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cases that have been cited, the courts, it is true, have enforced the principle without enquiring whether the act done by the agent or trustee has been in fact injurious to the person whose estate and interest he was bound to consult and to protect; because, as they have said, he is not to be the judge of that; and in the next place, whether the interests of the principal or cestui que trust have, or have not in fact been injured by the agent or trustee having mixed his own private interests and transactions with theirs without their knowledge and sanction, would often give rise to enquiries, tedious and expensive, which might not after all lead to any certain conclusion.

But in these cases the person asking for relief has some estate and interest involved—something to protect—which is not the case here, if we take the facts to be as the plaintiff himself has stated them.

Judgment.

The object of this bill is in effect to have the defendants declared by a decree of this court trustees for the plaintiff, contrary, as I conceive, to the usual course of equity as laid down in the cases I have referred to, and also in the case of Colman v. Sorrell, (a) where Lord Thurlow says: "Whenever you come into equity to raise an interest by way of trust, you must have a valuable, or at least a meritorious, consideration; nothing less will do."

Upon the ground of the plaintiff's want of any beneficial interest in the subject matter, I think his suit should not be entertained, and that his bill should be dismissed, but not with costs as regards the defendants Smith & Henderson; for there is much in the evidence to lead to the conviction that the solictiors were acting in the matter with a view to secure a pecuniary interest to themselves, though professing to have only in view the object of dispossessing the squatters for the benefit of the

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