversion; as if a disseisor make a lease for life, and the disseisee doth release all his right to the lessee, this release shall enure to him in the reversion, albeit they have severall estates, as hath beene said, which is implied in this (&c.)

But if a disseisor make a lease for life, the remainder in fee, albeit they to some purposes (as here is said) are as one tenant in law, yet if the disseisee release all actions to the tenant for life, after the death of the tenant for life, he in the remainder shall not take benefit of this release, for it extended only to the tenant for life, as it is holden [a] in *Edward Atham's case*. And in like manner, if the disseisor make a lease for life, and the disseisee release all actions to the lessee, this inureth not to him in the reversion; and so our author is to be understood of a release of rights, and not of a release of actions, to the tenant for life, as to or for the benefit of him in the remainder or reversion.

[a] Lib. 8. fol. 148. Edw. Atham's case.  
(Post. Sect. 494.)

**C**AR a cel intent le tenant a terme de vie et celuy en le remainder sont sicome un tenant en ley, et sont sicome un tenant fuit sole seisie en son demesne come de fee al temps de tiel release fait a luy, &c.

**F**OR to this intent the tenant for terme of life and he in the remainder are as one tenant in law, and are as if one tenant were sole seised in his demesne as of fee at the time of such release made unto him, &c.

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**S**I home soit disseisie, &c. This is to be understood where tenant in fee simple is disseised and release; for if tenant for life be disseised by two, and he releaseth to one of them, this shall inure to them both; for he to whom the release is made, hath a longer estate than hee that releaseth, and therefore cannot inure to him alone, to hold out his companion, for then should the release inure by way of entrie and grant of his estate; and consequently the disseisor, to whom the release is made, should become tenant for life, and the reversion reverted in the lessor, [b] which strange transmutation and change of estates in this case the law will not suffer. But if lessee for yeares be outted, and he in the rever-

21. H. 6. 41.  
(Ant. 19; 2. b.)

[b] 13. E. 4. tit. Discent. F. 29.

**I**TEM, si home soit disseisie per deux, s'il releffa a un d'eux, il tiendra son compaignon hors de terre, et per tiel release il avera le sole possession et estate en la terre. Mes si un disseisor enfeoffa deux en fee, et le disseisee releffa a l'un des feoffees, ceo urera a ambideux de les feoffees, et la cause de diversity entre ceux deux cases est assets preignant. \* Pur

**A**LSO, if a man be disseised by two, if he release to one of them (1), hee shall hold his companion out of the land, and by such release hee shall have the sole possession and estate in the land. But if a disseisor infeoffe two in fee, and the disseisee release to one of the feoffees, this shall inure to both the feoffees, and the cause of the diversity between these two cases is pregnant e-

ceo

\* The remainder of this Section not in L. and M. nor Roh.

(1) Here the release is to the disseisors themselves. They have only a bare possession, preceded by no previous conveyance, and founded on no right or title, and therefore the release of the disseisee who has the right, passes the right to the disseisor to whom it is made, and his holding out his companion is an act of notoriety equal to that by which the joint estate by disseisin was originally acquired. Thus the possession of each of the estates being founded on an equal degree of title, the disseisor to whom the release is made, having the right, must be preferred to him who has none: so that, in this case, the release is tantamount to an actual entrie and feoffment.

benefited. In both, the possession or seisin remains in the party; and the statute draws it from them, and executes it in the *cessuys que use*. Secondly, with respect to a feoffment, fine, and common recovery; the transfer or transmutation of the possession from the feoffor, conveyer, and recoverer to the feoffee, conveyee, or recoveror, is effected solely by the operation of these conveyances or assurances at the common law; and if the use is declared to the feoffee, conveyee, or recoveror, in fee simple, the conveyance is completed at the common law, in the same manner as if the statute of uses had never passed. It is only when the use is declared to a third person, that the statute has any operation; and then, by the operation of the statute, the possession previously transferred or transmuted to the feoffee, conveyee, or recoveror, by the operation of the feoffment, fine, and common recovery, at the common law, is divested from the feoffee, conveyee, or recoveror, and vested in the *cessuys que use* by the statute. Thirdly, as to the conveyance by lease and release. The form of that conveyance is originally derived to us from the common law, and it is necessary to distinguish in what respect it operates as a common-law conveyance, and in what it operates under the statute of uses. At the common law, where the usual mode of conveyance was by feoffment with livery of seisin, if there was a tenant in possession, so that livery could not be made, the reversion was granted, and the tenant attached to the reversioner. As by this mode the reversion or remainder of an estate might be conveyed without livery, when it depended on an estate previously existing, it was natural to proceed one step further, and to create a particular estate for the express and sole purpose of conveying the reversion; and then, by a surrender or release, either of the particular estate to the reversioner, or of the reversion to the particular tenant, the whole fee vested in the surrenderer or releasee. It was afterwards observed, that there was no necessity to grant the reversion to a stranger; and that if a particular estate was made to the person to whom it was proposed to convey the fee, the reversion might be immediately released to him; which release, operating by way of enlargement, would give the releasee the fee. In all these cases, the particular estate was only an estate for yeares; for at the common law, the ceremony of livery of seisin was necessary to create even an estate of freehold, as it is to create an estate of inheritance. Still an actual entrie would be necessary on the part of the particular tenant; for, without actual possession, the lessee is not capable of a release, operating by way of enlargement. But this necessity of entrie for the purpose of obtaining the possession, was superseded, or made unnecessary, by the statute of uses: for by that statute, the possession was immediately transferred to the

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eins per feoffment, et  
l'auters per tort, &c.* nough. For that they  
come in by feoffment,  
and the others by  
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tion disseised, and the lessee re-  
lease to the disseisor, the dis-  
seisee may enter, for the terme  
for yeares is extinct and deter-  
mined. But otherwise it is in  
case of a lessee for life, for the

(Ant. 263. b. Ant. 239. 2.)

disseisor hath a freehold, whereupon the release of tenant for life may enure; but the disseisor hath no terme for yeares, whereupon the release of the lessee for yeares may enure.

And so it is if donee in taile be disseised by two, and releaseth to one of them, it shall enure to them both. But if the king's tenant for life be disseised by two, and he releaseth to one of them, he shall hold out his companion, for the disseisor gained but the estate for life. So if two joyntenants make a lease for life, and after doe disseise the tenant for life, and he release to one of them, he shall hold out his companion, for the disseisin was but of an estate for life.

If tenant for life be disseised by two, and he in the reversion and tenant for life joyne in a release to one of the disseisors, he shall hold his companion out, and yet it cannot enure by way of entrie and feoffment. But if they severally release their severall rights, their severall releases shall enure to both the disseisors.

But here in *Littleton's* case, where tenant in fee simple is disseised by two, and releaseth to one of them, this for many purposes enureth by way of entrie and feoffment, and therefore he to whom the release is made shall hold out his companion, and be made sole tenant of the fee simple. And this holdeth not only in case of a disseisin, but also in case of intrusion and abatement: but necessarily he to whom the release is made must bee in by wrong, and not by title.

If two men doe gaine an advowson by usurpation, and the right patron releaseth to one of them, he shall not hold out his companion, but it shall enure to them both; for seeing their cleike came in by admission and institution, which are judiciall acts, they are not merely in by wrong: for an usurpation shall cause a remitter, as it appeareth in *F. N. B.* 31. m.

But if a lease for life be made, the remainder for life, the remainder in fee, and he in remainder for life disseiseth the tenant for life, and then tenant for life dieth, the disseisin is purged, and he in the remainder for life hath but an estate for life. And so note a diversitie where the particular estate for life is precedent, and when subsequent.

19. H. 6. 27. 28. H. 6. 28.  
Case de occupant.  
(Ant. 42. b.)

Where our author putteth his case of one disseised, put the case that two joyntenants in fee be disseised by two, and one of the disseisees release to one of the disseisors all his right, he shall not hold out his companion, because the release is but of the moytie, without any certaintie. If a man be disseised by two women, and one of them take husband, and the disseisee release to the husband, this shall enure to the advantage of both the disseisors, because the husband was no wrong doer, but in a manner in by title.

(Post. 278. a.)

*Il avera le sole possession et estate.* If two disseisors be, and they make a lease for life, and the disseisee release to one of them, this shall enure to them both, and to the benefit of the lessee for life also: for he cannot by the release have the sole possession and estate, for part of the estate is in another.

And so it is (as it seemeth) if the disseisors make a lease for yeares, and the disseisee release to one of them, this shall enure to them both, for by the release he cannot have the sole possession: and it appeareth by *Littleton*, that he must have the sole possession, and hold his companion out. But the morgagee upon condition, having broken the condition, is disseised by two, the morgagor having title of entrie for the condition broken, release to the one disseisor, albeit they be in by wrong, yet the release shall enure to them both for two causes: first, for that they are not wrong doers to the morgagor, but to the morgagee; and by *Littleton's* case it appeareth, that wrong is done to him that made the release: secondly, that hee that makes the release hath but a title by force of a condition, and *Littleton's* case is of a right. Like law of an entrie for mortmain, or a consent to ravishment, &c.

*Mes si un disseisor infeoffa deux, &c.* And the reason of this diversitie is, for that the feoffees are in by title, and are presumed to have a warrantie, which is much favoured in law, and the disseisors are merely in by wrong. And the equitie of the law doth preserve in this case the benefit of the estranger to the release coming in by one joynt title.

21. H. 6. 41.  
(Ant. 194. b. 5. Rep. 70)

*Pur ceo que ils veignent eins per feoffment, et l'auters per tort.* This is of a new addition, and not in the originall, and therefore I passe it over.

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*cestuyque use*; so that a bargainee under that statute is as much in possession, and as capable of a release before or without entrie, as a lessee is at the common law after entrie. All, therefore, that remained to be done to avoid, on the one hand, the necessity of livery of seisin from the grantor; and to avoid, on the other, the necessity of an actual entrie on the part of the grantee; was, that the particular estate (which, for the reasons abovementioned, should be an estate for yeares) should be so framed, as to be a bargain and sale within the statute. Originally it was made in such a manner as to be both a lease at the common law, and a bargain and sale under the statute. But as it is held, that where conveyances may operate both by the common law and statute, they shall be considered to operate by the common law, unless the intention of the parties appears to the contrary; it became the practice to insert, among the operative words, the words *bargain and sale* (in fact, it is more accurate to insert no other operative words), and to express that the bargain and sale or lease is made to the intent and purpose, that thereby, and by the statute of uses, the lessee may be capable of a release. The bargain and sale, therefore, or the lease for a year, as it is generally called, operates, and the bargainee is in the possession, by the statute. The release operates by enlarging the estate or possession of the bargainee to a fee: this is at the common law, and if the use be declared to the releasee in fee simple, it continues an estate at the common law; but if the use is declared to a third person, the statute again intervenes, and annexes or transfers the possession of the releasee to the use of the person to whom the use is declared. It has been said, that the possession of the bargainee, under the lease, is not so properly merged in, as enlarged by the release: but, at all events, it does not, after the release, exist distinct from the estate passed by the release. As the operation of a lease and release depends upon the lease, or bargain and sale, if the grantor is a body corporate, the lease will not operate under the statute of uses; for a body corporate cannot be seized to an use, and therefore the lease of possession, considered as a bargain and sale under the statute, is void; and the release, then, must be of no effect, for want of a previous possession in the releasee. In cases of this nature, therefore, it is proper to make the conveyance by feoffment, or by a lease and release, with an actual entrie by the lessee, previous to the release; after which the release will pass the reversion. It may also be observed, that in *exchanges*, if one of the parties die before the exchange is executed by entrie, the exchange is void. Ant. 106. But if the exchange be made by lease and release, this inconvenience is prevented, as the statute executes the possession without entrie, and all incidents annexed to an exchange, at common law, will be preserved.—IV. The next consideration is, upon the doctrine of *powers deriving their effect from the statute of uses*; but the nature of these uses requires, that what is said on this head should be confined to some general observations upon the mode by which powers operate; and the relation which the deeds by which they are executed, bear to the deeds by which they are created. As to the first all powers of this kind are, in fact, powers of revocation and appointment: indeed, every declaration of an use may, in some respect, be considered as an appointment of the use or uses to which the feoffee is to stand seized: but the word appointment is generally applied to those cases, where either the power of appointment is first reserved, or given, with a subsequent limitation of uses, to take place until, and in default of the appointment; or where the uses are first limited, and a power is afterwards given to some person to limit other uses. As the uses limited under this power cannot operate but by the postponing, abridging, or defeating the prior uses, it is usual in some cases, to precede the power of appointment by a power of revocation. But this is immaterial. The powers of leasing, jointuring, charging, selling, and exchanging, usually inserted in marriage settlements, are powers of revocation and appointment. All of them postpone, abridge, or defeat, in a greater or less degree, the previous

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**ITEM**, *si jeo sue disseise, et mon disseisor est disseise, si jeo release a le disseisor de mon disseisor, jeo n'avera a unque assise ne entra sur \* le disseisor, pur ceo que son disseisor ad mon droit per mon release, &c. † Et issint il semble en tiel cas, si soyent xx. disseisors, chescun apres auter, et jeo releffa a le darreine disseisor, ‡ celui disseisor barrera tous les auters de lour actions et lour titles. Et la cause est, § come il semble, pur ceo que en mults cases, quant un home ad loyal title d'entre, ¶ coment que il n'entra pas, il defeatera tous meane titles per son release, &c. Mes ceo n'est ¶ my en chescun case, come serra dit apres.*

**ALSO**, if I bee disseised, and my disseisor is disseised, if I release to the disseisor of my disseisor, I shall not have an assise nor enter upon the disseisor, because his disseisor hath my right by my release, &c. And so it seemeth in this case, if there be xx. disseised one after another, and I release to the last disseisor, this disseisor shall barre all the others of their actions and their titles. And the cause is, as it seemeth, for that in many cases, when a man hath lawfull title of entrie, although he doth not enter, hee shall defeat all meane titles by his release, &c. But this holds not in everie case, as shall be said hereafter (1).

**HERE** it is to be observed, that a release by one whose entry is lawfull to him that is in by wrong, shall purge and take away all meane estates and titles. And where our author first putteth his case of two estates by wrong, and after of twentie disseisins, all estates be wrong.

(Post. 277. b. 278. a.)  
21. H. 6. 41. 11. H. 4. 33.  
9. H. 7. 25. 2. E. 4. 16. 21. E. 4.  
78. 12. Aff. 22. Vide 3. H. 6.  
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If *A.* disseise *B.* who enfeoffeth *C.* with warrantie, who enfeoffeth *D.* with warrantie, and *E.* disseiseth *D.* to whom *B.* the first disseisee releaseth, this doth defeat all the meane estates and warranties, because the release of *B.* is made to a disseisor, and his entrie is lawfull.

