

Dr Prosp. Gorin. de festib. Quatuor 53 n.  
52. But such a witness may be admitted, if he equally has  
both parties in mind. Commissum Prosp. Gorin. Ibid. n. 66  
And one of two persons under mutual law borrows will be  
called witness against the other; the former purging himself  
by oath of any malice against the latter. 2 November  
1711 Montmoron contra Clercs of Hode and. It was  
also decided by the Lords of the Treasury in November 1672  
Robert Carnage of Newgate. Because Law borrows being  
used only as a legal remedy to defend against oppression  
the banger with law borrows might fear opposition  
from the person charged, it doth not follow that he hates  
him. Therefore if he, when produced a witness, purges himself  
it is supposed that he will conform to the gospel rule  
of doing good for evil and loving his enemies.

Witnesses in some respects infallible may be received  
in some cases as of where other proof is wanting and not  
likely to be had. V. G. in the case of Theft Riddell, Child birth  
Charming of Infants, Simony, Game Suckers Prosp. Gorin. Id.  
festibus decemb. 62 n. 25. 500 legg. 2<sup>d</sup> of Prove proving the fact  
of crimes of Heresy, Treason, Murderous Robbery, Robt.  
Garin ibid. n. 82 & legg. 3<sup>d</sup> Infallible witnesses prove again  
the producer and user of them Prosp. Gorin. Ibid. n. 218 legg.  
And he cannot object against witnesses produced by the  
lawful party as infallible, who cited them also alibi non  
influence to bear witness for him, and thereby led him  
to say them of the facts to be tested infallible, M. Henric  
Grim. part 2. p. 6. 513 infra. But a witness cited for one  
of the parties, may be set by him from witness giving for  
the adversary, because of some relation to that party  
which a witness was suspected as being within before the  
degree of propinquity to the producer, albeit the other  
party has at intervals before produced him 29 November  
1709 Montmich contra Abbot Clercs of Hode  
when one party produceth a witness who is within  
the degree to the other, that other may not withdraw  
his propinquity put Counter Interrogatories to  
the witness all the same time.

Witnesses who are not regular are allowed to testify  
as admitted sometimes when truth cannot be discovered

Discovered in any other manner, having a liberty to the  
lawful party of making exceptions, and leaving the con-  
fession of their credit or interest to the Judge, which  
we call Receiving witness cum Nota. That an infallible  
witness to a confession for whose School it was agreed  
to be furnished, during his subscription was a Rowed sloop  
note to Dymoke not well standing thus published in the cause  
23 November 1708 Ryan & Holt contra Donaldson. An Artificer's  
servants were admitted cum Nota as witnesses for their Mas-  
ter to prove the sufficiency of a piece of work done by him,  
and who ought by them 11 July 1707 Lord Treasurer's contractor  
Donaldson & S. yearly in a suit being brought against him be-  
fore by the plaintiff, was allowed to examine as witness  
cum Nota 9 July 1712 Ray contra Forbes. A present Member  
of a Town Council was admitted a witness cum Nota in cause  
concerning the Common Good of the Burgh 13 June 1672 Town  
of Inverness contra Officers of Ballochmore. A Captain German,  
and one who had married the Captain's Sister who was Dead,  
were Received cum Nota where those appeared Answered  
to him 15 January 1679 Brown contra Town of Kirkland bright  
for Imprisonment of witness or Ray, who, as witness,  
Excluded upon any exception, but it was remitted cum Nota  
Plow 16. 9 Jul. 43519. And when witness is examined  
ex Nota & Officer is informed in minimum predictis  
all persons who have been received, and the intent of their  
testimony or what they should work in cause. Confi-  
ded at Advising of the cause when in Court of the Jury  
spontane therof, and of the Antiquity, Capacity and Credit  
of witness, one or other of the Officers before said  
will be paid over 21 December 1630 Johnstone contra E.  
Anandale.

Objections against witness being called must  
be instantaneously remitted in the first instance by the call  
of the party at whose suit the qualified witness is produc-  
ed, or by the witness's own oath, or the oaths of other  
witnesses cited incident in an action of Reprobation  
for that end, to a term before the witness in the prin-  
cipal cause are examined 15 Novem. 6. 1676 E. French  
contra L. Drumond. If a witness produced by the  
Defender for proving his exception or allegation be  
set by another witness allowed in place of  
him, but the party whose witness for proving  
his libel is set aside, will not get another witness allowed