

against him for that effect, before Citation or Diligence used by any Creditor, but not after such Citation or Diligence. Because he could not stop making payment to the Heir or Children or Legatees upon a simple protest that there might be Debt owing by the decedent the Creditor appeared by putting in their Claim Stair s. 570. Which is held to be Good Law s. 47. § 4. 5. 6. 7. But the Lord of Session seemed formerly to have been of a different Opinion 3 Decemb. 1634 *Mure contra Fleming*. When they found it not Relevant to Caution an Executrix from payment of a Debt, that the Inventory of the Testament was Exhausted by payments to Legates who had obtained Sentence against her before the Creditor sued or pursued for his Debt, but she bind to pay the Debt and seek her Relief from the Legates whom she had rashly paid. Nor will a Decree at a Creditor's Instance warrant the executor to pay, if before payment thereof after Decree, he was Cited 22 Decemb. 1628 *Lyle contra Gairburn* 16 Decemb. 1629 *White contra Aitch of the Ministers of Edinburgh* & July 1634 *Preston contra Executors of Hope* but an Arrangement made in his hand for the Debt of the Decedent or Arrangement made in his hand for the Debt of the Decedent 14 June 1625 *Couper contra Lady Halloun*. Which Citation or Arrangement puts the executor in Mala Fide to pay in a Multiple pouding the Creditor be Cited, and their preference Disputed: Unless the Creditor bring pass from the Citation, which passing from it puts the executor in Mala Fide to pay, as if he had never been so Interpellated. 5 Decemb. 1623 *Rochead contra his Debtors Executors*. He can the executor securely pay any Creditor after Sentence obtained by him to the prejudice of Debts owned in the Testament of the Decedent, tho' the Creditor's Testamentary right not, or use no Diligence, without bringing them in the field by a suspension and Multiple pouding. *Duff contra Aitch*.

These are Debts that may be paid without a protest of which some can only be voluntarily so paid before a Court Commenced or Diligence used against the executor by other Creditors: such as Debts acknowledged by the Debtor in his Testament Stair s. 566 *M'Leirich* 3 Feb. 1621. 7 June 1677 *Andrew contra Anderson*. A Testamentary Creditor need not to Instruct his Debt otherwise than by its being so given up in Testament Spotswood Frats. Feb. Executors for that that line understood to be a captiousable true Debts. But such cannot warrantably be so paid after Citation and the Instance of other Creditors to their prejudice. *Wells*

March 1629 *Lady Currie* kill contra Executors of *Bumming*. And if one give up his Testament a sum owing to him by another, the Debtor is not obliged to pay more than is given up by the Creditor, tho' he was truly owing a Greater sum: Because the Testament derogates from the preceding obligation Spotswood Prats. Feb. Testaments. Other Debts may be paid at any time, even after process against the Executor at the Instance of other Creditors. Thus any executor, whether Nominatus or Sais, may pay a Debt due to himself without any process, and found upon the same by the execution of Compensation or Executing the Executrix Stair s. 573. Privileged Debts may be paid at any time, tho' 1677 *Andrew contra Aitch* for because they are preferable to all Debts. Debts privileged by Law or custom are 4 viz. of Medicaments afforded to the Decedent or death bed, but not those furnished to him upon former occasions 16 Decemb. 1674. *Kelhead contra Irving and Others* 27 Feb. funeral charges which are preferable to all other Debts *Edmond contra Edmond* 25 Novemb. 1680 *Eransford contra Eransford*. Which Medicaments viz. Drugs and death bed and funeral expences are the marks privileged, from the Common Obligation of humanity: the one that the dead may not be buried, and the other that a sick man who is not in case to do so himself may not want the proper Remedies for his Recovery. But both funeraria is competent only for expences that were necessary and Decent with regard to the quality of the Decedent, and his free estate descending to his Heir and Executors. And if so much free gear do be not come to them as is sufficient to bury him the expence of his funeral wife far as it decent and necessary should come of the Legacies 14 Decemb. 1709 *Lord Justice Clerk and his Lady contra Hamilton of Bingham* for to spending on a persons funeral solemnity according to his quality beyond what is suitable to the fortune left to his Representatives, is to bury his estate with himself. Where Accounts of funeral charges are not sued within three Years after expending thereof, the executor may after three Years pay such of them as he was Contractor of since they by the Death but Renounce a privilege competent to himself to Claim or not, and the Priority of such Debts might be proved by Law oath; but he may not pay these if he did not Contract if so presented 23 Feb. 1712 *Lord and Lady Ormeston contra Hamilton of Bingham*. 3/4 A term rent of the house where the

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