

DECREE.—*Continued.*

12. Every decree stands for what it purports to be until regularly revised or reversed. *Estep v. Watkins*, 459.
13. The assent of parties cannot authorize the passing of a decree for which the case set forth in the bill affords no sufficient foundation. *Iglehart v. Armiger*, 488.

See LIEN, 9.

## DEED.

See DEBTOR AND CREDITOR, 6, 7, 34.  
NON COMPOS MENTIS, 6.

## DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION.

A distributee can be allowed nothing until all sums for which he is liable as principal or surety have been paid; and his assignee takes subject to all equities to which he is liable. *Mullikin v. Mullikin*, 505.

## DOWER.

A purchased of B a tract of land, the legal title to be conveyed when the purchase money was paid; for which he gave his bond; after which B died, and his widow had her dower in the land. *Held*, that A was entitled to a deduction from his bond to the amount of the value of the widow's dower. *Estep v. Watkins*, 459.

See HUSBAND AND WIFE, 3-6.

LIEN, 1.

MESNE PROFITS, 3.

## ELECTION.

See WILLS, 1.

## EVIDENCE.

1. A solicitor is not permitted to reveal the confidential communications made to him by his client, either before or after the termination of the suit; but, as it is the privilege of the client, he may waive it, and thus make the solicitor a competent witness. *Hannah K. Chase's Case*, 194.
2. Verbal proof may be received to corroborate and supply omissions in a written contract, or to contradict the usual receipt endorsed on a conveyance, which is considered as evidence of the lowest order. *Lingan v. Henderson*, 221.
3. In general, the answer of one defendant cannot be evidence against another; the exceptions to this rule. *Ib.*
4. In what cases a complainant or co-defendant may be examined as a witness in the case. *Ib.*
5. The answer of the wife obligatory upon her. *Ib.*
6. A co-defendant, as to whom a decree is not asked to be opened, or cannot be opened, is a competent witness as to any fact upon which another defendant prays to have the decree opened. *Hodges v. Mullikin*, 475.
7. A trustee, whose liability cannot be altered by the opening of a decree, is, upon that question, a competent witness for either party. *Ib.*
8. An attorney whose client is not a party, to object or consent to his examination, cannot be permitted to speak of any facts which came to his knowledge as such. *Ib.*