

on the other hand, as lands provided to children of a marriage indefinitely, would unquestionably fall to the Eldest son by Law, a father having fully over in his life as heir, to dispose of the estate as he pleased, should in all law and Reason be held the best arbiter, and his Division among them a just Confiscation, and for obliging them to be Dutiful. See like. In this Point that lands provided to children of a Marriage indefinitely, fall to the Eldest son by Law hath been already Disputed. Lords once found, that where a husband stood obliged to land at Land or Annuals to be Conquest during the Marriage to himself and the heirs or heirs of the Marriage, the heirs and heirs were Exigible, and not alternative; so the father could not being Debtor in the Clause of Conquest, effectually alter it in favour of one of the heirs 29 January 1678. Henast contra Marle. but where a father in his last Contract of Marriage settled his land upon the son and his in Conjugal fee and descent and the heirs male to be procrea of the Marriage, and the Eldest son of that Marriage Legitimate to him and his heirs, his second person his father had Married, and he settled his estate to his second son of the son upon this Medium, that the father had no power to alter the young father's Settlement. To which it was Answered, that it were allowed that the father could not Disappoint a Marriage Settlement by a merely gratuitous arbitrary power, he might do it by a Rational Deed, and so had a Discretionary power of settling the estate upon a second son of the same Marriage, where the Eldest is indisposing. The Lord found, that in this Circumstantial case the father might dispose of the estate to either of the sons of the same Marriage; and therefore appointed from the production is July 17 24 Douglaf contra Douglaf. Vid. Sup. pag. 977. 978.

A provision of the Conquest during a Marriage, to the heirs or heirs, doth not extend to heritable rights falling by gift or exception; but to what is required by Indisposition: And reaches but only to what more the father had at his death, than when Contract was Entered into, with the burden of all his Debts for Contract upon the account of such Acquisition Vid. Sup. pag. 279. 280. Heirs of provision whether in a particular Subject or Clauses of Conquest cannot suffer prejudice by any posterior arbitrary or merely gratuitous deed of the person who they represent; but may receive the same and justify their Cur of Line to Implement their provisions 29 January

1677. Graham contra Rome 10 July 1677 Carnegy and her husband contra Smith and her husband. Because they do not simply represent the Decedent, but are partly heirs, partly Creditors, Heirs as to their predecessors Debts and Deeds for Oneros Causes, and Creditors as to their gratuitous Deeds. And the Decedent is far of what is so provided to them, may Disprove; And he being also Debtor and so far cum Indopannal Arbitrarily do so against the plain meaning and Intendment of the provision. Thus one being obliged to fulfill himself and his wife in Conjugal fee, and the heirs of the Marriage in some tenements withinburgh, and restricted the Wife to the half in case of heirs of the Marriage surviving: It was found that he having thereafter given her a new Joynture in the latter Part in the event of Children surviving the Children the heirs of the Marriage, might quarrel the same as contrary to the provision in the Contract of Marriage, which could not be disappointed by any posterior gratuitous deed of the father (July 1677 Carnegy and her husband contra Smith and her husband. A father having in his last Contract of Marriage provided a Legitimate sum to the Eldest heir female, and thereafter bequeathed his estate to her, the Marrying one of his own name, or who would assume his name; And she failing to do so to his second daughter upon the same terms: The Eldest heir female was allowed to take her self to her provision by the Contract, and to Renounce the Benefit of the tail, which she was not obliged to fulfill as being the said heirs Heir lady Decd, contrary to her Anterior Decd 26 July 1677 Stevinson contra Stevenson and her husband. A father in his last Contract of Marriage having obliged himself to pay a certain sum to him and his spouse in Conjugal fee and descent, and to the heirs and heirs of the Marriage in fee, which failing to the said heirs and heirs whatsoever, in her will where of they were Incest in the father's lands; And the son having after his wife's decease granted a Disposition of the obligation bearing for certain sums of Money received, to one James Deane his brother in Law, which was adjudged by the heaviest Creditors: It was found, that the granters daughter and only Child of the Marriage was in the Common case of an heir of provision, and had Interest thereto by to quarrel upon the Act of Parliament 1621 the said Disposition as a gratuitous deed of the father to her prejudice, which did not prove to oneros Causes: And it was Allowed, that the daughter could be considered only as a substitute to the father, and not as Debtor or Heir of provision; the grand father and not