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1. Three joint obligors in a single bill, though jointly and severally liable to the creditor for the whole debt, are, as among themselves, each bound to contribute one-third; because each must be supposed to have received that proportion of the consideration upon which the obligation was given. *Wheeler's Estate*, 80.
2. One of such obligors, who has received from another a sum of money or other property equal in value to the proportion of that other in the common burden, and released him from all liability on account thereof, must be supposed to have received a consideration equal to two-thirds of the debt, and must be charged with that proportion in adjusting the equities between himself and the remaining obligor. *Ib.*
3. The third obligor, who has been compelled by the creditor to pay a sum exceeding his one-third, will be allowed at once, in equity and without circuitry, to go against the party thus supposed to have received two-thirds of the consideration of the debt, for such excess. *Ib.*
4. The obligor who has paid the judgment of the creditor, and taken an assignment thereof to himself, may use such assignment for his indemnity, so far as it clearly and certainly appears that his co-debtor ought to contribute. *Ib.*
5. Where two persons executed a joint note, the estate of the one, will, under the chancery rule, be charged with only half the amount, unless it is shown that he is the principal debtor, or that the other is insolvent. *Brooks vs. Dent*, 523.

**CONVERSION.**

Lands devised to be sold, are turned into money and considered in equity as personal estate. *Thomas vs. Wood*, 296.

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