

***The Lawes Resolutions of Womens Rights: or, the Lawes  
Provision for Woemen***

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**Sect. III**

**The Punishment of Adams Sin**

Return a little to Genesis, in the 3 Chap. Whereof is declared our first parents transgression in eating the forbidden fruit: for which Adam, Eve, the serpent first, and lastly, the earth itself is cursed: and besides, the participation of Adams punishment, which was subjection to mortality, exiled from the garden of Eden, enjoined to labor, Eve because she had helped to seduce her husband hath inflicted on her, an especial bane. In sorrow shalt thou bring forth thy children, thy desires shall be subject to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

See here the reason of that which I touched before, that women have no voice in Parliament, they make no lawes, they consent none, they abdicate none. All of them are understood either married or to be married and their desires are subject to their husband, I know no remedy though some women can shift it well enough. The common law here maketh hand with divinity, but because I am come to soon to the title of Baron and feme, and Adam and Eve were the first and last that were married so young, it is best that I run back again to consider the things (which I might seem to have lost by the way) that are fit to be known concerning women before they be fit for marriage.

**Sect. VIII**

**That Which the Husband Hath is His Own**

But the prerogative of the husband is best discerned in his dominion over all external things in which the wife by combination devesteth herself of property in some lost, and casteth it upon her governor, for her practice everywhere agrees with the Theory of Law, and forcing necessity submits women to the affection thereof, whatsoever the husband had before coverture either in goods or lands, it is absolutely his own, the wife hath therein no claim at all. If any thing when he is married be given him, he taketh it by himself distinctly to himself.

If a man have right and title to enter into lands, and the tenant encloses the Baron and feme, the wife taketh nothing. The very goods which a man giveth to his wife, are still his own, her chain, her bracelets, her apparel, are all the good-mans goods.

### **Sect. IX**

#### **That Which the Wife Hath is the Husbands**

For thus it is, if before marriage the woman were possessed of horses, meat, sheep, coin, wool, pony, plate and jewels, all manner of moveable substance is presently by conjunction the husbands, to sell, keep or bequeath if he die: And though he bequeath them not, yet they are the husbands executors and not the wives which brought them to her husband.

### **Sect. X**

#### **The Husbands Interest in Chattel Reall**

A term or lease for years, made to the wife before or after coverture hath somewhat peculiar in itself: for if Tenant swears a term grant it or surrender it and die, the wife is without remedy; but if he continue possession until his death, it shall remain to the wife.