## Sect. 474.

**ITEM**, *si mon disseisor lessa, &c.* If the disseisor make a lease for life, and the lessee maketh a feoffment in fee, and the disseisee releaseth to the feoffee, the disseisor shall not enter upon the feoffee; for albeit the release to one joynt feoffee of a disseisor, as hath beene said, shall not exclude the other, yet a release to the feoffee of a tenant for life in this case shall take away the entrie of the disseisor for the alienation which was made to his

**ITEM**, *si mon disseisor lessa les tenements dont il moy disseisist a un \*\* auter home pur terme de vie, et puis le tenant a terme de vie alienee, &c. donque mon disseisor ne peut enter, causâ quâ supra, coment que a un*

**ALSO**, if my disseisor letteth the tenements wherof he disseised mee to another for terme of life, and after the tenant for terme of life alieneth in fee, and I release to the alienee, &c. then my disseisor cannot enter, *causâ quâ supra*, albeit that at one foits

\* *le-son*, L. and M. and Roh. † *et* not in L. and M. nor Roh. ‡ *celuy disseisor—il*, L. and M. and Roh.  
§ *come il semble* not in L. and M. nor Roh. ¶ *coment que il n'entra pas—et entre*, L. and M. and Roh. ¶ *my—pas*, L. and M. and Roh. \*\* *auter* not in L. and M. nor Roh.

(1) This is upon the same principle, that where the title to the possession is equal, the party who obtains the right shall be preferred.—So, by the modern law, where the equity of the parties is equal, he who has the law, is to be preferred.

vious uses and estates, and appoint new uses in their stead. As soon as the uses created by them spring up, they draw to them the estate of the feoffee; and the statute executes the possession. But it must be observed, that these powers do not operate as a conveyance of the possession or estate, but as a limitation of the use. Hence, if a person, having a power of appointment, appoints the estate to *A.* and his heirs, to the use of *B.* and his heirs, the use is executed in *A.* and his heirs, and *B.* takes only an equitable fee. Thus, suppose a marriage settlement framed in the usual manner, and with the usual power of selling and exchanging reserved to the feoffees; in these cases, it is sometimes expressed, that it shall be lawful for the feoffees to grant, bargain, sell, and convey. But whatever are the words made use of, they can only operate as a limitation of the use; and the vendee will take the legal estate. If the feoffees make a conveyance by lease and release, there is no doubt but it will be effectual; it will operate, however, as an appointment; the releasee will take the legal estate, and if the release is made to uses, the intended *cestuys que use* will have only equitable estates.—Secondly, as to the relation which the deed by which the power of appointment is executed, has to the deed by which the power is created. It is frequently said in the books, that when a power is executed, from that time the feoffee, conferee, recoveror, or releasee, is seized to the use created by the power, in the same manner as if in the original deed in which the power is contained, not the power, but the use raised under the power had been inserted. And this is true, so far as the use thus appointed derives its effect from, and is served by or out of the original seisin of the conferee, recoveror, feoffee, or releasee; and as it precedes and takes place of all the uses limited subsequent or subject to the power. In this sense, it clearly has a relation to the deed by which it is raised. But it has no other relation in point of time. In the case of the duke of Marlborough v. lord Godolphin, 2. Vez. 61. lord Sunderland left the interest of 30,000l. to his wife for her life, and the principal, after her decease, to such of her children as he should by deed or will appoint. By her will she appointed 2000l. to Mr. Spencer and 1500l. to lady Morpeth, who both died in her life-time. It was contended, that the appointment related back to the time of lord Sunderland's will, which relation would overreach the death of the two parties, who were alive at the time of the death of the testator, lord Sunderland; and then it would be considered as vesting in them in their lives. But lord Hardwicke denied this. He admitted that an use taking effect by virtue of an execution of a power, was taken under the authority of that power, but not from the time of its creation; and he exemplifies this distinction by appointments of uses; in which case, says his lordship, if a feoffment is executed to such uses as the feoffor shall







[p] F. N. B. 141. f. g. h.

Thirdly, [p] when the heire in ward entreth at his full age without satisfaction for his mariage, the writ saith, *quod intrusit*.

*Deforciammentum* comprehendeth not only these aforementioned, but any man that holdeth land whereunto another man hath right, be it by descent or purchase, is said to be a deforceor.

Usurpation hath two significations in the common law: one, when an estranger that no right hath presenteth to a church, and his clerke is admitted and instituted, hee is said to be an usurper, and the wrongfull act that he hath done is called an usurpation.

Secondly, when any subject doth use, without lawfull warrant, royal franchises, he is said to usurpe upon the king those franchises.

*Purprestura*, or *pourprestura*, a purpresture. [q] *Purprestura est, &c. generaliter quoties aliquid fit ad nocumentum regii tenementi, vel regie vice (vel aliquarum publicarum) vel civitatis, &c.* And because it is properly when there is a house builded, or an enclosure made of any part of the king's demesnes, or of an high way, or a common street or publike water, or such like publike things, it is derived of the French word *pourpris*, which signifieth an inclosure, but specially applied, as is aforesaid, by the common law.

[q] Glanvil. lib. 9. cap. 11.  
Britton fol. 28. 29.  
(Cro. Car. 17. n. Inst. 278.)

*See 2. Inst. 38.  
272. Note  
de jure Maris  
in my Law tract 22. 113. - 170. Callis on Sew.*

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9. H. 7. 258

HERE the entry of the disseisee is conceivable, and yet the release doth not avoid the condition, because the feoffee is in by title, as hath beene said, and may have a warranty. (2) And herein our author expresseth a diversitie betweene a condition in law, and a condition in deed; for in the case before when the disseisee releaseth to the feoffee of the tenant for life, the condition in law is taken away, but otherwise it is in this case of a condition in deed.

(Sect. 415.)  
Lib. 1. f. 147. Mayowe's case.

But if the feoffee upon condition make a feoffment in fee over without any condition, and the disseisee release to the second feoffee, the condition is destroyed by the release before the condition broken or after. For the state of the second feoffee was not upon any expresse condition, as *Littleton* here putteth his case, and he may have advantage of the release, because it is not against his owne proper acceptance, as *Littleton* speaketh in the next Section.

14. H. 8. 18. per Port.  
(Ant. 271. a. 276. b.)

But if it be a wrongfull title, such a title is taken away by a release; as if *A.* disseised *B.* to the use of *C.* *B.* release to *A.* this shall take away the agreement of *C.* to the disseisin, because it should make him a wrong doer: as if the disseisor be disseised, the disseisee releaseth to the second disseisee, this taketh away the right the first disseisor had against the second, and a relation of an estate gained by wrong shall never defeat an estate subsequent gained by right, against a single opinion, not affirmed by any other in one of our bookes.

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ET le disseisor grant un rent-charge, &c. Here is implied commons or any other

ET mesme le maner est lou home soit disseise de certaine terre, et le dissei-

IN the same manner it is where a man is disseised of certaine lands, and the disseisor

\* *afun* added in L. and M. and Roh. *n'awidera*, Vell. M.S.

† *n'amen tra---re abatra*, L. and M. and Roh. *ne abcraft*, Pap. M.S.

‡ This paragraph not in L. and M. nor Roh.

(1) The observations made on note 1. to page 275. a. note 1. to page 276. b. and the note to the preceding page, apply to the cases put by *Littleton* in this and the following Section, and by *sir Edward Coke* in his commentary. The whole of the chapter contained in this chapter is particularly well explained by *lord chief-baron Gilbert* in his treatise on tenures.

(2) The reason of this case in the book here cited is, that the condition is like a covenant between them; and he is stopped from claiming it otherwise; and the diversity following seems to warrant this. *Post*. 278. b.—*Lord Nott*. MS.

apply either to those lands which were devisable by custom;—as when a person seized of lands devisable by custom, devised them to *A.* and his heires, to the use of *B.* and his heires:—or to uses at common law;—as where a feoffment was made to *A.* and his heires, to the use of *B.* and his heires, and *B.* devised the use. To uses of this description the statute extended; but it is difficult to conceive how uses created under the testamentary power given by the statutes of wills can be within the statute of uses. It is said, that tho' the law will not force the operation of the statute of uses upon devises to which it is the testator's intention it should not extend; yet it will apply it to those cases to which it is his intention it should extend. This opinion makes it depend entirely on the will of the testator, whether the statute of uses shall or shall not operate upon the devises of his will. Thus, if a devise is made to the use of *A.* for life, with remainders over, if it were to be considered as a limitation under the statute of uses, it would be void, for want of a feisin to serve the uses. It cannot therefore be the testator's intention that it should operate under that statute; consequently the law will not force it under that statute, but leave it solely to its effect under the statutes of wills. But suppose a devise to *A.* and his heires, to the use of *B.* and his heires, that would be good to give the legal fee to *B.* as a limitation under the statute of uses. The testator therefore might intend, and the form of the devise shews he did intend, to raise an use under that statute, and the law, in conformity to his intentions, extends its operation to the devise. But against this it may be argued, that a statute can never be considered as relating to any thing which did not exist at the time of its passing; and therefore, as lands were not devisable till some years after the statute of uses, the statute of uses cannot extend to uses created by devise: that in wills the testator's intention is chiefly considered; and as by a devise to *A.* and his heires, to the use of *B.* and his heires, the testator shews it to be his intention that *B.* should have the legal fee, the law will



for grant un rent-charge hors de mesme la terre, &c. coment que apres le disseisee releffa al disseisor, &c. uncore le rent-charge demurt en sa force. Et la cause en ceux deux cas est ceo, que homen'avera advantage per tiel releas que serra encounter son proper acceptance, et encounter son grant demesne. Et coment que ascuns ont dit, que lou l'entre de home est congeable sur un tenant, s'il releasist a mesme le tenant, que ceo availeroit a le tenant, sicome il ust enter sur le tenant, et puis luy enseoffa, &c. ceo n'est pas voier en chiscun cas. Car en le primer cas de ceux deux avantdits cas, si le disseisee ust enter sur le feoffee sur condition, et puis luy enseoffa, donques est le condition tout defeat et avoid. Et isint en le second case, si le disseisee entrast et enseoffa celuy que grant a rent-charge, donques est le rent-charge anient et avoid, mes il n'est pas void per chiscun tiel releas sans entry fait, &c.

grant a rent-charge out of the same land, &c. albeit the disseisee doth afterwards release to the disseisor, &c. yet the rent-charge remaynes in force. And the reason in these two cases is this, that a man shall not have advantage by such release which shall bee against his proper acceptance, and against his own grant. And albeit some have said, that where the entry of a man is congeable upon a tenant, if hee releases to the same tenant, that this shall availe the tenant, as if he had entred upon the tenant, and after enseoffed him, &c. this is not true in every case. For in the first case of these two cases aforesaid, if the disseisee had entered upon the feoffee upon condition, and after enseoffed him, then is the condition wholly defeated and avoided. And so in the second case, if the disseisee entereth and enseoffeth him who granted the rent-charge, then is the rent-charge taken away and avoided, but it is not void by any such release without entrie made, &c.

profit out of the lands. And the reason is, because he shall not avoid his owne grant by a release hee himselfe hath acquired since the grant: but if the disseisor in that case be disseised, and the disseisee release to the second disseisor, he shall avoid it, as by that which hath beene said, *Sect.* 473. appeareth. So likewise if *A.* and *B.* bee joint disseisors, and *B.* grant a rent-charge, and the disseisee release to *A.* all his right, *A.* shall avoid the rent-charge, because it was not granted by him, and so not within the reason of our author.

If there bee two femes joint disseisors, and the one taketh husband, and the disseisee release to the other, shee is sole seised, and thal hold out the husband and wife.

If two disseisors bee, and they incoffe another, and take backe an estate for life or in fee, albeit they remaine disseisors to the disseisee as to have an assise against them, yet if he release to one of them, he shall not hold out his companion, because their state in the land is by feoffment.

If there be two disseisors, and they be disseised, and they release to their disseisor, and after disseise him, and then the disseisee release to one or both of them, yet the second disseisor shall re-enter, for they shall not hold the land against their owne release; for *Littleton* here saith, that they shall not avoid their owne grant, and by like reason they shall not avoid their owne release, *et sic de similibus.*

*Comme s'il ust enter sur le tenant et luy enseoffe.* Here is another kinde of release, *viz.* a release which enureth by way of entry and feoffment; for if a disseisee release to one of the disseisors to some purpose, this shall enure by way of entry and feoffment, *viz.* as to hold out his companion. But as to a rent-charge granted

will put that construction on the devise, and give it that operation. At the end of Mr. Hillyard's edition of *Shepherd's Touchstone*, there is a very learned opinion of the late Mr. Booth on the doctrine of uses. In two copies which the Editor has seen of this opinion, made immediately under the eye of Mr. Booth, and delivered by him to the persons in whose custody they now are, and also in a copy of it bequeathed by Mr. Booth, with his other valuable law manuscripts, to Mr. Holliday, the following note is added to it:—"P. S. Powers under wills are not like powers under conveyances, operating by way of use. The execution of a power under a devise, is not the limitation of a use; no, not where the devise is to uses: as where there is a devise to *I. S.* and his heirs, to the use of *A.* for life, remainder to *B.* in tail, with power for *A.* to limit a jointure, or lease, or charge; here, there will be no feisin in *I. S.* consequently no such use in *A.* or *B.* as is executed by the statute of uses; consequently, the execution of the power is no use; it operates as a devise under the statute of wills."--- See also *Popham v. Bamfield*, 1. Vin. 79. *Buchett v. Durdant*, 2. Vent. 312. *Broughton v. Langley*, Salk. 679. *Gilb. Uses*, 281. --- But whether a devise to uses operates solely by the statute of wills, or by that statute jointly with the statute of uses, is a matter rather of speculation than of use; as it is now settled, that an immediate devise to uses, without a feisin to serve those uses, is good; and that where the estate is devised to one for the benefit of another, the courts execute the use in the first or second devisee, as appears to suit best with the intention of the testator. 2dly, *With respect to copyhold estates*, the statute of uses does not extend to them, as it is against the nature of the copyhold tenure, that any person should be introduced into the estate without the consent of the lord. *Gilbert's Tenures*, 170. 3dly, *With respect to leases for years*; --- these estates are not executed by the statute. But this must be understood of lease actually in existence, at the time of their being assigned to the use. Therefore, if *A.* possessed of a lease for years, grants it over, or assigns it, to *B.* and *C.* to the use of *D.*; all the estate is in *B.* and *C.* and *D.* only takes a trust, or equitable estate. But if *A.* being seised of lands in fee, makes a feoffment to the use of *B.* and *C.* for a term of years, this term is served out of the feisin of the feoffee, and is executed by the statute.--- It is the same if he bargains and sells the estate, of which he is seised in fee, for a term of years. *Gilb. Uses*, 198. *Dyer* 369. 2. Inst. 671.--- Such are the general outlines of the doctrine of uses; one of the most important parts of the law, as all the landed property of the kingdom is, either directly or indirectly, regulated by it. It is to be observed, that one of the chief objects, both of the legislature and the judicature of this kingdom, in their regulations upon the subject, has been, on the one hand, to guard against those restraints upon alienation, which are incompatible with the welfare of a free and commercial people; and on the other, to admit of reasonable settlements and provisions being made for wives and children, and the general wants of families. Experience seems to shew that they have accomplished their object. This fully answers the objections which foreigners make to the nature of our family-settlements, that we exclude the ancestor, whose character is known to us, from the disposal of the property; and intrust it to the children, with whom we cannot but be perfectly unacquainted.--- So detrimental has an unqualified and unlimited power of settlement been found even in France, that it has been made a question there, whether it would not be for the advantage of the nation at large, that all settlements and trusts should be abrogated. This question, so far as it related to moveables, was by the order of Louis XV. proposed in the year



ed by him, it shall not enure by way of entrie and feoffment; for if the disseisee had entred and enfeoffed him, the rent-charge had bene avoided. But it is a certaine rule, that when the entry of a man is congeable, and he releaseth to one that is in by title, (as hereto the feoffee upon condition is) it shall never enure by way of entry and feoffment, either to avoid a condition with which he accepted the land charged, or his owne grant, or to hold out his companion.

