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3. At common law, whoever takes and holds possession of land, to which another has a better title, whether he be a *bonae fidei* or a *malae fidei* possessor, is liable to the true owner for all the rents and profits which he has received: but the disseisor, if he be a *bonae fidei* occupant, may recoup the value of the meliorations made by him against the claim of damages. *Id.* 75. 80
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5. By the civil law, the exemption of the occupant from an account for rents and profits is strictly confined to the case of a *bona fidei* possessor, who not only *supposes* himself to be the true owner of the land, but who is ignorant that his title is contested by some other person claiming a better right. And such a possessor is entitled only to the fruits or profits which were produced by his own industry, and not even to those, unless they were consumed. *Id.* 79

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9. The compact of 1789, between Virginia and Kentucky, was valid under that provision of the constitution, which declares, that "no State shall, without the consent of Congress, enter into any agreement or compact with another State, or with a foreign power;" —no particular mode, in which that consent must be given, having been prescribed by the constitution; and Congress having consented to the admission of Kentucky into the Union, as a sovereign state, upon the conditions mentioned in the compact. *Id.* 85

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20. Nor do treaties, in general, become extinguished, *ipso facto*, by war between the two governments. Those stipulating for a permanent arrangement of territorial, and other national rights, are, at most, suspended during the war, and revive at the peace, unless they are waived by the parties, or new and repugnant stipulations are made. *Id.* 493

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3. Insurance for 18,000 dollars on vessel valued at that sum, and 2000 dollars on freight valued at 12,000 dollars, on the ship Henry, "at and from Teneriffe, and at and from thence to New-York, with liberty to stop at Matanzas; the property warranted American." The policy was executed in 1807; and in the same year another policy was made, by the same underwriters, on freight for the same voyage, to the amount of 10,000 dollars, and the property was also warranted Ameri-

can, but there was no liberty to stop at Matanzas. The following representation was made to the underwriters on the part of the plaintiff, who was both owner and master of the ship: "We are to clear out for New-Orleans, the property will be under cover of Mr. John Paul, of Baltimore, who goes supercargo on board, yet Mr. Paul will only have part of the cargo to his consignment. There will be three other persons on board, that will have the remainder of the cargo in their care. We are to stop at the Matanzas, to know if there are any men of war off the Havanna." The vessel sailed from Teneriffe on the 17th of April, 1807, with a cargo belonging to Spanish subjects, but appearing to be the property of John Paul Dumeste, a citizen of the United States, and the same person called John Paul in the representation. The cargo was shipped under a charter-party executed by the plaintiff and Dumeste, representing New-Orleans as the place of destination. The ship arrived at the Havanna on the 7th of July, having put into Matanzas to avoid British cruisers, and unladed the cargo, which was there received by the Spanish owners, and the freight, amounting to 7000 dollars, paid to the plaintiff, who received it, "in full of all demands, for freight or otherwise, under or by virtue of the aforesaid charter-party and cargo." At the Havanna the ship took in a new cargo, belonging to merchants in New-York, and was lost, with the greater part of the cargo, on the voyage from Havanna to New-York. An action of debt was brought on the first policy for the value of the

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LIEN.

1. By a charter-party, the sum of 30,000 dollars was agreed to be paid for the use or hire of the ship, on a voyage from Philadelphia to Madeira, and thence to Bombay, and at the option of the charterer to Calcutta, and back to Philadelphia, (with an addition of 2000 dollars, if she should proceed to Calcutta,) the whole payable on the return of the ship to Philadelphia, and before the discharge of her cargo there, in approved notes, not exceeding an average time of 90 days from the time at

which she should be ready to discharge her cargo. The charterer proceeded in the ship to Calcutta, and, with the consent of the master, (who was appointed by the ship-owners,) entered into an agreement with P. & Co. merchants there, that if they would make him an advance of money, he would deliver to them a bill of lading, stipulating for the delivery of the goods purchased therewith to their agents in Philadelphia, free of freight, who should be authorized to sell the same, and apply the proceeds to the repayment of the said advance, unless the charterer's bills, drawn on G. & S. of Philadelphia, should be accepted, in which event the agents of P. & Co. should deliver the goods to the charterer. The goods were shipped accordingly, and a bill of lading signed by the master, with the clause, "freight for the said goods having been settled here." The bills of exchange drawn by the charterer were refused acceptance, and the agents of P. & Co. demanded the goods, which the owners of the ship refused to deliver without the payment of freight: *Held*, that the owners of the ship had a lien on these goods for the freight. *Gracie and others v. Palmer and others*, 605

See INSURANCE, 1, 2.

