

A release of one surety with a reservation of the creditor's rights against the other sureties operates merely as a covenant not to sue the surety, and still leaves the surety liable to contribute to his co-surety.

Discussion of the principles of suretyship and contribution.

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PASSENGERS' LUGGAGE.

BUNCH v. GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY CO.

(Shirley's Lead. Cas. 9th ed. p. 312.)

With apologies to Westminster (and Locksley) Hall.

"Porter, may I leave my gladstone, while as yet 'tis early eve,
In your keeping—will it safe be—till the train is due to leave?"

"Nothing safer," quoth the varlet, nourishing a youth of crime,
I will hold it till the train comes in the long result of Time."

"Thank you, Porter! To the café I must take my famished course;
Keep my luggage till my hunger shall have spent its novel force."

Falser than all fancy fathoms, falser than all songs have sung!
For that porter 'round the station in no mute observance hung.

He took up the cherished gladstone, packed with Christmas presents tight.
Smote his corduroys with pleasure as he faded out of sight.

O, Amelia, unsuspecting! O, unhappy Amy Bunch!
O, the dreary, dreary station; O, the barren, barren lunch!

Better, Amy, thou wert sitting in the ladies' waiting-place
With thy hunger and thy gladstone in a silent, fast embrace!

Scarce her light reflection ended when shrieks loud the engine-horn.
Forth she rushes 'midst the train-men, just a target for their scorn.

Then she dipped into the gloaming far as human eye could see,
Saw no vision of the porter, nor the bag that ought to be.

Gone her bargain-counter gleanings; This is truth the poet sings,
That a woman's crown of sorrow is rememb'ring pilfered things.

On her pallid cheek and forehead came a colour and a light
Which forboded for that railway a protracted legal fight.

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Per the LORD CHANCELLOR:

"Laches can't be charged to plaintiff, so defendant's not exempt;
It must as a carrier answer what was done in law's contempt."

"And I doubt not that the porter has levanted far away—
Worser five grim years of Portland than a cycle of Cathay."

Per LORD WATSON:

"'Twas within the varlet's duty of this bag to take the care;
Plaintiff she must have her action—lest she wither by despair."

Per LORD BRAMWELL, dissentiente:

"Why discuss a case of bailment? Plaintiff clearly risked her pain—
Women have the shallowest notions of the law that rules a train."

Per LORD HERSCHELL:

"We must leave it where we found it, found this case so seeming hard
Where in *nisi prius* battle fell defendant, evil-starr'd."

"But the jingling of the guinea helps the hurt the plaintiffs feels;
And defendant must not murmur if we lay it by the heels."

Per LORD MACNAGHTEN:

"Men, my brothers—men, the Judges—ever judging things anew,
That which they have done but earnest of the things they shall undo."

"*Bergheim's case*¹ was badly reasoned, it no longer shall befool.
Cursed be the judge-made law the House of Lords can't overrule!"

Per CURIAM:

"Let the judgment be for plaintiff."—So th' increasing purpose runs,
And the Law Reports are widened with the process of the suns."

Ottawa.

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¹(1878) 3 C. P. D. 221.