(Dr. and Student, 50 .a.)

And where it appeareth by our author, that acts done by the disseisor shall not be avoided by the release of the disseisee, it is to be noted, that acts made to the disseisor himselfe shall not be avoyded by the alteration of his estate by the release of the disseisee; as if the lord before the release had confirmed the estate of the disseisor to hold by lesser services, the disseisor shall take advantage of it, and so of ciltovers to be burnt in the house, and the like law of a warrantie made unto him.

If the heire of the disseisor indow his wife *ex assensu patris*, and the disseisee release to the disseisor, he shall not avoide the indowment, for that is like the case put by *Littleton* of the rent-charge.

If an alien be a disseisor, and obtaine letters of denization, and then the disseisee release unto him, the king shall not have the land, for the release hath altered the estate, and it is as it were a new purchase; otherwise it is if the alien had bene the feoffee or a disseisor.

If the lord disseise the tenant, and is disseised, the disseisee release to the second disseisor, yet the seigniorie is not revived, for betweenc the parties the release enures by way of entrie and feoffment as to the land; but not having regard to the seigniorie, and for that the possession was never actually removed or reverted from the disseisor, who claimeth under the lord, the seigniorie is not revived. But if the lord and a stranger disseise the tenant, and the disseisee release to the stranger, there the seigniorie by operation of law is revived, for the whole is vested in the stranger which never claimed under the lord: and in that case, if the lord had died, and the land had survived, the seigniorie had bene revived. But if the lord had disseised the tenant, and bene disseised by two, and the disseisee released to one of them, the seigniorie is not revived, because he claimed (as hath bene said) under the lord.

## Sect. 478.

(Ant. 45. a.)  
Vid. Sect. 514.

28. E. 3. 98. 9. E. 4. 46.  
21. E. 4. 55. 41. E. 3. 10.  
2. H. 4. 12.

*QUEL brieve de eux  
il estiera, &c.*

Note, many times in one case the law doth give a man severall remedies, and of severall kindes, as in this case by action and by entry; by action, either a writ of right, or *dum fuit infra ætatem*.

*Et puis le disseisor porta brieve de droit, &c.* Here it appeareth, that there is a great art and knowledge for a man that hath divers remedies to chuse his aptest remedie; as in this case, if he bring his writ of right, the disseisor shall be barred, but if he had entred upon the heire of the alienee, he should have enjoyed the land for ever. For in that case the heire of the alienee after such an entrie shall never have a writ of right, no more then if the disseisee entred upon the heire of the disseisor, and make a feoffment in fee, if the heire of the disseisee

*ITEM, si home soit disseisee per un enfant \* lequel aliena en fee, et alienee devie seisie, et son heire enter, esteant † le disseisor deins age, ore est en election ‡ le disseisor d'aver un brieve || de dum fuit infra ætatem, ou brieve de droit envers le heire del alienee, et quel brieve de eux que il estiera, il doit recover per la ley, § &c. Et auxi il poit enter en la terre sans aucun recoverie, et en cest case l'entre le disseisee est tolle, &c. Mes en cest cas si le disseisee relejja son droit al*

**A**LSO, if a man bee disseised by an infant who alien in fee, and the alienee dieth seised, and his heire entred, the disseisor being within age, now is it in the election of the disseisor to have a writ of *dum fuit infra ætatem*, or a writ of right against the heire of the alienee, and which writ of them hee shall chuse, hee ought to recover by the law, &c. And also he may enter into the land without any recovery, and in this case the entrie of the disseisee is taken away.

*heire*

\* *deins age* added in L. and M. and Roh.  
† *le disseisor—d'alienour*, L. and M. and Roh.  
nor Roh.

‡ *le disseisor—l'alienour*, in L. and M. and Roh.  
§ *de not* in L. and M. nor Roh. || *&c.* not in L. and M.

1744 by the Chancellor D'Aguesseau to all the parliaments and superior councils of France. See *Questions concernant les Substitutions, avec les Responses de tous les Parlemens et Cours Souverains du Royaume, et les Observations de M. le Chancelier d'Aguesseau sur les dits Responses*. Toulouse, 1770. And see also *Commentaire de l'Ordonnance de Louis XV. sur les Substitutions*, par M. de Furgole. Paris, 1767.

It is hoped, that the importance of the subject, and the want of a comprehensive and systematic treatise upon it, will be thought a sufficient apology for the great length of the foregoing note. Lord chief-baron Gilbert's Essay upon Uses and Trusts, considered in the only light in which it can be considered with justice to its author, as an unfinished sketch, is entitled to great commendation. It certainly contains several most profound and learned observations, but in many instances is very defective and erroneous.

In a future part of this work an attempt will be made to explain the leading points of the doctrine of trusts. --- The suspension and extinction of powers; --- the destruction of contingent remainders; --- and the difference between the operations of settlements, fines, common recoveries, bargains and sales, releases, and wills, will be considered in a note on the chapter of Discontinuance.



*heire del alienee, et puis le disseisor porta briefe de droit envers l'heire d'alienee, et il joyne le mise sur le mere droit, &c. le graunde assise doit trouver per la ley, que le tenant ad plus mere droit \* que ad le disseisor, † &c. pur ceo que le tenant ad le droit le disseise per son release, lequel est plus ancien et plus mere droit: car per tiel leas tout le droit le disseisee passa a le tenant, et est en le tenant. Et a ceo que ascuns ont dit, que en tiel case lou home que ad droit al terres ou tenements (mes son entrie n'est pas congeable) s'il releffa al tenant ‡ tout son droit, &c. que tiel release urera per voy d'extinguishment. Quant a ceo il puit estre dit, que ceo est § voyer quant a ce-luy que releffa; car per son release il ad luy demise || quietment de ¶ son droit, quant a son person, mes uncore \*\* le droit que il avoit bien poit passer a le tenant per son release. Car enconvenient serroit que tiel ancien droit serroit extinct tout ousterment, &c. car il est communement dit, que*

&c. But in this case if the disseisee release his right to the heire of the alienee, and after the disseisor bringeth a writ of right against the heire of the alienee, and hee joyne the mise upon the meere right, &c. the great assise ought to finde by the law, that the tenant hath more meere right than the disseisor, &c. for that the tenant hath the right of the disseisee by his release, the which is the most ancient and most meere right: for by such release all the right of the disseisee passeth to the tenant, and is in the tenant. And to this some have said, that in this case where a man which hath right to lands or tenements (but his entrie is not congeable) if he release to the tenant all his right, &c. that such release shal enure by way of extinguishment. As to this it may bee said, that this is true as to him which releaseth; for by his release hee hath dismissed himselfe quite of his right as to his person, but yet the right which hee hath may well passe to the tenant by his release. For it should bee inconvenient that such an ancient right should bee extinct altogether,

re-enter he shall detaine the land for ever, and the feoffee shall not maintaine any writ of right; for a bare right shall never be left in the feoffee, but shall ever follow the possession, as hath beene said: but if the disseisee entreth upon the heire of the disseisor, and make a feoffment in fee upon condition, and entreth for the condition broken before the heire of the disseisor enter, hee is restored to his right againe.

(Ant. 266 a.)  
38. E. 3. 16. 24. H. 8. Restore  
at p. 111. act. n. 5.  
Vide Sect. 447.

A man maketh a gift in taile, the remainder in fee, tenant in taile dieth without issue, an estranger intrude, and he in the remainder brings a formedon, and recovereth by default, and maketh a feoffment in fee, the intruder reverse the recoverie in a writ of disseit and entreth, he shall detaine the land for ever, and the feoffee shall not have a writ of right.

9. H. 7. 24.

And so likewise if a disseisor die seised and a stranger abate, and the disseisee release to him, the heire of the disseisor shall enter and detaine the land for ever. For the right to the possession shall draw the right of the land to it, and shall not leave a right in him to whom the release is made, as hath beene said before in the 447. Section.

9. H. 7. 24.

*Le droit del disseisee passa al tenant, et est en le tenant.*

For seeing the tenant hath the whole fee simple, he is capable of the whole right of the disseisee, and, as *Litton* here saith, the right is in the tenant.

*Inconvenient serroit.*

Here againe, as hath beene often observed, an argument *ab inconvenienti* is forcible in law; and that judges by the authoritie of our author are to judge of inconveniences as of things unlawfull, as hereby and by

Vide Sect. 87. 138. 159. 231. 269. 419. 711.

\* &c. added L. and M. and Roh.  
§ voyer—*voies*, L. and M. and Roh.  
L. and M. and Roh.

† &c. not in L. and M. nor Roh.  
|| quietment not in L. and M. nor Roh.—*nettement*, MSS.

‡ &c. added L. and M. and Roh.  
¶ tout added

L. and M. and Roh. *le droit que il avoit bien poit passer a le tenant per son release*, not in the Vell. MS. but omitted most probably through mistake.



by many other places it ap-  
peareth.

*Un droit ne peut*

*pas morier. Dormit ali-*

*quando jus, moritur nunquam.* For of such a high estimation is right in the eye of the law, as the law preserveth it from death and destruction: trodden downe it may bee, but never trodden out. For where it hath beene said, that a release of right doth in some cases enure by way of extinguishment; it is so to be understood, either (as *Littleton* doth here) in respect of him that makes the release, or in respect that by construction of law it enureth not alone to him to whom it is made, but to others also who be estrangers to the release, which, as hath beene said, is a qualitic of an inheritance extinguished.

24. H. 8 6 b.

As if there be lord and tenant, and the tenant maketh a lease for life, the remainder in fee, if the lord release to the tenant for life, the rent is wholly extinguished, and he in the remainder shall take benefit thereof; even so when the heire of a disseisor is disseised, and the disseisor make a lease for life, the remainder in fee, if the first disseisee release to the tenant for life, this is said to enure by way of extinguishment, for that it shall enure to him in the remainder, who is a stranger to the release; and yet in truth the right is not extinct, but doth follow the possession, *viz.* the tenant for life hath it during his time, and he in the remainder to him and to his heires, and the right of the inheritance is in him in the remainder; for a right to land cannot die or be extinct in deed; and therefore if, after the death of tenant for life, the heire of the disseisor bring a writ of right against him in the remainder, and he joyne the mise upon the meere right, it shall be found for him, because in judgment of law he hath by the said release the right of the first disseisee.

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24. H. 8. fol. 5. 6. 11. H. 7. 25.  
20. H. 6. ut. barre. 39. 38. E. 3.  
20.

**H**ERE *Littleton* putteth a diversity betweene releases which enure by way of extinguishment against all persons, and whereof all persons may take advantage, and releases which in respect of some persons enure by way of extinguishment, and of other persons by way of *mitter le droit*: or betweene releases which in deed enure by extinguishment, for that hee to whom the release is made cannot have the thing released, and releases which, having some quality of such releases, are said to enure by way of extinguishment, but in troth doe not, for that he to whom the release is made may receive and take the thing released. And here *Littleton* putteth cases where releases do absolutely enure by extinguishment without exception, having respect to all persons. And first of the lord and tenant: secondly, of the rent-charge: thirdly, of the common of pasture.

*MES releases que enurera per voy d'extinguishment envers tous persons, sont lou celuy a que le releas est fait, ne peut aver ceo que a luy est releas. Si come si soyent seignior et tenant, et le seignior releffa al tenant tout le droit que il ad en la seigniorie, ou tout le droit que il ad en le terre, &c. tiel releas va per voy de extinguishment envers tous persons, pur ceo que le tenant ne peut aver \* service pur prender de luy mesme.*

**B**UT releases which enure by way of extinguishment (1) against all persons, are where hee to whom the release is made, cannot have that which to him is released. As if there bee lord and tenant, and the lord release to the tenant all the right which hee hath in the seigniorie, or all the right which he hath in the land, &c. this release goeth by way of extinguishment against all persons, because that the tenant cannot have service to receive of himselfe.

Sect. 480.

**F**IRST, of the lord and tenant, and the lord release to the tenant his seigniorie,

*EN mesme le maner est de re-*

**I**N the same manner is it of a release  
*leas*

\* *service pour prender—ceo*, J. and M. and Roh.

(1) Here *Littleton* returns to releases by extinguishment. See ant. 268.







law was before the making of the statute, as here it appeareth. Secondly, they opened the true sense and meaning of the statute. Thirdly, their cases were briefe, having at the most one poynt at the common law, and another upon the statute. Fourthly, plaine and perspicuous, for then the honour of the reader was to excell others in authorities, arguments, and reasons for prooffe of his opinion, and for confutation of the objections against it. Fifthly, they read, to suppress subtile inventions to crepe out of the statute. But now readings having lost the said former qualities, have lost also their former authorities: for now the cases are long, obscure, and intricate, full of new conceits, liker rather to riddles than lectures, which when they are opened they vanish away like smoke, and the readers are like to lapwings, who seeme to bee neere their nests when they are farthest from them, and all their studie is to find nice evasions out of the statute. By the authority of *Littleton*, antient readings may be cited for prooffe of the law; but new readings have not that honour, for that they are so obscure and darke.

*de Westminster secund, que commence, In casu quo vir amiserit per default amtenementum quod fuit jus uxoris suæ, &c. que a le common ley devant \* mesme l' estatute, si lease soit fait † a un home pur terme de vie, le remainder ouster en fee, et un estrange per feint action ust recover envers le tenant a terme de vie per default, et puis † le tenant mourust, celuy en le remainder n'avoit ascuns remedie devant le statute, pur ceo que il n'avoit ascun possession del terre.*

which begunne thus: *In casu quo vir amiserit per default amtenementum quod fuit jus uxoris suæ, &c.* that at the common law before the sayd statute, if a lease were made to a man for terme of life, the remainder over in fee, and a stranger by feigned action recovered against the tenant for life by default, and after the tenant dieth, he in the remainder had no remedie before the statute, because hee had not any possession of the land.

*L' estatute de W. 2.* Which is the third chapter.

*Le remainder ouster en fee.* Here is to be observed, that although the statute

[c] 24. E. 2. 35. 28. E. 3. 96. 18. E. 2. Entric 74. 3. E. 2. Entric 7. 6. E. 3. 24. 7. E. 3. Ent. 62. 7. E. 3. 54. 55. 15. E. 4. 15. F. N. B. 217. d. Register 241.

