

where a Part of the Estate of Douglass was given away to the Heir of a second Marriage, and the Heirs of his Body, which failing to return to the right Heir of the Family of Douglass: The Clause of Return was found not to be a simple Substitution but of the Nature of a Partition between the Family and the Heir of the second Marriage; that failing him and his Heirs in support of whom alone the Estate was given) the Estate should come to the said Family. But where as in this Case, an Estate is provided to an Heir or his Successors, which failing to other Heirs, and all these failing to the grantee &c. the Clause of Return is no stronger than a common Substitution; there being here no Conveyance for a certain Person nor any special Conditions, but only a simple Destination pointing out the Successors of the Proprietor's Heirs one after another, and leaving every Successor in his full Right of Property and free Power of Disposal. 2<sup>o</sup> What Effect the Clause of Return might have, with Regard to the Persons whose Favour it is conceived, it can operate nothing in Favour of the intermediate Heirs, called to the Succession before these Persons. In the 2<sup>o</sup> Fairlie made by the great Grandson of the Master of the first provided the Estate to the very Person in whose Favour the Return by the first Fairlie is conceived: how then can the Deed in his Favour be understood prejudicial to the Clause of Return. It was replied, wherein the Substitution is onerous in Favour of the last Generation, it works a Prejudice in the whole Destination. And if it were otherwise, the Absurdity would follow, that the first Substitute preferable in the Succession will have a weaker Right than one called after him. The Lords found, that neither the Clause of Return nor the Substitution in the former Vestiture, did disable the Son of the eldest Grandson of the Master of the first Fairlie, to alter the Succession gratuitously by a Deed in Favour of his Daughter, the Prejudice of the Heirs Male of the former Intestate 26 January 1726. Marquiss of Clyndale contra Earl of Drummond.

Some Fairlies contain Clauses de non alienando or non contractu debitum, that the Lair shall not alienate his Fee nor affect it by his Debts. Simple Clauses of that Nature are most unfavourable and inconvenient for they are inconsistent with Propriety, by obstructing Commerce the common Interest of Mankind, and putting Men out of Capacity to provide Wives and Children, which the Law of Nature obligeth them to do. But the Feudists hold that such Clauses may be allowed with Qualify viz. that no Alienation be made or Debt contracted to affect the Fee, or alter the Succession without Consent of the Superior or some other

other Person named, which is fit of the Nature of an Interdictio. A Person who acquires Lands by our Country is not with some Show of Reason entail them with Clauses set in alienate or contract. i.e. allowing Provisions for Wives not exceeding such a proportion of his Goods, and for Children to affect a Part of his free Rent. But it is unavoidable so to do Estates descending from Friends before, and not to have to our Successors, the same Freedom to alienate as it has. Especially considering that the Heirs may happen to find us in such circumstances as he must be unavoidably miserly with the Honour of an Estate, if disabled to borrow Money upon it e.g. If he be taken captive by an Enemy, or fined for some Transgression, and hath not sufficient to discharge his Ransom and Fine; it behoves him not to make his Heire still a Prisoner, and in the other to suffer his Tenant to call the Land Master (Lis. 2. Tit. 3. §. 58. vest. Clauses de non alienando) which a Man who has Reason to suspect the Fidelity of his Heirs, fence a Part of his Estate with prohibitory Clauses, disabling the Lair to contract it without the Consent of Persons in whom he confides, and leave Part of the Estate to his Discretion. However the Magistrate of Spain whereby the Estate of a Person of Merit and Fortune nobilitated by the King, cannot be alienated, is reasonable and fairly established. With us if the Master of a Fairlie oblige himself and his Heirs of Intestate not to alienate, neither he nor any of these Heirs can do so, by any voluntary or gratuitous Deed, which may be reduced upon the Act of Parliament 1621 as done in Defraud of the Heirs Substitute, who are Creditors by the Clause above mentioned. Tit. Fairlies §. 362 Stair 162. §. 59. Stewart. Answer to Dr. Leslie. Double Tit. Fairlies. So one having taken on heretofore Bond with his Father, & to himself and the Heirs of his Body, which failing to his Father, which failing is a Fairlie, for his Heirs and Assignees whatsoever; containing an Obligation upon the Creditor to do no Deed prejudicial to the Fairlie; and upon the Testator not to pay without Consent of the third Party. That third Person was found to have interest as Heir of Fairlie, to release voluntary Disposal of the sum in the Bond without his Consent to the Creditor uncontroulable; and the Doctor ordained to renew the Bond in the former Term; without Proprietary either Party or their Creditors to declare, how far the sum might be affected by the Creditors of the first Fairlie, or disposed of by him for necessary Clauses 3 Feb. 1674 Drummond contra Drummond. An Obligation in a Fairlie not to alter, without any Jurisdiction, was sustained effectual against a posterior gratuitous Deed importing an Alteration in July 1687 E. Calender contra