LIMITATION.

See CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 23.

LOCAL LAW.

- Under the act of assembly of Maryland of 1795, (c. 56.) if the defendant appears, and dissolves the attachment, a declaration and

subsequent pleadings are not necessary, as in other actions, but the cause may be tried upon a *short note*. *Goldsborough v. Orr*, 217

- It seems*, under the same act, that an attachment will not lie in a case *ex contractu* for unliquidated damages for the non-delivery of goods. But where the plaintiff is entitled to a stipulated sum of money, in lieu of a specific article to be delivered, an attachment will lie. *Id.* 226
- Note of the case of *Smith v. Gilnor*, in the Court of Appeals of Maryland. *Id. Note b.* 227
- The Act of Assembly of Kentucky, of the 7th of February, 1812, "giving interest on judgments for damages, in certain cases," applies as well to cases depending in the Circuit Courts of the Union, as to proceedings in similar cases in the State Courts. *Snead v. Wister*, 690
- The party is as well entitled to interest in an action on an appeal bond, as if he were to proceed on the judgment, if the judgment be on a contract for the payment of money. He is entitled to interest from the rendition of the original judgment. *Id.*

See CHANCERY, 18, 19.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, 2.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 1, 2. 6. 21, 22, 23.

M.

MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT.

See CHANCERY, 10.
FRAUD.

MISTAKE.

See CHANCERY, 8, 9.

N.

NON-INTERCOURSE ACT.

See ADMIRALTY, 1. 8.

P.

PLEADING.

1. It is, in general, not necessary, in deriving title to a bill or note, through the endorsement of a partnership firm, or from the surviving partner, through the act of the law, to state particularly the names of the persons composing the firm. *Childress v. Emory*, 642

2. A declaration, averring that "J. C., by his agent, A. C., made" the note, &c. is good. *Id.*

3. A general profert of letters testamentary, is sufficient; and if the defendant would object to their insufficiency, he must crave oyer: or, if it be alleged that the plaintiffs are not executors, the objection must be taken by plea in abatement. *Id.*

4. Debt, against an executor, should be in the *detinet* only, unless he has made himself personally responsible, as by a *devastavit*. *Id.*

5. An action of debt lies, upon a promissory note, against executors. *Id.*

6. The wager of law, if it ever had a legal existence in the United States, is now completely abolished. *Id.*

7. Oyer is not demandable of a record; nor, in an action upon a bond for performance of covenants in another deed, can oyer of such deed be craved; for the defendant, and not the plaintiff, must show it, with a profert of it,

or an excuse for the omission. *Sneed v. Wister*, 690

8. If oyer be improperly demanded, the defect is aided on a general demurrer; but it is fatal to the plea, where it is set down as a cause of demurrer. *Id.*

9. *Nil debet* is an improper plea to an action of debt upon a specialty or deed, where it is the foundation of the action. *Id.*

POWER.

See DEVISE.

PRACTICE.

1. The appellate jurisdiction of this Court, under the 25th section of the Judiciary Act of 1789, c. 20., may be exercised by a writ of error, issued by the clerk of a Circuit Court, under the seal of that Court, in the form prescribed by the Act of the 8th of May, 1792, c. 137. s. 9.; and the writ itself need not expressly state, that it is directed to a *final judgment* of the State Court, or that the Court is *the highest Court* of law or equity of the State. *Buel v. Van Ness*, 312. 320

2. It is not necessary to aver on the record, that the defendant in the Circuit Court was an inhabitant of the District, or was found therein at the time of serving the writ. Where the defendant appears, without taking the exception, it is an admission of the regularity of the service. *Gracie v. Palmer*, 605

See ADMIRALTY, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. 10.*CHANCERY*, 17.*CONSTITUTIONAL LAW*, 13, 14.*CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTE*, 2.*COVENANT*.*DEBT*.*EVIDENCE*, 1, 2.

PRIZE.