[d] W. 2. cap. 5. Vide 34. E. 3. Formdon 31. 11. E. 3. ibid. 31. 8. E. 3. 59. 1. N. B. 217. d. 7. H. 7. 13.

speaketh of a reversion [a], yet by the authority of *Littleton* a remainder is within the statute.

See the statute of 14. *Eliz. cap. 8.* which provideth fully for him in the remainder.

*Feint action.* *Feint* is a participle of the French word *feindre*, which is to feigne or falsly pretend, so as a feint action is a false action.

*N'avoit ascun remedie devant l' estatute.* [b] Here it appeareth by *Littleton*, that if a man maketh a lease for life, the remainder in fee, and tenant for life suffereth a recovery by default, that he in the remainder should not have a formedon by the common law: for *Littleton* saith, that he hath not any remedie before the statute. Neither is there any such writ in that case in the Register, albeit in some bookes mention is made of such a writ.

Sect. 482.

23. E. 3. 3. Tit. Juris Utum 1.

**H E R E** a disseisin gotten by wrong, and defeated by the entrie of him that right hath, is sufficient to maintaine a writ of right against the recoveror in this case, for albeit

*M E S* si celuy en le remainder ust enter sur le tenant a terme de vie, et luy disseisist, et apres

**B U T** if he in the remainder had entered upon the tenant for life, and disseised him, and after the te-

\* mesme not in L. and M. nor Roh. † a une home— al tenant, L. and M. and Roh. ‡ le tenant not in L. and M. nor Roh.



*le tenaunt entra sur luy, et apres le tenant a terme de vie per tiel recovery perde per default et morust, ore celuy en le remainder bien poit aver briefe de droit envers celuy que recovers, pur ceo que le mise sera joine solement sur le mere droit, &c. Uncore en cest case, le seisin de celuy en le remainder fuit defeat per entrie del tenant a terme de vie. Mes peradventure ascuns voilent argue et dire, que il n'avera briefe de droit en cest case, pur ceo que quant le mise est joine, il est joine entiel maner, (scilicet) si le tenant ad plus mere droit en le terre en le manner come il tyent, que le demandant ad en le maner come il demanda, et pur ceo que le seisin del demandant fuit defeat per l'entry de le tenant a terme de vie, &c. donque il ad nul droit en le maner come il demaund.*

nant enter upon him, and after the tenaunt for life by such recovery lose by default and die, now he in the remainder may well have a writ of right against him which recovers, because the mise shal be joined only upon the mere right, &c. Yet in this case the seisin of him in the remainder was defeated by the entry of the tenant for life. But peradventure some will argue and say, that hee shall not have a writ of right in this case, for that when the mise is joined, it is joined in this manner, (*scilicet*) if the tenaunt hath more mere right in the land in the manner as he holdeth, than the demandant hath in the maner as hee demandeth, and for that the seisin of the demandant was defeated by the entry of the tenant for term of life, &c. then he hath no right in the maner as he demandeth.

the seisin is defeated betweene the lessee for life and him in the remainder, yet having regard to the recoveror, who is a meere stranger, and hath no title, it is sufficient against him. But otherwise it is against the party himselfe that defeated the seisin, and the law is propense to give remedie to him that right hath. And where some have thought, that there is no authority in law to warrant *Littleton's* opinion herein, they are greatly mistaken, for *Littleton* hath good warrant for all that he hath written.

7. E. 3. 6s. 38. E. 3. 37. tit. Jur. Utr. 1.

(Post. 315. a.)

Lands are letten to *A.* for life, the remainder to *B.* for life, the remainder to the right heirs of *A.* *A.* dieth, *B.* entreth and dieth, a stranger intrudeth, the heire of *A.* shall have a writ of right of the seisin which *A.* had as tenant for life.

Lands are letten to *A.* and *B.* and to the heirs of *A.* *A.* dyeth, a recovery is had against *B.* the heire of *A.* shall have a writ of right of the whole, for every joyntenant is seised *per my et per tout.*

(Ant. 184. a. b.)

If lands be given in taylor, the remainder to *A.* in fee, the donee dyeth without issue, his wife *privement enseint*, *A.* entreth, the issue is borne and entreth upon him and dyeth without issue, *A.* shall have a writ of right, of the seisin which he had.

If lands be given in taylor to *A.* the remainder to his right heirs, *A.* dieth without issue, the collateral heire of *A.* shall have a writ of right of the seisin of *A.*

4. E. 3. 16. 17.

And so note a diversity betweene a seisin to cause *possessionis fratris*, &c. for there is

(Ant. 14. b. 15. a.)  
40. E. 3. 8. 42. E. 3. 20.  
37. Af. 4. 24. E. 4. 24. 7. II. 5. 4  
11. II. 4. 11.

required a more actuall seisin, and a seisin to maintaine a writ of right. And hereby also are the (Etc.) in this Section explained. *See my opinion on the it never case dated 7. Jan. 1803.*

Sect. 483.

*A CEO poit estre dit, que ceux parols (modo et forinâ prout, &c.) in muits des cases sont*

TO this it may be said, that these words (*modo et forinâ prout, &c.*) in many cases are words *parols*



*parols de forme de pleder, et ne-  
my parols de substance. Car si  
home port briefe d'entre in casu  
proviso, del alienation fait per le  
tenant en dower a son disinberi-  
tance, et counta del alienation  
fait en fee, et le tenant dit, que il  
ne aliena pas en le manner come  
le demaundant ad declare, et sur  
ceo sount a issue, et trove est per  
verdict, que le tenant alyenast en  
le taile, ou pur terme d'auter vie,  
le demaundant recovers: uncore  
l'alyenation ne fuit en le manner  
come le demaundant avoit declare,  
&c.*

of forme of pleading, and not  
words of substance. For if a man  
bring a writ of entrie *in casu pro-  
viso*, of the alienation made by the  
tenant in dower to his disinberi-  
tance, and counteth of the alie-  
nation made in fee, and the tenant  
saith, that he did not alien in maner  
as the demaundant hath declared,  
and upon this they are at issue, and  
it is found by verdict, that the te-  
nant aliened in taile, or for tearme  
of another man's life, the deman-  
dant shall recover: yet the aliena-  
tion was not in manner as the de-  
maundant hath declared, &c.

(Yelv. 148. Hob. 73. 105.)  
(6. Rep. 24.)

[c] 9. H. 6. 1. 40. E. 3. 35.  
21. E. 4. 22. F. N. B. 206. 8.  
40. E. 3. 5. 32. H. 8. issue.  
Br. 80. Vid. Sect. sequent.

12. E. 4. 4.  
(Doc. Pla. 175. 199. 344. 345.)

**W**HERE *modo et formá* are of the substance of the issue, and where but words of forme, this diversity is to be observed. [c] Where the issue taken goeth to the point of the writ or action, there *modo et formá* are but words of forme, as here in the case of the writ of entrie *in casu proviso*, and so is the (&c.) well explained in this Section. But otherwise it is when a collateral point in pleading is traversed; as if a feoffment be alleadged by two, and this is traversed *modo et formá*, and it is found the feoffment of one, there *modo et formá* is materiall. So if a feoffment be pleaded by deede, and it is traversed *absque hoc quid feof-  
favit modo et formá* upon this collateral issue, *modo et formá* are so essentiall, as the jury cannot find a feoffment without deed.

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Vid. Sect. preced.  
(8. Co. 89. Sid. 15.)

10. E. 4. 7. 8. E. 4. 15.  
20. E. 4. 3. 21. E. 4. 3.  
Merlebr. cap. 3.

(Doc. Pla. 191. 344.)

(9. Rep. 32.)

**T***ROVE est per  
verdict, que il  
tient per fealtie  
tantum.* Here is an-  
other diversitie to be ob-  
served: That albeit the  
issue bee upon a collate-  
rall point, yet if by the  
finding of part of the  
issue, it shall appeare to  
the court that no such  
action lieth for the plain-  
tife no more than if the  
whole had been found,  
there *modo et formá*  
are but words of forme,  
as here in the case which  
*Littleton* putteth of the  
lord and tenant ap-  
peareth.

*Car le matter  
del issue est lequel il  
tient de luy ou nemy,  
&c.*

Here it appeareth, that

**A***UXY, si soient seig-  
nior et tenant, et le te-  
nant tient del seignior per  
fealtie solement, \* et le  
seignior distreine le tenant  
pur rent, et le tenant  
porta briefe de trespas  
envers son seignior de  
ses avers issint prises,  
et le seignior plede que  
le tenant tient de luy  
per fealtie et certain  
rent, et pur le rent arere  
il vient a distreiner, &c.  
et demande judgement  
de briefe port vers luy,  
quare vi et armis, &c.  
et l'auter dit, que il ne  
tient de luy en le maner  
come il suppose, et sur*

**A***L*S O, if there bee  
lord and tenant, and  
the tenant hold of the  
lord by fealty only, and  
the lord distreine the  
tenant for rent, and  
the tenant bringeth a  
writ of trespasse against  
his lord for his cat-  
tell so taken, and the  
lord plead that the tenant  
holds of him by fealty  
and certaine rent, and  
for the rent behinde he  
came to distreine, &c.  
and demand judgement  
of the writ brought a-  
gainst him, *quare vi et  
armis, &c.* and the other  
saith, that hee doth not

cc



*cco sont a issue, et trove est per verdict que il tient de luy per fealtie tantum; en cest case le briefe abatera, et uncore il ne tient de luy en le maner come le seignior avoit dit. Car le matter de l'issue est, lequel le tenant tient de luy ou nemy; car s'il tient de luy, coment que le seignior distreina le tenant pur auter services que ne doit aver, uncore tiel briefe de trespassse, quare vi et armis, &c. ne gist envers le seignior, mes terra abate. quare vi et armis, &c. doth not lie against the lord, but shall abate.*

hold of him in the manner as he suppose, and upon this they are at issue, and it is found by verdict that he holdeth of him by fealty onely; in this case the writ shall abate, and yet hee doth not hold of him in the manner as the lord hath said. For the matter of the issue is, whether the tenant holdeth of him or no; for if hee holdeth of him, although that the lord distreine the tenant for other services which he ought not to have, yet such writ of trespassse

if the matter of the issue be found, it is sufficient. And this rule holds in criminall causes. For if *A.* be appealed, or indicted of murder, *viz.* that hee of malice prepenfed killed *I.* *A.* pleadeth that he is not guilty *modo et forma*, yet the jury may find the defendant guiltie of manslaughter without malice prepenfed, because the killing of *I.* is the matter, and malice prepenfed is but a circumstance.

In assise of *darreine presentment*, if the plaintife alleage the avoydance of the church by privation, and the jury find the voydance by death, the plaintife shall have judgment; for the manner of voydance is not the title of the plaintife, but the voydance is the matter.

[*d*] If a gardeine of an hospitall bring an assise against the ordinary, whereupon issue is taken,

(Doc. Pla. 191. Ant. 227. 2. Roll. Abr. 704. 708. Sid. 5. Hob. 18. 73. 81. Doc. Pla. 355. 344. 345. Pl. Com. 101.)

(9. Rep. 348. 1. Cro. 14. 16. Haw. P. C. 266.)

6. E. 3. 41. b. 25. E. 3. 50. 9. H. 7. 3. 13. H. 7. 14. 29. E. 3. 38. (Sid. 21. 22.)

(Doc. Pla. 348.)

[*d*] 8. E. 3. 70. 8. Aff. 29. & 39. 9. E. 3. 338. 24. E. 3. 34. 5. H. 4. 2. 7. H. 4. 11. Pl. Com. 92. 3. Mar. Dier 116. 40. E. 3. 35. Dier 2. & 3. Ph. & Mar. 115. b. Trin. 22. Eliz. Rot. 920. Wolman's case 41. E. 3. 28. 34. Aff. 3. 30. Aff. 5. 33. E. 3. verdict 7. 22. E. 3. 1. b. 18. E. 3. 48. 31. E. 3. account 58. 28. Aff. 48. (2. Roll. Abr. 704. 719.)

he pleadeth that in his visitation he deprived him as ordinary, and it is found that he deprived him as patron, the ordinary shall have judgement, for the deprivation is the substance of the matter.

The lessee covenant with the lessor not to cut downe any trees, &c. and bind himself in a bond of forty pounds for performance of covenants, the lessee cut downe ten trees, the lessor bringeth an action of debt upon the bond, and assigneth a breach that the lessee cutteth down twenty trees, whereupon issue is joined, and the jury finde that the lessee cut downe ten, judgement shall be given for the plaintife; for sufficient matter of the issue is found for the plaintife.

Sect. 485.

*AUXY, \* en briefe de trespassse de batterie, ou des biens emports, si le defendant plede de rien culpable, en le maner come le plaintife suppose, et trove est que le defendant est culpable en auter ville, ou a auter jour que le plaintife suppose, uncore il recovers.*

**A L S O**, in a writ of trespassse for batterie, or for goods carried away, if the defendant plead not guiltie, in manner as the plaintife suppose, and it is found that the defendant is guiltie in another towne, or at another day than the plaintife supposes, yet hee shall recover.

*EN briefe de trespassse de batterie, et des biens emports, &c.*

Here *Littleton* speaketh of actions brought for things transitory. In which cases the wrong being done in one towne, the plaintife may not only alledge it in another towne, as *Littleton* here saith, but also in another county, and the jurors upon not guilty pleaded are bound to find for the plaintife.

Neither can the assault, batterie, or taking of goods, &c. alledged in another county, be traversed without speciall caute

(11. Rep. 5.)

(7. Rep. 2. b. 2. Roll. Abr. 688. Doc. Pla. 93. 369. 386.)

(1. Roll. Abr. 335. Hob. 103. 104. Doc. Pla. 397. 5. Rep. 77.)

\* *v. m.*, L. and M. and Roll.



(1. Rep. 1. 396. 6. Rep. 65. b.)

(Doc. Pla. 367. 2. Cro. 45. 372. Noy 57. 3. Cro. 353. Doc. Pla. 361.)

(1. Leo. 39. Sid. 234. 294. 3. Rep. 52. b. Ant. 145. b. Doc. Pla. 43. 2. Sid. 118. Cro. El. 99.)

Tin. 30. Eliz. in the king's bench, between Ingelbert and Jones. And herewith agreeth a judgement in the court of com. pleas, Pasch. 38. Eliz. Rot. 1656.

