

Devise of a Term is made to *J. S.* and the Executors agree that *J. S.* and *J. N.* shall have this Term, this Consent is void to *J. N.* for after the Consent of the Executors *J. S.* is in by the Devise. Yet some are of Opinion, That if I surrender to the Use of *J. S.* in Fee, and the Lord admits *J. S.* together with his eldest Son and Heir apparent, that this is an Estate by Estoppel to *J. S.* and that he shall only claim jointly with his Son, because he might have refused an Admittance in this Manner: But I can hardly be brought to think that this Admittance, giving a present Interest in the Son, who by Surrender was to have no Interest till the Death of his Father, should be any such Estoppel.

If I surrender to the Use of *J. S.* for Life, and the Lord admits him in Fee, an Estate for Life only passeth. So if I surrender without mentioning any certain Estate, because by Implication of the Law, Estate for Life only passeth, though the Lord admit in Fee, no more doth pass than the Implication of Law will warrant. If I surrender with the Reservation of a Rent, and the Lord admits, not reserving any Rent, or reserving a less Rent than I reserved upon the Surrender, this Admittance is wholly void: But if the Lord reserveth a greater Rent, then is the Reservation void only for the Surplusage, and the Admittance so far current as it agreeth with my Surrender. If I surrender upon Condition, and the Lord omits the Condition, the Admittance is wholly void: But if my Surrender be absolute, and the Lord's Admittance be conditional, the Condition is void, but the Admittance in all Points else is good.

The Reasons of these Diversities are these. Where an Authority is given to any one to execute any Act, and he executeth it contrary to the Effect of his Authority, this is utterly void: But if he executeth his Authority, and withal goeth beyond the Limits of his Warrant, this is void for that Part only wherein he exceedeth his Authority.

These Admittances upon Surrender differ from Admittances upon Descents, in this, that in Admittances upon Surrender nothing is vested in the Grantee before Admittance, no more than in the voluntary Admittances; but in Admittances upon Descents the Heir is Tenant by Copy immediately upon the Death of his Ancestor, not to all Intents and Purposes; for peradventure he cannot be sworn of the Homage before, neither can he maintain a Plaint in the Nature of an Assize in the Lord's Court before, because till then he is not compleat Tenant to the Lord, no farther forth than the Lord pleaseth to allow him for his Tenant. And therefore if there be Grandfather, Father and Son, and the Grandfather is admitted, and dieth, and the Father entred, and dieth before Admittance, the Son shall have a Plaint in the Nature of a Writ of Ayel, and not an Assize of Mortd'ancest'or. So that to all Intents and Purposes, the Heir till Admittance, is not compleat Tenant; yet to most Intents, especially as to Strangers, the Law taketh Notice of him as of a perfect Tenant of the Land instantly upon the Death of his Ancestor; for he may enter into the Land before Admittance, take the Profits, punish any Trespass done upon the Ground; surrender into the Hands of the Lord to whose Use he pleaseth, satisfying the Lord his Fine due upon the Descent, and by Estoppel he may prejudice himself of his Inheritance: So if an Estranger come and surrender to the Use of him and his Wife before Admittance, he shall ever claim jointly with his Wife, and never be taken as sole Tenant. And the Lord may avow upon him before Admittance for any Arrearages of Rent or other Services. And last of all, upon an actual Possession, there shall be *possessio Fratris* before Admittance: For if a Copyholder in Fee have Issue a Son and a Daughter by one Venter, and a Son by another Venter, and dieth seised, and his Son by the first Venter entred in the Land, and dieth before Admittance, the Daughter shall inherit as Heir to her Brother; and not the Son by the second Venter as Heir to his Father. And many Times the Possession of a Guardian or a Termor, without an actual Entry, or any Claim made by the Heir, will make *possessio Fratris*: As if a Copyholder in Fee, having Issue a Son and a Daughter by one Venter, and a Son by another Venter, by Licence of the Lord maketh a Lease for Years, and dieth, and the Son of the first Venter dieth before the Expiration of the Term, being neither admitted, nor having made any actual Entry, or any Claim; yet this Possession of the Lessee is sufficient, and the Reversion shall descend to the Daughter of the first Venter, and not to the Son of the second Venter. But if the Lease had been determined living the Son by the first Venter, and afterwards he had died before any actual Entry made, the Law would have fallen out otherwise, because there was a Time when he might have lawfully entred. Therefore where some have imagined that nothing should be invested in the Heir before Admittance, because every Admittance of an Heir upon a Descent amounteth to a Grant, and so may be pleaded; they are in an Error: For tho' it be true, that after Admittance the Heir may in Pleading alledge this as a Grant, and that hath been allowed, to avoid the Inconveniencies that otherwise should ensue; for if the Copyholder should be driven in Pleading to shew the first Grant, either that was made before the Memory of Man, and so is not pleadable, or since the Memory of Man, and then Custom fails; for this Reason the Law hath allowed a Copyholder in Pleading to alledge any Admittance, as well upon a Descent as upon a Surrender, as a Grant: And yet he may, if he will, alledge the Admittance of his Ancestors, as a Grant, and shew the Descent to him, and that he entred, and well, without any Admittance. But the Heir cannot plead that his Ancestor was seised in Fee at the Will of the Lord,