1. *Quære*, Whether a regular sentence of condemnation in a Court of the captor, or his ally, the captured property having been carried *infra præsidia*, will preclude the Courts of this country from restoring it to the original owners, where the capture was made in violation of our laws, treaties, and neutral obligations? *La Nereyda*, 108. 174
2. Whoever claims under such a condemnation, must show, that he is a *bonæ fidei* purchaser, for a valuable consideration, unaffected with any participation in the violation of our neutrality by the captors. *Id.* 167
3. Whoever sets up a title, under a condemnation, as prize, is bound to produce the libel, or other equivalent proceeding, under which the condemnation was pronounced, as well as the sentence of condemnation itself. *Id.* 168
4. *Quære*, Whether a condemnation in the Court of an ally, of property carried into his ports by a co-belligerent, is valid? *Id.* 108
5. Where an order for farther proof is made, and the party disobeys, or neglects to comply with its injunctions, Courts of prize generally consider such disobedience, or neglect, as fatal to his claim. *Id.* 171
6. Upon such an order, it is almost the invariable practice, for the claimant (besides other testimony) to make proof by his own oath of his proprietary interest, and to explain the other circumstances of the transaction; and the absence of such proof and explanation always leads to considerable doubts. *Id.* 171
7. In cases of collusive capture, pa- pers found on board one captured vessel, may be invoked into the case of another, captured on the same cruise. *The Experiment*, 261
8. A commission, obtained by fraudulent misrepresentations, will not vest the interests of prize. *Id.* 264
9. But a collusive capture, made under a commission, is not, *per se*, evidence that the commission was fraudulently obtained. *Id.* 264
10. A collusive capture vests no title in the captors, not because the commission is thereby made void, but because the captors thereby forfeit all title to the prize property. *Id.* 264
11. Collusive captures and violations of the revenue laws, committed by a private armed vessel, are a breach of the condition of the bond given by the owners, under the Prize Act of June 26, 1812, c. 430. s. 3. If such breach appear upon demurrer, the defendants are not entitled to a hearing in equity, under the Judiciary Act of 1789, c. 20. s. 26. *Greeley v. United States*, 257

R.

REGISTRY ACT.

See ADMIRALTY, 9.

S.

SHIPPING.

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SLAVE-TRADE ACT.

See ADMIRALTY, 2, 3.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

See ATTORNEY, 3.

T.

TITLES TO LAND.

See CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 25—38.

TREATY.

See CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 18, 19, 20.

TRUSTEE.