[c] 38. E. 3. 1.  
 (1. Cro. 105. Ant. 72. Mo. 350. 2. Cro. 372.)  
 [f] 2. H. 4. 18. 31. E. 3. Gager. deliver. 5.  
 [\*] 42. Aff. 12. 4. E. 3. ca. 5. 18. E. 3. ca. 1. & ca. 6.  
 4. H. 4. ca. 2.  
 [h] Li. 6. fo. 46. 47. Dowdale's case. 3. E. 3. Aff. 446. 27. E. 3. 86. 1. Aff. 16. 3. Aff. 4. 6. Aff. 4. 5. Aff. 7. 18. E. 3. 38. 21. Aff. 8. 29. Aff. 5. 44. E. 3. 6. b.  
 14. H. 4. 35. 5. H. 5. 2.  
 10. H. 6. 13. 21. H. 6. 51.  
 37. H. 6. 2. 7. E. 4. 45.  
 18. E. 4. 1. 22. E. 4. 19.  
 13. H. 7. 17. 2. Mar. Br. attain. 104. 10. Eliz. Dier 171.  
 [i] 19. H. 6. 48. 11. H. 6. 16.  
 43. E. 3. 23. b. 46. E. 3. 3. a.  
 9. H. 6. 62. 21. H. 6. 27.  
 14. H. 8. 24. 18. E. 4. 1.  
 20. H. 6. 2. 34. H. 6. 49.  
 14. H. 6. 21. 22. 4. H. 6. 13.  
 33. H. 6. 25. 12. E. 4. 12.  
 28. H. 8. Dier. 29.  
 21. E. 4. 19. 80. 27. H. 8. 19.  
 12. H. 8. 1. 11. H. 4. 65.  
 19. H. 8. 6.  
 (Hob. 134. 1. Leo. 201. Cro. Ca. 514. Cro. Ja. 366.)

cause of justification which extendeth to some certaine place; as if a constable of a towne in another county arrest the body of a man that breaketh the peace, there he may traverse the county (but he must not rest there) but all other places saving in the towne whereof hee is constable. And so it is of taking of goods, if the defendant justifie for damage feasant in another county, he must traverse as before. But where the cause of the justification is not restrained to a certaine place, that is so locall as it cannot be alledged in any other towne, as in the cases before alledged, and the like, then albeit the action bee brought in a forraigne countie, yet he must alledge his justification in the county

where the action is brought. As if a man be beaten in the county of *Middlesex*, and hee bringeth his action in the county of *Buck.* the defendant cannot pleade that the plaintife assaulted him in the county of *Midd. &c.* and traverse the county, but he must pleade his justification in the county of *Buck.* for that the cause of his justification is good in any place. And so it is in case of bailement of goods, and other cases for transitory things; as for example.

In an action upon the case the plaintife declared for speaking of slanderous words, which is transitory, and laid the words to be spoken in *London*, the defendant pleaded a concord for speaking of words in all the counties of England, saving in *London*, and traversed the speaking of the words in *London*: the plaintife in his replication denied the concord, whereupon the defendant demurred, and judgment was given for the plaintife. For the court said, that if the concord in that case should not be traversed, it would follow, that by a new and subtile invention of pleading, an ancient principle in law (that for transitorie causes of action the plaintife might alledge the same in what place or county he would) should be subverted, which ought not to be suffered; and therefore the judges of both courts allowed a traverse upon a traverse in that case: and the wisdome of the judges and sages of the law have alwayes suppressed new and subtile inventions in derogation of the common law. And therefore the judges say in one booke [c], We will not change the law which alwayes hath been used. And another saith [f], It is better that it be turned to a default, than the law should be changed, or any innovation made.

A man did grant a rent, with a new invented clause of distresse, *viz.* that the grantee should hold the distresse against gages and pledges; and yet by the whole court he shall gage deliverance, for otherwise by this new invention all replevyes shall be taken away.

[\*] See many other new inventions in derogation of the common law disallowed by the judges, and by the court of parliament.

[b] Where the jury is bound to finde aswell locall things in many cases as transitory in other counties, see at large in my Reports.

By this which hath beene said you shall know the law as it is now in use in these cases, and the better understand our [i] books, when you shall reade them concerning as well locall as transitory things, wherein you shall finde great variety of opinion in our bookes.

*Si le defendant plead de rien culpable.* This is a good issue, if the defendant committed no battery at all; but regularly by the common law if the defendant hath cause of justification or excuse, then can he not pleade not guilty, for then upon the evidence it shall be found against him, for that he confelleth the battery, and upon that issue cannot justifie it, but he must pleade the speciall matter, and confesse and justifie the battery.

The like law is in other cases, and therefore this is a learning necessary to be knowne, for that the losse of most causes dependeth thereupon. As if in battery the defendant may justifie the same to be done of the plaintife's owne assault, he must pleade it specially, and must not pleade the generall issue, and so of the like. In trespass of breaking his close, upon not guilty he

*Et \* issint en † plusieurs autres cases ceux parols, scilicet, en lemaner come le demaundant ou le plaintife ad suppose, ne font ascun ‡ matter de substance del issue: car en brieve de droit, lou le mise est joyne sur le mere droit, il est a tant a dire, et a tiel effect, scilicet, lequel ad plus mere droit, le tenant ou le demaundant al chose en demand.*

And so in many other cases these words, *viz.* in manner as the demaundant or the plaintife hath supposed, do not make any matter of substance of the issue: for in a writ of right, where the mise is joyned upon the meere right, that is as much as to say, and to such effect, *viz.* whether the tenant or demaundant hath more meere right to the thing in demand.

\* *issint* not in L. and M. nor Rob.

† *moltes* added in L. and M. and Rob.

‡ *matter—mannes*, L. and M. and Rob.



he cannot give in evidence, that the beasts came thorow the plaintife's hedge, which he ought to keep, nor upon the generall issue justifie by reason of a rent-charge, common, or the like.

In detinue the defendant pleadeth *non detinet*, he cannot give in evidence, that the goods were pawned to him for money, and that it is not paid, but must pleade it; but he may give in evidence a gift from the plaintife, for that proveth he detaineth not the plaintife's goods.

[d] So in an action of waste, upon the plea *nul wast fait*, he may give in evidence any thing that proveth it no waste, as by tempest, by lightening, by enemies, and the like; but he cannot give in evidence justifiable waste, as to repaire the house, or the like. [e] If one doth waste, and before the action brought the lessee repaireth it, and after the lessor bringeth an action of waste, and the lessee pleade *quod non fecit wastum*, he cannot give in evidence the especial matter.

If two men be bound in a bond jointly, and the one is sued alone, he may plead this matter in abatement of the writ; but he cannot plead *non est factum*, for it is his deed, though it be not his sole deed. [f] See in *Whelpdale's case*, where a man may safely plead *non est factum*, and where not, and the former books that treat of that matter well reconciled.

[g] Upon *plene administravit* pleaded by an executour, *et issint riens inter maines*, if it be proved that he hath goods in his hands which were the testatour's, he may give in evidence that he hath paid to that value of his owne mony, and need not plead it specially. (1)

In an assise, if the tenant plead *nul tort nul disseisin*, he cannot give in evidence a release after the disseisin; but a release before the disseisin he may, for then there is no disseisin upon the matter.

In a writ of right, if the tenant joyne the mise upon the meere right, he cannot give in evidence a collateral warranty; for he hath not any right by it, and therefore it ought to have been pleaded.

Of this learning you shall reade plentifully in our bookes, and in my Reports. This little taste shall here suffice to make the reader capable of the rest. Regularly whensoever a man doth any thing by force of a warrant or authority, he must plead it.

But all that hath been said must be under two cautions: first, that whensoever a man cannot have advantage of the speciall matter by way of pleading, there he shall take advantage of it in the evidence. For example, the rule of law is, that a man cannot justifie in the killing or death of a man; and therefore in that case, he shall be received to give the especial matter in evidence, as that it was *se defendendo*, or in defence of his house in the night against theeves and robbers, or the like.

Secondly, that in any action upon the case, trespassse, battery, or of false imprisonment against any justice of peace, maior, or bailife of city or towne corporate, headborough, port-reve, constable, tithingman, collector of subsidy or fifteen, in any his majesty's courts in *Westminster*, or elsewhere, concerning any thing by any of them done by reason of any of their offices aforesaid, and all other in their aide or assistance, or by their commandement, &c they may plead the generall issue, and give the speciall matter for their excuse or justification in evidence.

In an action of trespassse or other suit against any person for taking of any distresse or other act doing by force of the commission of sewers, the defendant in any such action shall and may make avowry, conufance, or justification generally, that it was done by authority of the commission of sewers for lotte or taxe assessed by that commission, &c. and the plaintife shall reply he did it of his owne wrong without such cause. And both these acts were made for avoiding of prolixity and captiousnesse of pleading, tending to the great charge and danger of officers and ministers of justice, &c. Evidence, *evidentia*. This word in legall understanding doth not only containe matters of record, as letters patents, fines, recoveries, inrolments, and the like, and writings under seale, as charters and deeds, and other writings without seale, as court rolles, accounts, and the like, which are called evidences *instrumenta*, but in a larger sense it containeth also *testimonia*, the testimony of witnesses, and other proofes to be produced and given to a jury, for the finding of any issue joined betweene the parties. And it is called evidence, because thereby the point in issue is to be made evident to the jury. *Probationes debent esse evidentes (id est) perspicuae et faciles intelligi*. But let us now returne to *Littleton*.

*Ou a autre jour que le plaintife suppose*. [h] As if the trespassse were done the fourth of May, and the plaintife alledgeth the same to be done the fifth of May, or the first of May, when no trespassse was done; yet if upon the evidence it falleth out that the trespassse was done before the action brought, it sufficeth; and this is warranted by *Littleton*, who speaketh indefinitely, that the jury may find the defendant guilty at another day than the plaintife supposeth.

*Et a tiel effect*. Here is to be observed, that the law of England respecteth the effect

25. H. 8. Br.  
(Doc. Pla. 197.)

22. H. 6. 33.  
(4. Rep. 33. 2. Roll. Rep. 491.  
Post. 303. 1. Leo. 228.)

[d] 12. H. 8. 1. 19. E. 3.  
Walt. 30. 20. E. 3. Walt. 32.  
[e] 10. Eliz. Dier 276.  
2. Mar. Dier 212.

(1. Sid. 450. Doc. Pla. 198.)

[f] Lib. 5. fo. 119. *Whelpdale's case*. 7. E. 4. 5. 7. E. 6. Br. non est fact. 14. 1. H. 7. 15. 14. H. 8. 28. Pl. Com. *Dive and Man case*. 36. H. 8. Dier 59. 2. Mar. Dier 112. 1. Eliz. Di. 167. [g] Hill. 10. H. 8. Rot. 323. in com. banc. et Mich. 6. E. 6. in com. banco. *Bendloes*. 7. H. 5. 9. 6. H. 7. 10. 34. E. 3. *Droit* 29. 9. E. 3. 32. 8. E. 3. 24. 33. E. 3. *Verd.* 18. H. 6. 24. 39. H. 6. 38. 18. E. 3. 19. Pl. Com. 81. 173. 21. H. 7. 76. 16. K. 11. 21. E. 4. 11. 22. E. 4. 45. 13. H. 7. 13. *Stanf. Pl. Cor.* 15. 22. *Alf.* 55. 37. H. 6. 21. (Doc. Pla. 198. Ant. 227. a. *Hob.* 174. Post. 303. b.)

7. Ja. ca. 5.

23. H. 8. ca. 5.

[h] 19. H. 6. 47. 3. E. 4. 5. 21. E. 4. 66.  
(Cro. Jac. 366. 1. C10. 501. 514. 515. 228. 229. 2. C10. 202. Sid. 308.)

(1) Yet if the matter be pleaded specially, that is not cause of demurrer, though it amounts to the general issue, because it has no colour of matter in law, as was adjudged by justice *Walmesley*. *Hob.* 127. Lord Nott. MSS.



effect and substance of the matter, and not every nicety of forme or circumstance: *Qui hæret in literâ, hæret in cortice, et apices juris non sunt jura.*

## Sect. 486.

**ITEM**, *si home soit disseisne, et le disseisor devie seise, &c. et son fite et heire est ens per discent, et le disseisee enter sur l'heire disseisor, lequel entrie est un disseisin, &c. si l'heire port assise, ou brieve \* de entre en nature de assise, il recovers.* **ALSO**, if a man be disseised, and the disseisor dyeth seised, &c. and his sonne and heire is in by descent, and the disseisee enter upon the heire of the disseisor, which entrie is a disseisin, &c. if the heire bring an assise, or a writ of entrie in nature of an assise, hee shall recover.

**AND** the reason hereof is, for that in the writ of right mentioned in the next Section, the charge of the grand assise upon their oath is upon the meere right, and not upon the possession.

## Sect. 487.

(Ant. 266. a.)

**CAR** *si le heire le disseisor, &c.* Here is a diversity to be observed concerning that which hath been said, when the possession shall draw the right of the land to it, and when not. And therefore when the possession is first, and then a right commeth thereunto, the entry of him that hath right to the possession shall gaine also the right which, as before it appeareth in those cases there put, followeth the possession, and the right of possession draweth the right unto it; but when the right is first, and then the possession commeth to the right, albeit the possession be defeated, (as here in *Littleton's* case it is by the heire of the disseisor) yet the right of the disseisee remaineth.

**BRIEVE** *d'entrie en le per.* **A.** dyeth seised, and the land descendeth to **B.** his sonne; before he entreth, an estranger abateth and dyeth seised, **B.** entreth, against whom the heire of the abator recovereth in an assise, **B.** may have a writ of *mort d'an-*

**MES** *si l'heire port brieve de droit envers le disseisee, il serra barre, pur ceo que quant le graund assise est jure, leur serement est sur le mere droit, et nemy sur le possession. Car si l'heire le disseisor † s'ust un assise de novel disseisin, ou brieve d'entre en nature d'assise, et recoverast vers le disseisee, et s'ust execution, uncore poit le disseisee aver brieve d'entre en le per envers luy de le disseisin fait a luy per son pere, ou il poit aver envers l'heire brieve de droit.* **BUT** if the heire bring a writ of right against the disseisee, he shall bee barred, for that when the graund assise is sworne, their oath is upon the meere right, and not upon the possession. For if the heire of the disseisor sue an assise of *novel disseisin*, or a writ of *entrie* in nature of an assise, and recover against the disseisee, and sueth execution, yet may the disseisee have a writ of *entrie* in the *per* against him, for the disseisin made to him by his father, or he may have against the heire a writ of right.

6. E. 3. 7.

Vid. Sect. 447.

5. Aff. 1. 10. Aff. 16.

\* *de entre en nature de assise il recovers.* *Mes si l'heire port* (the beginning of next Section) not in L. and M. nor Roh. but in both MSS. † *s'ust—porta*, L. and M. and Roh.



*cesser*, and recover the land against him. And if the disseisin had beene done to *A. &c.* then after the recovery in the assise, *B.* should have had a writ of *entrie* in the *per*, because the heyre that is in by discent is in the *per*.

## Sect. 488.

**MES** *si le heyre doit recou- ver envers le disseisee en le case avantdit per briefe de droit, donque tout son droit serroit clere- ment ale, pur ceo que judgement final serroit done envers luy, que serroit encounter reason lou le disseisee ad le plus meere droit, &c.*

**BUT** if the heire ought to reco- ver against the disseisee in the case aforesaid by a writ of right, then all his right should be cleere- ly taken away, for that judge- ment finall shall bee given against him, which should bee against reason where the disseisee hath the more meere right.

*Judgement final.* The forme whereof you shall see in the last Section of this chapter.

*Que serra encounter reason.* *Argumentum ab inconvenienti.*

Vid. Sect. 87. &c.  
(Post. 295. b.)

