

these parties have lived together, with short intervals, since the year 1824, and have reared a family of children—and when it is likewise remembered that the property in question has been managed judiciously by him, and there is no charge that the profits resulting from it have not been applied to the support of his wife and children—the reasons which would induce the Court (assuming the power to exist) to take from him the whole benefit of it, and throw him out upon the world, it may be to beg or to starve, must be of controlling force. The habits of the husband have, no doubt, been bad, and his conduct reprehensible in the highest degree; but there certainly is evidence in the cause, drawn from witnesses whose inclinations would naturally have induced them to throw a veil over the painful subject, which establishes to some extent the recriminating charge in the answer, that the fault is not all on one side. I cannot entirely close my eyes against this proof; for, though it may not extenuate the conduct of the husband, it surely furnishes some defence against the complaint of the wife.

I shall, therefore, under all the circumstances of the case, dismiss this bill, but without giving costs to either party.

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JOHN BREWER, and CORNELIUS M'LEAN, for Defendants.

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MARCH TERM, 1852.

[REGISTRATION OF DEEDS—CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DEEDS—PRACTICE.]

The policy of the registry acts has nothing to do with the question of fraud; the operation of these acts may bind the title, but does not affect the con-