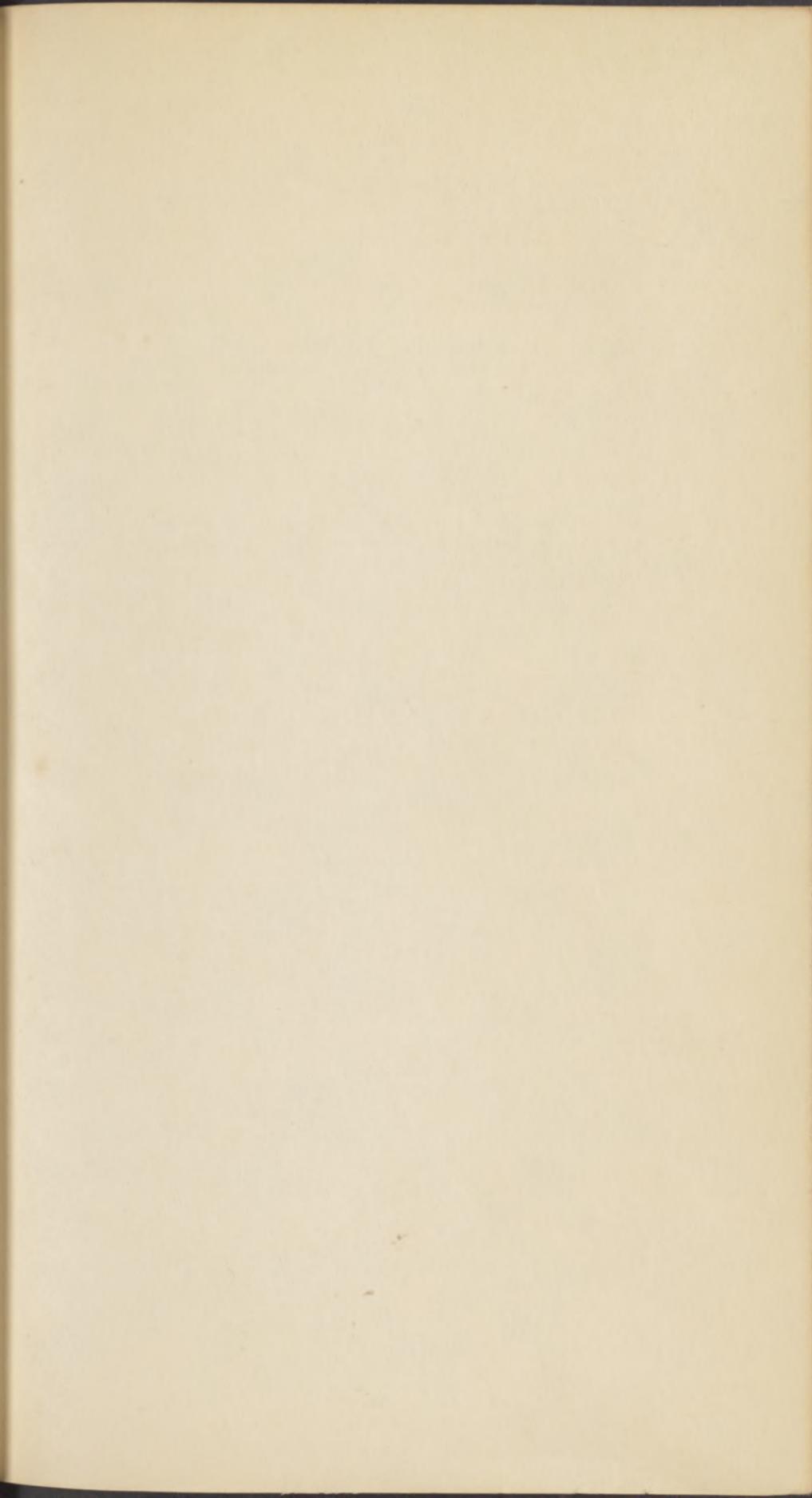
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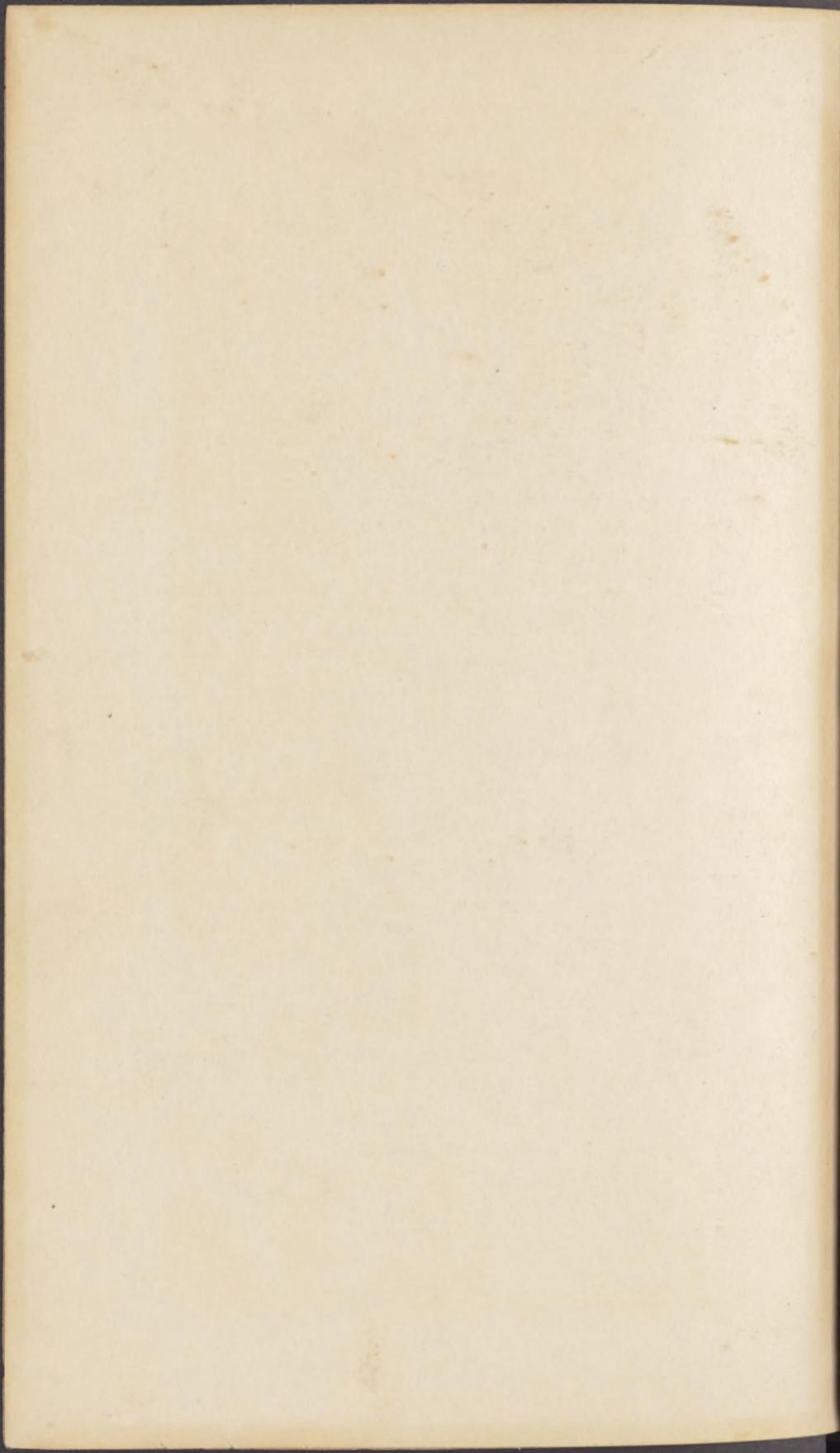
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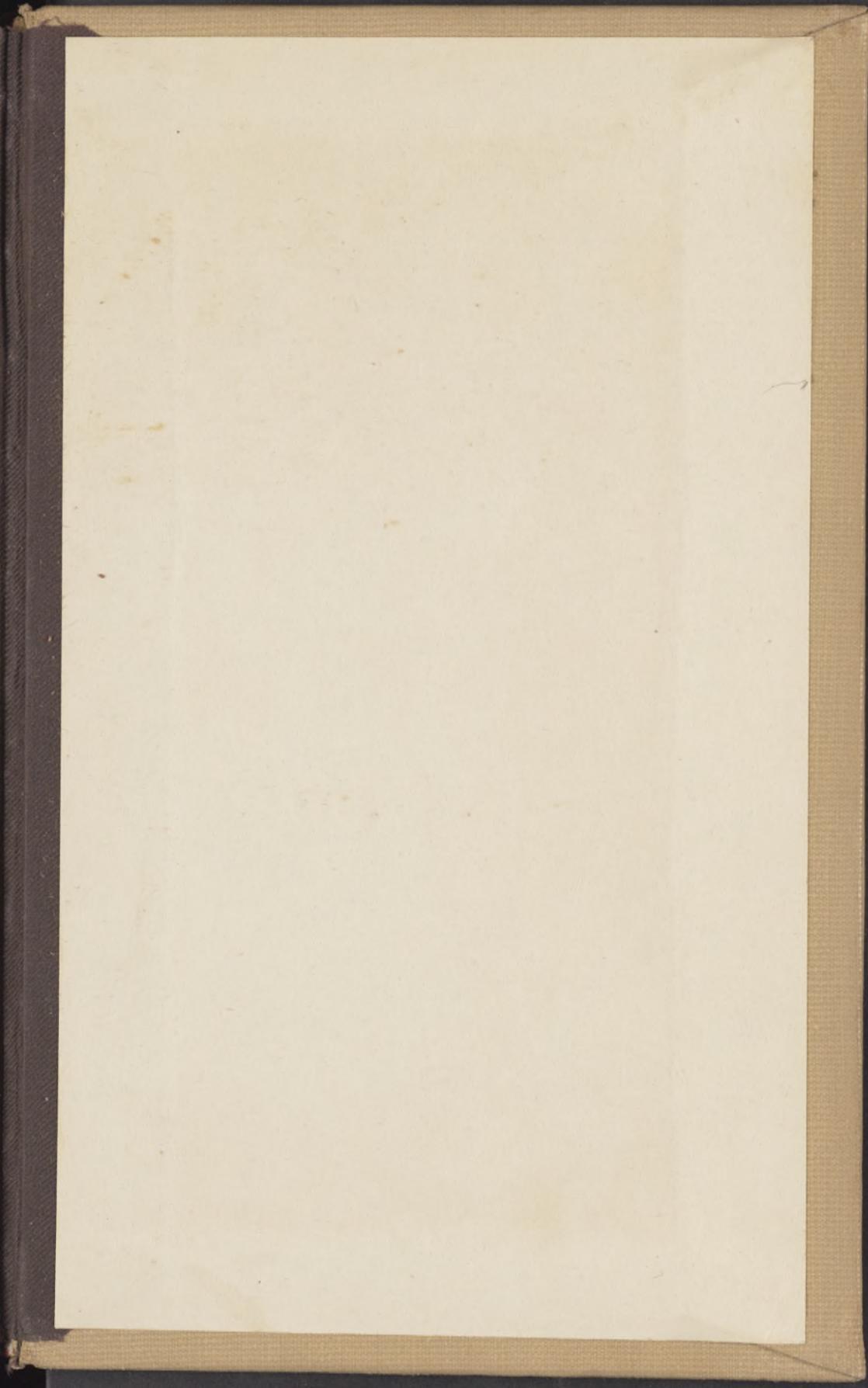
USURY.

It is not usury for a bank to deduct the interest from the amount of a note, at the time of its being discounted. *Fleckner v. U. States' Bank*, 338. 354

See BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES, 3, 4.
CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTE, 3, 5, 6.







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