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Craig's Feud. lib. 1. fol. 1453 observed, Non semper eadem leges
Successionis in Regno, que in privatorum heredibus latibutus habet
privatis regni statutis hic deligitur praeferere; illas privatorum legi-
bus non sive abnoxias, sed Naturalem equitatem velut Universale
Gentium et ratione publicariorum quia bene constituta sunt Respec-
tum Coram est iustitiae in Regno, aliud in Feudo: In Feudo Aquitum
est, ut ex leges quas Dominus praescribit, in Successione Serventur
al Regnum suendum que ad honorem dei Non potest negari unde
illo tenetur post illi fidem aut dominum sibi flagrata translati
Ratio et ius commune in Regni successione observantur.

Chap. 2. How Heirs make up and perfect their titles; and how such titles are extinguished.

By the Roman Law, so soon as an heir claimed the pos-
session of his estate, or declared his mind to accept of it he had
right thereto & full & plen. qual. & diff. without any fur-
ther ceremony. In France de Mort sauf le viv. the dead man gives
him to the living, or death puts the living into possession, that is
the inheritance descends to an heir at law with all the rights the pro-
perty of the death of his relation to whom he succeeds as son, as his
breath is out before he hath conveyed his rights, altho he know no
thing of the said death. The heir of a Vassal once desired that
he might be left his custom, hath this effect that if the said he
should chance to die, without knowing that the succession was made
to living he would transmit it to his heirs in the same manner as
if he had been left them. See L'Or. Civil. Tom. part 2 p. 11
art 10. lib. 3. fol. 1. Sec. 10 pp.

In Scotland before in fact vs. Not only necessary to the first
vassal, but also must be reserved to all heirs and successors. For
otherwise they have in real right, but only a possessory title to the
fruits and rents from the predecessor's death till they die or renounce
to be heirs. He therefore who should be heir of what ever kind
one deceased, is termed apparent heir till he enter heir to his
predecessor generally or specially. And the inheritance of the dece-
ased from the time of his death till his apparent heir enters, is
termed in that interval, heir to the land, as lying without a master.

Masters.

In heir Entries Generally in the Manner following. A General Brief
called breve de Mortis. Ante mortis, a brief of Mortuorum est taken out of the
Chancery of course, without citation or application directed to any Judge in Scot-
land the party desired albot Master he nor his predecessor ever lived within
such a Judge's jurisdiction. 6 March 1630 Le Gallison Supp. to and. Which
is a process from the King to the judge, to try by an Inquest of 12 Sworn Men,
of such a person died at the time and place, and of the cause of the
Brief he has himself and Lanfill etc. But the general passing of such a brief to
any judge desired, are easily aduocated by the Lord of Session, and remitted
to the Master with affeation in case of difficulty. If the Inquest find the
claim not proved, they serve the master of the brief negative, but when
they find the claim proved, they serve him affirmative. That is to say
by a writ called a General Service, in Answer to the points of the brief that
the predecessor there in Mortuorum died at the King's peace, and that the
heir thereof is his nearest lawfull heir. This service & which is (in
Scots and Decret) being returned to the Chancery, is there made
Hiregots an account of in Parchment, Subscribed by the Director of the Chancery
or his Deputy, called Generalis Retornatus, a General Return. Then if it
is an Athlone's copy of the Inquest annexed to the points of the brief re-
turn'd to the Chancery, attested by the said Director or his Deputy. A
General Service of an heir before a Justice of Royalty having Playnes
and Chancery, needs not to be returned to the King's Chancellor. 19
January 1667/8 Recd contra

8 Decemb. 1631. L. Bligh contra facie.

A General Return intituled the heir to all heritable rights where
upon the Deceased was not nor needed to be Inquit, as Dispositions, Appor-
tions, heritable bonds, Reversions. Till the whole right in the receiver
of a Disposition who died Inquit a me without the Superior Confirmation
was found Conveyed to his heir by a General Service. 6 July
1713 Bongt of Killefide contra Somervil of Hennocks. Because
such a Disposition is null till it be confirmed. So that a professor heir can
have no interest in things before paid after a General Service of his pre-
decessor, without serving heir to that predecessor, tho the right stands in
the name of the first Acquirer, and he not denominated in that heir name.
2. C. An Ed. of son being served heir in General to his father, and dying
without issue, the second cannot have right to an heritable bond
or Devervoir remaining in the father's name by serving heir to him
but only by serving heir to his eldest brother w^{ch} was heir to the
father. For a General Service and Detour is a conveyance
in his Generac, and no man can have more General Heir than one,
not two or three. See R. & R. 1. fol. 5. 3. 2. 5 Ver
general Service. Of the same kind, that is, two General Heirs
of one, or two General Heirs of Congieff, or General Heirs Master