## Sect. 489.

**ET** *saches, mon fits, que en briefe de droit, apres ceo que les quater chivalers ont eslie le grand assise, donques il n'ad plus greinder delay que en un brief de forme- don, apres ceo que les parties sont a issue, &c. Et si le mise soit joyne sur le bataille, donques il ad meindre delay.*

**AND** know (my sonne) that in a writ of right, after the foure knights have chosen the grand as- sise, then he hath no greater de- lay than in a writ of *formedon*, af- ter the parties be at issue, &c. And if the mise bee joyned upon bataille, then hee hath lessér de- lay.

**BATAILLE.** See for this word in the last Section of this chapter.

(Post. 294. b.)

*Issue, &c.* Or demurrer, which is an issue in law.

(5. Rep. 104.)

## Sect. 490.

**ITEM,** *release de tout le droit, &c. en ascun case est bone, fait a celuy que est suppose tenant en ley, coment que il n'ad riens en les tenements. Sicome en præcipe quòd reddat, si le tenant alie- na la terre pendant le briefe, et puis le demaundant releffa a*

**ALSO,** a release of all the right, &c. in some case is good, made to him which is supposed tenant in law, albeit he hath no- thing in the tenements. As in a *præcipe quòd reddat*, if the tenant alien the land hanging the writ, and after the demandant releaseth

*luy*

(2. Infl. 244.)

(Ant. 266. 267.)



*luy tout son droit, &c. cel release est bone, pur ceo que il est suppose d'estre tenant per le suit del demandant, et uncore il n'ad riens en la terre al temps de release fait.* to him all his right, &c. this release is good, for that he is supposed to be tenant by the suit of the demandant, and yet hee hath nothing in the land at the time of the release made.

Seēt. 491.

**E**N mesme le manner est si en præcipe quòd reddat le tenant vouche, et le vouchee entre en le garrantie, si apres le demandant releffa al vouchee tout son droit \*, ceo est affets bone, pur ceo que le vouchee apres ceo que il avoit enter en le garrantie, est tenant en ley al demandant, † &c.

**I**N the same manner it is in a præcipe quòd reddat the tenant vouch, and the vouchee enters into warranty, if afterward the demandant release to the vouchee all his right, this is good enough, for that the vouchee after he hath entred into warranty, is tenant in law to the demandant, &c.

[h] 10. E. 4. 13. 12. Af. 41. 22. Af. 13. 23. E. 3. 21. 25. E. 3. 40. 38. E. 3. 10. 11. 7. E. 3. 6. 19. E. 3. tit. Resceit. 34. E. 3. tit. Resceit. 9. E. 4. 16. 39. H. 6. 40. 17. Af. 24. 8. H. 7. 5. 20. Af. 2. 14. E. 3. Proce- dendo 4. 9. E. 3. 17. 32. E. 3. Quare Imp. 2. Dyer. 17. Eliz. 341. Seēt. 447. \* Vi. devant Seēt. 447. (Ante 265. b. 273. a.

**H**ERE it doth appeare, that there is a tenant in deed and a tenant in law, and *Littleton* in this and the next Section putteth two examples of tenants in law, viz. (b) the tenant to a præcipe after alienation, and of the vouchee, whereof somewhat hath been said before.

And it is observable, that *Littleton* saith, that in both cases hee is tenant in law to the demandant, and yet he hath nothing in the land. And therefore if after the vouchee hath entered into warranty, and become tenant in law, an ancestor collateral of the demandant releaseth to the vouchee with warranty, he shall not plead this against the demandant, for that the release by the estranger is voide, which, besides the authorities before vouched, appeareth by *Littleton* himselfe; \* for he saith, that he is tenant in law to the demandant, whereby he excludeth that he is tenant in respect of any estranger.

Seēt. 492.

Glan. li. 1. ca. 1. Bract. li. 3. fo. 101. Brit. fo. 71. Flet. li. 1. ca. 15. & 16.

Mir. ca. 2. §. 1. Bract. ub. sup. Flet. li. 1. ca. 1.

**N**OTA, there be two kind of actions, viz. one that concern the pleas of the crowne, *placita coronæ*, or *placita criminalia*; another that concerne common pleas, *placita communia, seu civilia*. Of that which concerneth pleas of the crowne, *Littleton* speaketh hereafter in this chapter. Of actions concerning common pleas, *Littleton* speaketh in this place. And these are threefold (that is to say), reall, personall, and mixt. *Placitorum aliud personale, aliud reale, aliud mixtum*. Or, *Actionum quedam sunt in*

**I**TEM, quant al releases d'actions, reals et personals, il est issint, que ascuns actions sont mixt en le realty et en le personaltie: si come un action de waste sue envers tenant a terme de vie; cest action est † en le realty, pur ceo que le lieu waste serra recover; et auxy en le

**A**LSO, as to releases of actions, realls and personals, it is thus. Some actions are mixt in the realty and in the personalty: as an action of waste sued against tenant for life; this action is in the realty, because the place wasted shall bee recovered; and also in the personalty, because

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\* &c. added L. and M. and Roh.

† &c. not in L. and M. nor Roh.

‡ en not in L. and M. nor Roh.



*personaltie, pur ceo que treble damages ferront recovers pur le \* tortious wast fait per le tenant; et pur ceo en cest action un releas d'actions reals est bon plee en barre, et issint est un releas d'actions personals.*

treble damages shall bee recovered for the wrongfull waste done by the tenant; and therefore in this action a release of actions reals is a good plea in barre, and so is a release of actions personals.

*rem, quedam in personam, et quedam mixte.* And generally, *actio* is defined, [i] *Actio nihil aliud est quam jus prosequendi in judicio quod sibi debetur.* Or, *Action n'est auter chose que loyall demande de son droit.*

[k] And by the release of all actions, causes of action be released; but within a submission of all actions to arbitration, causes of action are not contained.

*Tenant pur vie.* And so it is if it be brought against tenant for yeares, because it agreeth with the reason of *Littleton* here rendred, *viz.* that the place wasted shall be recovered, and therefore foundeth in the realty.

*Auxy en le personaltie, pur ceo que treble damages ferront recovers,* (Cro. Car. 171.) which doe found in the personaltie. Wherefore *Littleton* concludeth, that in an action mixt a release of all actions reals is a good barre, and so is a release of all actions personals.

And here is to be observed a diversity betweene the act of the party, and an act in law; for a man by his owne act cannot alter the nature of his action; and therefore if the lessee for life or lessee for yeares doe waste, now is an action of waste given to the lessor, wherein he shall recover two things, *viz.* the place wasted, and treble damages: in this case if the lessor release all actions reals, he shall not have an action of waste in the personalty only; and if he release all actions personals, he shall not have an action of waste in the realty only.

[l] And so it is if the lessee doth waste, and after surrendreth to the lessor his estate, and the lessor accept thereof, the lessor shall not have an action of waste.

But by act in law the nature of the action may be changed; as if a man make a lease *pur terme d'auter vie*, and the lessee doth waste, and then *cessy que vie* dyeth, an action of waste shall lye for damages only, because the other is determined by act in law.

And againe, hereupon is another diversity to be observed, that in case when an action is well begun, and part of the action determineth by act in law, and yet the like action for the residue is given, there the writ shall not abate, but proceed. But where by the determination of part the like action remaineth not for the residue, there the action well commenced shall abate. As if an action of waste be brought against tenant *pur terme d'auter vie*, and hanging the writ *cessy que vie* dyeth, the writ shall not abate, but the plaintife shall recover damages only, because if *cessy que vie* had died before any action brought, the lessor might have an action of waste for the damages. So if an *ejectione firmæ* be brought, and the terme incurreth hanging the action, yet the action shall proceed for damages only, because an *ejectione* doth lye after the terme for damages only. But if tenant *pur auter vie* bring an assise, and *cessy que vie* dyeth hanging the writ, albeit the writ were well commenced, yet the writ shall abate, because no assise can be maintainable for damages only.

So if an action of waste be brought by baron and fern in remainder, in especiall taylor, and hanging the writ the wife dieth without issue, the writ shall abate, because every kind of action of waste must be *ad exheredationem*.

If a writ of annuity be brought, and the annuity determineth hanging the writ, the writ faileth for ever, because no like action can be maintained for the arrerages only, but for the annuity and arrerages.

But where damages only are to be recovered, there albeit by act in law the like action lyeth not afterwards, yet the action well commenced shall proceed; [m] as if a conspiracy be brought against two, and one of them dyeth hanging the writ, it shall proceed.

And in an assise of *novel disseisin*, a writ of annuity, *quare impedit*, and other mixt actions (1), a release of actions reals is a good plea, and so it is of a release of actions personals.

But if three joyntenants be disseised, and they arraigne an assise, and one of them release to the disseisor all actions personals, this shall barre him, but it shall not barre the other plaintife; for having regard to them the realty shall bee preferred, *et omne majus trahit ad se minus dignum*. [n] And in a writ of ward brought by two, the release of the one shall not grieve the other, but shall enure to his benefit, for he shall recover the whole ward, and hold his companion out.

But here a diversity is to be observed betweene reall actions, wherein damages are to bee reco- (W. Jones. 215. contra.)

\* *tortious wast*—*tort et wast*, L. and M. and Rob.

(1) 5. Car. B. R. *Sir John Bodvill's case*. Resolved contra; scilicet, that it was a mere personal action, and not mixt; et ideo, annuity in Wales by bill lies well; where, if it had been mixt, the action ought to have been brought by original, per 34. H. 8. ca. 6. upon argument by the court on error brought. Cro. 170. L. Nott. MSS.



[6] Merton cap. 1. in dower.  
Gloc. cap. 1.

recovered at the common law, as in an assise, &c. and reall actions where damages are not to be recovered by the common law, but are given by the [6] statute, for there a release of all actions personals is no barre, as in the writ of dower, *entrie sur disseisin in le per*, &c. *mord'anc'*, *aiel*, &c.

\* Sect. 493.

(5. Rep. 97.)

*ET en quare impedit, un releas d'actions personals est bone plee, et issint est un release d'actions reals, per Martin, quod fuit concessum. Hill. 9. H. 6. 57.*

AND in a *quare impedit*, a release of actions personals is a good plea, and so is a release of actions reals, *per Martin, quod fuit concessum. Hill. 9. H. 6. fol. 57.*

9. H. 6. 57.  
22. H. 6. 27. b.

THIS is an addition to *Littleton*, which although it be law, and the booke truly cited, yet I passe it over. But yet note by the way, that a release of actions personals is also a good barre in a *quare impedit*, because it is an action mixt.

Sect. 494.

{Post. 303. b.)  
(1. Roll. Rep. 36. 37.)  
(Ant. 180. b.)  
(Hob. 103.)

*LE disseisor bien poet pleder, &c.*

*Nota*, every man shall plead such pleas as are proper for him, and apt for his defence to be pleaded. [7] As a disseisor that hath nothing in the land may pleade a release of actions personals, because damages are to be recovered against him, and therefore for his defence hee may plead it; but a release of actions reals he cannot plead (1), because he hath no estate in the land, and none shall plead a release of actions reals in an assise, but the tenant of the land. *Et sic de ceteris*. But the tenant in an assise shall plead a release of actions personals to the disseisor, for that plea proveth that the plaintife hath no cause of action against him.

*ET mesme le maner est en assise de novel disseisin, pur ceo que il est mixt en le realtie et en le personalty. Mes si un tiel assise soit arraigne enter le disseisor et le tenant, le disseisor bien poet plede un releas d'actions personals pur barrer l'assise, mes nemy un releas d'actions reals, car nul pleder a releas d'actions reals en assise forsque le tenant.*

IN the same manner it is in an assise of novel disseisin, for that it is mixt in the realtie and in the personaltie. But if such an assise bee arraigned against the disseisor and the tenant, the disseisor may well plead a release of actions personals to barre the assise, but not a release of actions reals, for none shall plead a release of actions reals in an assise but the tenant.

[7] 11. Ass. 9. 18. E. 3. 2.  
23. 24. 31. E. 3. quare  
imp. 161. 7. E. 3. 5. 9. E. 3. 6.  
39. E. 3. 30. 22. E. 3. 2.  
19. H. 4. 7. 3. E. 2. quare  
imp. 44. 38. E. 3. 30. 31.  
5. F. 3. 26. 21. E. 3. 16. 17.  
5. H. 7. 24. 8. H. 5. 14.  
22. H. 6. 28. 29. 1. H. 7. 34.  
27. E. 3. 81. 32. H. 6. 15. b.  
17. Ass. 25. 2. H. 7. 14.  
13. H. 8. 13. 14. 44. E. 3. 12.  
46. E. 3. 13. 16. E. 4. 11.  
24. E. 3. 34. 4. E. 4. 18.  
7. H. 4. 34. 2. R. 2. encum-  
bent. 4. 33. E. 3. quare imp.  
194.  
(8. Rep. 151. b.)  
(Sect. 278)

13. H. 4. 2. a.  
(7. Rep. 26. a.)

(Sect. 471.)

(10. Rep. 51. b.)

[7] 19. H. 6. 23. a.  
(8. Rep. 152.)

If the disseisee release to the disseisor all actions reals, and the disseisor maketh a feoffment in fee, and an assise is brought against them, the feoffee shall not plead the release to the disseisor, for that he is not privie to the release, for a release of actions shall only extend to privies.

If a disseisor make a lease for life, the remainder in fee, and the disseisee release all actions to the tenant for life, after the death of tenant for life, he in the remainder shall not plead the said release.

If the disseisee release all actions to the disseisor, and die, this doth barre him but for his life, for after his decease his heire shall have an action [7], as some have said. And hereby may appeare a manifest diversity between a release of a right, and a release of actions.

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\* This Section is not in L. and M. nor Rob.

(1) Hob. 163. accord. whether the action be brought against the disseisor only, or against him and the tenant; but if the same person be disseisor and tenant, then he may plead a release of actions real. L. Nott. MSS.



## Sect. 495.

**ITEM**, en tiels actions reals **ALSO**, in such actions reals (8. Rep. 140.)  
 que covient d'estre sue envers which ought to bee sued a-  
 le tenant del franktenement, si le gainst the tenant of the freehold,  
 tenant ad un releas d'actions if the tenant hath a release of ac-  
 reals del demandant fait a luy tions reals from the demandant  
 devant le briefe purchase, et il made unto him before the writ  
 plede ceo, il est bon plee pur le purchased, and he plead this, it is  
 demandant a dire, que celuy que a good plea for the demandant to  
 pleda le plee n'avoit rien en le say, that hee which plead the plea  
 franktenement al temps del re- had nothing in the freehold at the  
 leas fait, car adonque il n'avoit time of the release made, for then  
 cause d'aver ascun action real he had no cause to have an action  
 envers luy. reall against him.

**T**HIS is evident enough by that which hath beene said, that a release of all actions reals (8. Rep. 151. b.)  
 must bee made to him that is tenant of the land, because a reall action must be brought  
 against such a tenant.

