

No 32. all along has been, to make onerous purchasers secure in all events ; which, in a great measure, must be disappointed, if Towie's apprising be sustained, there being no records to show incumbrances by apprisings.

To which Towie answered, *Incommodum non solvit argumentum* ; no law can be made so perfect to meet every inconveniency : But if this argument obtain, then apprisings hereafter, in the persons of singular successors, shall not be reducible upon nullities, or even upon payment made to the disponent. But the answer is obvious ; every one who purchases upon an apprising, has an open intimation made to him, that he is purchasing *cum periculo*, and particularly with this, that he may have competing apprisings ; it is a rare example, that an estate is carried off without more than one : So that the very nature of the right speaks loud to him, without another certification. Besides, our law has afforded public records, whence purchasers may be certified of apprisings ; for by the act 1661, allowances are introduced ; and before that time, as appears by that statute, apprisings were in use to be fully recorded and registered, which was a full notification.

“ THE LORDS found, That the privilege introduced by the act of Parliament 1661, in favours of adjudgers, before, or within year and day of the first effectual apprising, is competent to the said adjudgers, before, or within year and day, against the singular successors of the first effectual appriser, as well after the expiry of the legal, as within the same.”

*Fol. Dic. v. 1. p. 20. Rem. Dec. v. 1. No 19. p. 40.*

1665. January 7. GRAHAM of Blackwood against BROWNS.

No 33.

Manner of proportioning rents and expences among apprisers.

JOHN and William Browns having apprised certain lands, and William Graham having apprised the same, within a year after, pursues an account and reckoning against the first appriser, upon the last act of Parliament, betwixt Debtor and Creditor ; and craves to come in *pari passu* with the first appriser, not only as to the mails and duties of the lands, intromitted with by the appriser, since the said act of Parliament ; but also for those duties that were intromitted with before the said act ; and that, because the act bears expressly, That such apprising shall come in *pari passu*, as if there had been one apprising led for both. It was answered, for the first appriser, that what he did uplift *bona fide*, before any process intended against him, at this pursuer's instance, he cannot pay back a part thereof to the pursuer ; because he is *bona fide* possessor, and because the act of Parliament bears, That such apprisings shall come in *pari passu* ; which, being in the future, must be understood to be from their intending of process, at least from the date of the act, but not from the beginning.

THE LORDS having considered the tenor of the act of Parliament, found that such apprisings should only come in *pari passu*, from the date of the act ; but that the by-gones uplifted by the first appriser, before the act, should be account-

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ed to him in his sum, but no part thereof repeated to the second apprifer; and found, that the sums apprifed for, principal and annualrent of both parties, should be restricted, as they were at the time of the act of Parliament, in one total sum; and the rent to be received from that time proportionally to the total sums; and that the first apprifer should have allowance in his preceding intromission, of the expences of the composition to the superior, and the charges of the apprifing, without compelling the second apprifer to pay him the same.

*Stair, v. 1. p. 246.*

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1679. January 2.

JOHNSTON against JOHNSTON.

JOHNSTON of Wamfray having assigned a bond of 10,000 merks to his brother Sheins; there was a decret-arbitral betwixt them, by which Sheins was to have the lands of Hoprig, he paying Wamfray 8000 merks, albeit Wamfray had adjudged these lands for other debts; which decret the Lords reduced upon *enorm lesion*. It was now *alleged* for Sheins, that Wamfray's adjudication ought not to be sustained, at least Sheins ought to come in *pari passu*, upon an adjudication to be obtained by him upon the 10,000 merks assigned to him by Wamfray, because Wamfray had *dolose* stopped Sheins's diligence, by proponing an allegiance, that the assignation granted by him to Sheins, was never delivered, but deposited in Henry Rollo's hands; which was sustained, and the witnesses ordained to be examined, by which year and day elapsed after Wamfray had gotten adjudication of the lands of Hoprig, which was the only subject that could be affected by the decreets of both parties. It was *answered*, That Wamfray's allegiance was not calumnious, because one of the witnesses being examined, does acknowledge the deposition; but Henry Rollo was never examined till his death, Sheins knowing that he could also depone against him. *2do*, Adjudications can never be brought in *pari passu*, otherwise than by the act of Parliament, being within year and day, which being a statutory privilege, cannot be extended by the Lords. *3tio*, Sheins had an evident remedy, that if he had represented to the Lords, that Wamfray had adjudged, and that by his contentions, year and day would run and exclude Sheins; the Lords would have adjudged to both, reserving the deposition *contra executionem*; but it were strange, that Sheins never having insisted to adjudge for the space of ten or eleven years, nor yet obtained a sentence for establishing the debt, should be brought in with Wamfray, who adjudged eleven years ago; neither did the arbiters determine any thing upon the diligence, or delay of any party, whereof there is no mention in their decret.

THE LORDS repelled the allegiance, and found that the adjudication could not come in *pari passu*.

*Stair, v. 2. p. 663.*

No 34.

Undue means of delaying the diligence alleged.