## Sect. 496.

**ITEM**, en tiel cas **ALSO**, in such case **POET** enter. Here (8. Rep. 152.)  
 ou home poet enter where a man may  
 en terres ou tene- enter into lands or  
 ments, et auxy poet tenements, and also  
 aver un action real may have an action  
 de ceo, que est done reall for this, which  
 per la ley envers le is given by the law  
 tenant\*; si en cest against the tenant;  
 case le demandant re- if in this case the de-  
 lessa al tenant tous mandant releaseth to  
 maners de actions reals, the tenant all maner of  
 uncore ceo ne tolle actions reals, yet this  
 le demandant de son shall not take the de-  
 entrie, mes le deman- mandant from his en-  
 dant bien poet enter trie, but the demaun-  
 nient contristant tiel dant may well enter  
 releas, pur ceo que notwithstanding such  
 nul chose est relese release, for that no-  
 forsque l'action, &c. thing is released but  
 the action, &c.

he dieth, the survivour shall not plead this release for the causes above said. And hereby  
 also again appeareth another diversity between a release of a right, and a release of actions.  
 It

\* &c. added L. and M. and Rob.



Lib. 3.

Cap. 8. Of Releases. Sect. 497, 498, 499.

(8. Rep. 150.)  
19. Aff. 3. 30. E. 3. 19. 6.  
19. H. 6. 4. 6. 21. H. 7. 23. b.  
7. H. 6. 6.

It is to be observed, when a man hath severall remedies for one and the selfe same thing, be it reall, personall, or mixt, albeit he releaseth one of his remedies, he may use the other.

Sect. 497.

(9. Rep. 52.)

**EN** mesme le maner est de choses personals; sicome home a tort prent mes biens, si jeo releffa a luy tous actions personals, uncore jeo puisse per le ley prender mes biens hors de son possession. **IN** the same manner is it of things personall; as if a man by wrong take away my goods, if I release to him all actions personals, yet I may by the law take my goods out of his possession.

This of it selfe is evident.

Sect. 498.

(Coke's Ent. 170. b.)  
(10. Rep. 119. b. 2. Cro. 681.)  
Glanvil. lib. 10. cap. 13.  
(F. N. B. 138. a.)  
(1. Roll. Abr. 606.)  
(2. Roll. Abr. 505.)  
(Doc. Pla. 124. 125.)

41. E. 3. 2.  
(1. Roll. Ab. 5. Noy

[7] 41. E. 3. 2. 8. H. 6. 18.  
28. 29. 21. E. 3. 28. 3. H. 6. 19.  
30. H. 6. 4. 9. H. 6. 18.

(9. Rep. 18. 78. b. F. N. B. 138.)  
(10. Rep. 51. b.)

[u] 10. H. 6. 20. 21. H. 6. 1.  
14. H. 6. 4. 14. H. 4. 23. 24. 27.  
(Post. 295.)

[x] 20. H. 6. 45. 19. E. 3.  
Severance 14. 31. E. 3. ib. 32.  
42. E. 3. 13. 40. E. 3. 25.  
(10. Rep. 135.)  
(Doc. Pla. 125.)

**BRIEFE de detinue.**

*Breve de detentione dicitur à detinendo,* because *detinet* is the principall word in the writ. And it lyeth where any man comes to goods eyther by delivery, or by finding. In this writ the plaintife shall recover the thing detained, and therefore it must bee so certaine as it may be knowne, and for that cause it lyeth not for mony out of a bagge, or cheft; and so of corn out of a sacke, and the like, these cannot be knowne from other. [7] A man shall have an action of detinue of charters which concern the inheritance of his land if hee

know the certainty of them, and what land they concerne, or if they be in bagge sealed, or cheft locked, though he knoweth not the certainty of them: and it is good policie (if possibly he can) in that case to declare of one charter in especiall, [2] and then the defendand shall not wage his law. [x] An action of detinue for charters doth sound in the realty, for therein summons and severance lyeth; and in detinue of goods a *capias* doth lye; but for charters in speciall a *capias* lyeth not, and yet a release of actions personals in a writ of detinue of charters is a good barre.

**AUXY, si jeo ay \* ascun cause d'auter briefe de detinue de mes biens vers un auter, coment que jeo releffa a luy tous actions personals, uncore jeo puisse † per le ley prendre mes biens hors de son possession, pur ceo que nul droit de les biens est releffe a luy, mes solement l'action, &c.**

**ALSO,** if I have any cause to have a writ of detinue of my goods against another, albeit that I release to him all actions personals, yet I may by the law take my goods out of his possession, because no right of the goods is released to him, but only the action, &c.

Sect. 499.

**PER cause del statute.**

That is to say, the statute of 4. H. 4. ca. 7. and 21. H. 6. ca. 4.

*Car s'il voet pleader le release generalment.* Here it appeareth, that when the statute had given the action reall a-

**ITEM, si home soit disseise, et le disseisor fait feoffment a divers persons a son use †, et le disseisor continually prist les profits, &c. et le disseisee releffa a luy**

**ALSO,** if a man be disseised, and the disseisor maketh a feoffment to divers persons to his use, and the disseisor continually taketh the profits, &c. and the disseisee release

*touts*

\* *ascun* not in L. and M. nor Rob.

† *per le ley* not in L. and M. nor Rob.

‡ *&c.* added L. and M. and Rob.



*touts actions reals, et puis il fuist vers luy breve. d'entre en nature d'affise per cause de le statute, pur ceo que il prent les profits, &c. Quære, coment le disseisor sera aide per le dit releas; car s'il voile pleader le releas generalment, donques le demandant poit dire, que il n'avoit riens en le franktenement al temps del releas fait; et s'il pleda releas specialment, donques il covient\* conuistre un disseisin, et donques puit le demandant enter en le terre, &c. per son conusans de le disseisin, &c. mes per adventure per especial pleader il luy poit barrer de l'action † que il fuist, &c. coment le demandant poit enter.*

to him all actions reals, and after hee sueth against him a writ of entrie in nature of an affise by reason of the statute, because hee taketh the profits, &c. Quære, how the disseisor shall bee ayded by the said release; for if hee will plead the release generally, then the demandant may say, that hee had nothing in the freehold at the time of the release made; and if hee plead the release specially, then he must acknowledge a disseisin, and then may the demandant enter into the land, &c. by his acknowledgment of the disseisin, &c. but per adventure by special pleading he may barre him of the action which he sueth, &c. though the demandant may enter.

gainst the pernor of the profits, it enableth him to take and pleade a release of all actions reals, and yet he hath neither *ius in re*, nor *ius ad rem*, which point is worthy of observation for manifestation of the equity of the law.

*Donques il covient conuistre un disseisin, &c.* In a writ of dower the tenant pleaded that before the writ purchased *A.* was seised of the land, &c. untill by the tenant himselfe hee was disseised, and that hanging the writ *A.* recovered against him, &c. judgment of the writ, and adjudged a good plea, in which plea the tenant confessed a disseisin in himselfe.

*Donques poit le demandant enter.* So might hee have done in this case that *Littleton* putteth, albeit the tenant confessed no disseisin. And therefore it is no prejudice to the tenant to confesse a disseisin in himselfe, &c. and then, as *Littleton* here holdeth, the action shall be barred.

But the reader is to observe, that now by the statute of 27. *H. 8. cap. 10.* which execute the possession to the use, all the statutes against *cestuy que us*; or pernor of the profits, have lost their force.

(5. Rep. 77.)  
3. II. 7. 2.

(8. Rep. 150.)  
15. E. 4. 4. b.  
(Doc. Pla. 34. 1.)

28. H. 8. Dier 32. 27. H. 8. c. 10.

## Sect. 500.

*ITEM, si homo fuist appeale de felony del mort son ancester envers un auter, coment que l'appellant releffa al defendant tous maners d'actions reals et personals, ceo ne aidera my le defendant, pur ceo que cest appeal n'est pas*

ALSO, if a man sue an appeale of felony of the death of his ancester against another, though the appellant release to the defendant all manner of actions reall and personall, this shall not aide the defendant, for that this appeale is not

OUR author having spoken of common pleas, now treateth of certaine pleas criminall, or pleas of the crowne, whereof it is said, [a] *Item, criminalium alia majora, alia minora, alia maxima, secundum criminum quantitatem; sunt enim crimina majora et dicuntur capitalia id quod ultimum inducunt supplicium, &c. Minora vero, que fustigationem inducunt, vel panam pillorem, vel tumboralem, vel carceris*

(c) *Bracl. lib. 3. fo. 101. b.*

\* *de* added in L. and M. and Roh.

† *que il fuist, &c.* not in L. and M. nor Roh.



[b] Flet. lib. 1. cap. 15.

[c] Mir. ca. 1. §. 4. & ca. 4. des paines en divers maners.

[x] Mir. ca. 7. 1. 7. Braft. lib. 3. fo. 137. Brit. ca. 22. 23. Flet. lib. 1. ca. 31, 32, 33. 4. Rep. 39.)  
[y] Glauval. lib. 7. cap. 9. et lib. 14. ca. 1. et 3.

24. Il. 8. ca. 12. 1. Et. ca. 1.

(4. Rep. 40. 43. 3. Inf. 47.)

Lamb. Expos. verb. Estimatio. Flet. lib. 1. ca. 42. Moved. 0. 344.

(4. Rep. 45. 47.)  
(Doc. Pla. 97.)  
21. H. 6. 16.

carceris inclusionem, &c.

[b] *Criminalium quædam sententialiter mortem inducunt, quædam vero minimè.* [c] *De peche est briefe division, car est mortal ou venial selonque ceo que appiert es paines.* And that crime is called mortall or corporall: mortall, because it deserveth death; and such crimes are called venial, as may be redeemed or satisfied by some other punishment than by death.

*Appeale de felonie.*

[x] *Appellum* signifieth *accusatio*, an accusation, and therefore to appeale a man is as much as to accuse him; and in [y] ancient bookes he that doth appeale is called *accusator*, and is peculiarly in legall signification applyed to appeales of three sorts. First, of wrong to his ancestor, whose heire male he is, and that is onely of death, whereof our author here speaketh. The second is

of wrong to the husband, and is by the wife only of the death of her husband to be prosecuted. The third is of wrongs done to the appellants themselves, as robbery, rape, and mayhem. The word *appellum* is derived of *appeller*, to call, because *appellans vocat reum in iudicium*, he calleth the defendant to judgement, and the plaintife is called the appellant.

*Appeale, Appellatio*, is a removing of a cause in any ecclesiastical court to a superior; but of this there needeth no speech in this place.

*De mort.* *Appeale of death* is of two sorts, of murder and of homicide. Murder is when one is flaine with a man's will, and with malice prepenfed or forethought. Homicide, as it is legally taken, is when one is flaine with a man's will, but not with malice prepenfed. Chance-medly, or *per infortunium*, is when one is flaine casually, and by misadventure, without the will of him that doth the act, whereupon death insueth; but of this no appeale doth lye. Murder comuneth of the Saxon word *mordren*.

*Were* is an old Saxon word-sometime written *wera*, and signifieth the price of the life of a man, *estimatio capitis*, that is, so much as one paid for the killing of a man; by which it appeareth, that such government was in those dayes, as slaughters of men were most rarely committed, as maister *Lambard* collecteth. And you shall not reade of any insurrection or rebellion before the Conquest, when the view of frankpledge and other ancient lawes of this realme were in their right use.

*Mes s'il release al defendant tous maners d'actions, &c.* And the reason is, for that then all actions, as well criminall as reall, personall and mixt, be released. But a release of all actions reall and personall cannot barre an appeale of death, because that release extendeth to common or civill actions, and not to actions criminall: but releases of all actions criminall or mortall, or concerning pleas of the crowne, are good barres in an appeale of death, and so the (*&c.*) in the end of the Section is well explained.

*action real, entant que l'appellant nerecovera ascun realtie en tiel appeale: ne action personal, entant que le tort fuit fait a son auncestor, et nemy a luy. Mes s'il releffa a le defendant tous maners actions, donque il serra bone barre en appeale. Et issint home poit veyer que release de tous maners d'actions est melior que releas de actions reals et personals, &c.*

an action reall, in as much as the appellant shall not recover any realtie in such appeale: neither is such an action personall, in as much as the wrong was done to his ancestor, and not to him. But if hee release to the defendant all manner of actions, then it shal be a good barre in an appeale. And so a man may see that a release of all manner of actions is better than a release of actions reals and personals, &c.



Sect. 501.

**I**TEM, en appeale de robbrie, si le defendant voile pleader un release de l'appellant de tous actions personals, ceo semble nul plee; car action de l'appeale, lou l'appellee aura judgement de mort, &c. est plus hault que action personal est, et n'est pas proprement dit action personal: et pur ceo si le defendant voiloit plead un release del appellant de barrer luy d'appeale, en cest case il covient d'aver un release de tous manners \* d'appeals, ou tous manners d'actions, come il semble, &c.

**A**LSO, in an appeale of robbrie, if the defendant will plead a release of the appellant of all actions personals, this seemeth no plea; for an action of appeal where the appellee shall have judgment of death, &c. is higher than an action personal is, and is not properly called an action personal: and there if the defendant will plead a release of the appellant to barre him of the appeale; in this case hee must have a release of all manner of appeales, or all manner of actions, as it seemeth, &c.

*Robberic, Roboria*, properly is when there is a felonious taking away of a man's goods from his person: and it is called robbery, because the goods are taken as it were *de la robe*, from the robe, that is, from the person; but sometimes it is taken in a larger sense. 22. Aff. 39.  
W. 1. cap. 20.

*Judgement de mort, &c.* By this (&c.) is implied appeales of rape, of arson or burning, of felony or larceny, for therein also is judgment of death, and are within our author's reason. (3. Inst. 68. Dy. 39. a. Cro. Car. 53.)

*Come il semble, &c.* It is to be understood, that, first, a release of all actions criminall, mortall, or concerning pleas of the crowne; secondly, a release of all actions generally; thirdly, a release of all appeales; and lastly, a release of all demands, are good barres in all these kinds of appeales. V. Sect. 508.  
(Post. 291. b.)

Sect. 502.

**M**ES en appeale de maibem un release de tous manners d'actions personals est bone plea en barre, pur ceo que en tiel action il ne recouvrera forsque damages, &c.

**B**UT in appeale of mayhem a release of all manner of actions personals is a good plea in barre, for that in such an action hee shall recover nothing but damages.

**M**AYHEM, *maibemium, membri mutilatio*, or *obtruncatio*, commeth of the French word *meibaigne*, and signifieth a corporall hurt, whereby hee loseth a member, by reason whereof hee is lesse able to fight; as by putting out his eye, beating out his foreteeth, breaking his skull, striking off his arme, hand, or finger, cutting off his legge

Mir. ca. 1. i. 9. Glan. li. 14. ca. 7. Braet. lib. 3. Tract. 2. ca. 24. Brit. fo. 48. ca. 25. Ilet. lib. 1. ca. 38. Stanf. Pl. Cor. fo. 38. b.

(3. Inst. 118. 4. Rep. 43. 45. Ant. 126.)

28. E. 3. 94. 8. II. 4. 21.

or foot, or whereby he loseth the use of any of his said members.

*Damages, &c.* Vide Sect. 194.

*Release de tous manners actions personals est bone plea, &c.* And the reason is, for that every action wherein damages only are recovered by the plaintife, is in law taken for an action personal. 21. H. 6. 16.  
(Ant. 127. a. 9 Rep. 52.)

Sect.

\* d'actions added L. and M.



## Sect. 503.

V. li. 11. fo. 39. 41. in Metcalfe's case upon what judgments and awards a writ of error doth lie.

(Cro. Car. 66.)

(3 Rep. 1. Cro. Jac. 5.)

Li. 5. fo. 111. Foxley's case. Li. 7. fo. 11, 12. Gentleman's case.

(Cro. Car. 63. Noy 68. 1. Roll. 750. 11. Rep. 38. F. N. B. 17. Ant. 117. b. 8. Rep. 141.)

15 Eliz. Dyer. 317. (Ant. 128. b.)

Lib. 9. fol. 119. 8. Zanchar's case. (5. Rep. 111.) (Ant. 114.)

28. Aff. 49. 12. E. 3. Utlag 3. 38. E. 3. 13. Mich. 4. & 5. El. Dyer fo. 222. Vid. Sect. 197. (6. Rep. 25. F. N. B. 20. b. 22. b.)

1. H. 4. 6.

(1. H. 4. 6. 8. Rep. 152. 156. 8. H. 6. c. 12. 32. H. 8. 30. 18. Eliz. 14. Cro. Car. 272. 878. 5. Rep. 41. 12.)

**BRIEFE de error.**

This writ lyeth when a man is grieved by any error in the foundation, proceeding, judgment, or execution, and thereupon it is called *breve de errore corrigendo*. But without a judgment, or an award in nature of a judgment, no writ of error doth lie; for the words of the writ be, *si iudicium redditum sit*: and that judgment must regularly be given by judges of record, and in a court of record, and not by any other inferior judges in bote courts, for thereupon a writ of false judgement doth lye. In this case of utlawry upon proceffe, the judgement is given (in the county court, which is no court of record) by the coroners (saying in London judgement is given by the recorder, and not by the maior, who is coroner by the custome of the city): for after the defendant

is *quinto exactus*, and maketh default, the judgement is, *ideo utlagetur per iudicium coronatorum*; and in London, *per iudicium recordatoris*: so as by the utlawry, the plaintife recovers nothing, but the king taketh the whole benefit thereof; for the law did intend, that the defendant would rather appeare and answer the plaintife, &c. than to forfeit all his goods and chattels, debts and duties to the king, by his default and contumacie. But *Littleton* is to be intended, that the sherife doe returne the *exigent* whereby the utlawry appeares of record, or that the utlawry be removed by *certiorari*, for before that time that the utlawry appeares of record, the defendant doth not forfeit his goods, nor the plaintife can be disabled, nor any writ of error doth lye in that case. And this is the cause that the goods of outlawes cannot be claimed by prescription, because they are not forfeited untill the utlawry appeare of record. *Vide Sect. 197.* where it appeareth by *Littleton*, that the plaintife cannot be disabled by utlawry, unless it appeareth of record.

*Car per le dit action il recouvrera rien en le personaltie.* Hereupon is to be observed a diversity, when by the writ of error the plaintife shall recover, or be restored to any personall thing, as debt, damage, or the like; for then by the reason that *Littleton*, here yeeldeth, the release of all actions personals is a good plea, for that the plaintife is to recover, or to be restored to something in the personalty. And so likewise when land is to be recovered, or to be restored in a writ of error, a release of all actions reals is a good barre. But where by a writ of error the plaintife shall not be restored to any personall or reall thing, then a release of all actions reall or personall is no barre; and therefore *Littleton* here putteth his case with great caution. If a man (saith he) by proceffe upon the original be outlawed, there in deed he shall be restored to nothing in the personalty against the plaintife. But where by the utlawry he forfeited all his goods and chattels to the king, he shall be restored to them; also thereby he shall be restored to the law, and to be of ability to sue, &c. But if the plaintife, in a personall action, recover any debt, &c. or damages, and bee outlawed after judgement, there in a writ of error brought by the defendant upon the principall judgement, a release of all actions personals is a good plea. And so it is where a judgement is given in a reall action, a release of all actions reals is a good barre in a writ of error brought thereupon.

**ITEM, si homo**  
*soit utlage en action personal per proceffes sur le original, et port breve d'error, si celuy a que suit il fuit utlage, voile pleader envers luy un releas de tous maners d'actions personals, cco semble nul plee; car per le dit action il ne recouvrera rien en personaltie forsque tantsolement de reverser le utlagarie: mes un releas de briefe d'error est bone plea.*

**ALSO,** if a man be outlawed in an action personall by proceffe upon the original, and bringeth a writ of error, if he at whose suit he was outlawed, will pleade against him a release of all manner of actions personals, this seemeth no plea; for by the said action, hee shall recover nothing in the personaltie, but only to reverse the outlawrie: but a release of the writ of error is a good plea.



THE latter pages of the Chapter on Releases relate almost entirely to the useful, but abstruse and complicated, learning of *Special Pleading*. The Editor's professional studies having been directed to those branches of the law which relate to conveyancing, he finds himself unable to write any annotations either on the text or the commentary contained in those pages. He might fill them with notes; but he thinks it more honourable to confess his total ignorance of the subject, than, knowingly, to present the public with observations which must be uninteresting, and which might be of a nature to deceive and mislead the Student.

*Lincoln's Inn, Nov. 9, 1785.*

Erratum, page 241, note 4, line 8, instead of *grantor* read *grantee*.

*To be placed before fol. 209. a.*



If the tenant in a reall action release to the demandant after recovery his right in the land, he shall not have a writ of error, for that he cannot be restored to the land. 9. H. 6. 47.

And so it is if debt, &c. or damages be recovered in a personall action by false verdict, and the defendant bringeth a writ of attain, a [a] release of all actions personal is a good barre of the attain; for thereby the plaintife is to be restored to the debt, &c. or damages which he lost: the like law is if a judgement be given upon a false verdict in a reall action, a release of all actions real is a good barre in an attain. For both the writ of error and the writ of attain doe insue the nature of the former action, &c. [a] 26. H. 8. 3. b. 13. E. 4. 1. 2.

And so it is if a writ of *audita querela* be brought by the defendant in the former action to discharge himselfe of an execution, a release of all actions personal is a good barre, because he is to discharge himselfe of a personall execution. 34. H. 6. 31. 35. H. 6. 19. 29. Aff. 35. 47. E. 3. 6. 24. E. 3. 37. (5. Rep. 86.)

*Mes un release de briefe de error est bone plea, &c.* So as in this speciall case here put by *Littleton*, wherein the plaintife is to recover or be restored to nothing against the party; yet for that the plaintife in the former action is privy to the record, a release of a writ of error to him is sufficient to barre the plaintife in the writ of error of the suit, and vexation by the writ of error. And so note that an action reall or personall doth imply a recovery of something in the realty or personalty, or a restitution to the lame, but a writ (1) implyeth neither of them, which is worthy of observation. (6. Rep. 25.)

Sect. 504.

*ITEM, si homo recoversa debt ou damages, et il release al defendant touts maners d'actions, uncore il puit loialment fuer execution per capias ad satisfaciendum, ou per elegit, ou fieri facias: car execution per tiel briefe ne poit estre dit action.*

ALSO, if a man recover debt or damages, and he releaseth to the defendant all manner of actions, yet hee may lawfully sue execution by *capias ad satisfaciendum*, or by *elegit*, or *fieri facias*: for execution upon such a writ cannot be said an action.

HERE appeareth a diversity betweene an action and an execution. For regularly an action is said in its proper sense to continue until judgement bee given, and after judgement then doth processe of execution begin; and therefore a release of all actions regularly is [b] no barre of execution, for the execution doth beginne when the action doth end. And therefore the foundation of the first is an originall writ, and doth determine by the judgement; and writs of execution are called judiciall, because they are grounded upon the judgement.

Vide Sect. 233. (5. Rep. 88, 89. 8. Rep. 153. a)

8. E. 3. 9. 4. E. 3. Attorney 18. 33. H. 6. 49. 34. H. 6. 51.

[b] 13. H. 4. Release 53. 19. H. 6. 3. 26. H. 6. Execution 7.

*Per cap. ad satisfaciendum.* This is a judiciall writ for the taking of the body in execution untill hee hath made satisfaction: where a *capias ad satisfaciendum* lyeth at the common law; and where it is given by statute, you may read at large in my Reports.

Sir William Herbert's case, lib. 3. fol. 11, 12.

I have read two ancient records touching the taking of the body in execution, whereof, to my remembrance, I never read any touch in our bookes, yet will I recite them, and leave them to the judicious reader. *William de Walton* brought an action of trespassse of breaking his close against *John Martin*, and upon not guilty pleaded, hee was found guilty and damages assessed; whereupon judgement was given that the plaintife should recover his damages, *et quod predictus Johannes capiatur*. And the record saith, *Quod predictus Johannus venit coram domino rege et reddidit se prisone, et quia constat curie per inspectionem corporis ipsius Johannis, quod idem Johannes est talis etatis quod pœnam imprisonmenti subire non potest, ideo dictum est ei, quod eat inde sine die*. The other record is, That *Ellen Allot* brought an appeale of robbery against *John Boskifeleke* clerke, *Richard Charta*, and others, who pleaded not guilty, and were not found guilty: whereupon judgement was given that they should goe quite, *et predicta Elena pro falso appello suo committatur prisone, &c.* (for [b] by the statute she ought to be imprisoned in that case for a yeare.) But the record saith, *Quia eadem Elena pregnans fuit, et in periculo mortis, ipsa dimittitur per manuscaptionem, &c. ad habendum corpus usque quind. Michaelis, &c.* (2)

Pasch. 14. E. 3. Rot. 106. coram Rege in Theaur. Surrey. (Cro. Jac. 356.)

Mich. 41. E. 3. Rot. 27. coram Rege Cornub. in Theaur.

[b] W. 2. cap. 12. (Siderf. 236. Hutton 118.)

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(1) That is, a writ of error.

(2) The record at large is stated in 12 Rep. fol. 126.



There be certaine maximes in the law concerning executions, as taking some instead of many. *Ea quæ in curiâ nostrâ ritè acta sunt, debitæ executioni demandari debent. Parum est latam esse sententiam nisi mandetur executioni. Executio juris non habet injuriam. Executio est fructus et finis legis. Juris effectus in executione consistit. Prosecutio legis est gravis ex-atio, executio legis coronat opus. Boni judicis est judicium sine dilatione mandare executioni. Favorabiliores sunt executiones aliis processibus quibuscunque.* But now let us heare what Littleton saith.

(5. Rep. 88. a.)

[c] W. 2. cap. 18.  
(Plowd. 178. b.)

*Per elegit.* This is also a judiciall writ, and is given by the statute eyther upon a recovery for debt or damages, or upon a recognizance in any court. And it is called a writ of *elegit*, for that according to the statute that saith, [c] *Sit de cæterò in electione illius, &c. sequi breve quòd vicecomes fieri faciat, &c. vel quòd liberet ei, &c.* The words of the writ bee, *Elegit sibi liberari, &c.* And thereupon it is called an *elegit*. By this writ the sherife shall deliver to the plaintife *omnia catalla debitoris, (exceptis bobus & asris carucæ) et medietatem terræ.* And this must be done by an inquest to be taken by the sherife.

[d] 11. E. 1. Stat. de Aston  
Burnell. 13. E. 1. de mercato-  
ribus. 27. E. 3. cap. 22. Vide  
Fleta, li. 2. cap. 57. 25. E. 3.

[6. Rep. 44.)  
[\*] 23. H. 8. cap. 6.

[e] 32. H. 8. cap. 5.  
(5. Rep. 86. b.)  
2. Inlt. 677. b.)

When Littleton wrote, by force of certaine acts [d] of parliament, execution might bee had of lands (besides by force of the *elegit*) upon statutes merchant, statutes staple, and recognizances taken in some court of record; and since he wrote, upon a recognizance or bond taken by force of the statute [\*] of 23. H. 8. before one of the chief justices, or the maior of the staple, and recorder of London out of terme, which hath the effect of a statute staple. The manner of the executions upon body, lands, and goods, appeareth in the statutes quoted in the margent.

Since Littleton wrote, a profitable statute hath been made [e] concerning executions of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, whereby it is provided, that if after such lands, &c. be had and delivered in execution upon a just or lawfull title, wherewithall the said lands, &c. were liable, tied, or bound at such time, as they were delivered or taken into execution, shall be recovered, devided, taken, or evicted out of, or from the possession of any such person, &c. before such times, as the said tenants by execution, their executors or assignees, shall have fully levied their debt and damages, for the which the said lands, &c. were taken in execution; then every such recoveror, obligee, and recognizee, shall have a *seire facias* out of the same court from whence the former execution did proceed, against such person or persons as the former execution was purfued, their heires, executors or assignes, to have execution of other lands, &c. liable and to be taken in execution for the residue of the debt or damages. *Sed opus est interprete.*

Lib. 4. fol. 66. Fulwood's case.

(4. Rep. 81. 2. Inlt. 678.)

(Cro. 338.)

Therefore, first, it is to be knowne, that where the tenant by execution hath remedy given to him by law after eviction, there the statute extendeth not to it; for the act saith, by reason whereof the said recoverors, obligees, and recognizees, have been cleerly set without remedy, &c. and the body referreth to the preamble, and the party ought not to have double satisfaction, one by the former lawes, and another by this statute.

And therefore if part of the land, &c. be evicted from the tenant by execution, this statute extendeth not to it; because he should hold the residue, till he be fully satisfied; and he must be contented if all be evicted saving one acre to hold that, though it be but a poore remedy: for no new execution in that case hee can have upon this statute. Therefore if the conusee hath remedy *in presenti* for part, or *in futuro* for all, or part, this statute extendeth not to it.

Secondly, if a man be bound to *A.* in a statute of a thousand pounds, and by a latter statute to *B.* in a hundred pounds, and *B.* first extendeth, and then *A.* extendeth and taketh the land from *B.* yet *B.* shall have no aide of the statute, because after the extent of *A.* *B.* shall re-enjoy the land, by force of his former execution.

Thirdly, If the wife of the conusor recover dower against the tenant by execution, he shall hold over, and shall have no aide of this statute.

Fourthly, If a man put out his lessee for yeares, or disseise his lessee for life, and after knowledge a statute and execution is sued against him, and the lessees re-enter, the tenant by execution after the leases ended, shall hold over, and have no aide of this statute.

Fifthly, This statute must not be taken literally, but according to the meaning; therefore where the letter is untill he, &c. or his assignes shall fully and wholly have levied the whole debt or damages; if he hath assigned severall parcels to severall assignes, yet all they shall have the land but till the whole debt be paid.

Sixthly, where the words be, for the which the said lands, &c. were delivered in execution. A disseisor conveys lands to the king, who granteth the same over to *A.* and his heires to hold by fealty, and twenty pound rent, and after granteth the seigniorie to *B.* *B.* knowledgeth a statute,