## The exceptions to the Statute of Frauds. 217

a certain thing shall be done by a third person as that he shall sign a guarantee are not within the statute: Bushell v. Beanan, I Bing. N.C. 103. Promises to answer for another's debt are not within the statute when that other is not also liable: Birkmyr v. Darnell, I Sm. L.C. 310: Mountstephen v. Lakeman, L.R. 7 Q.B. 196. The result is the same though the consideration was received by that other, as in the case of promises to answer for an infant's contracts (not being for necessaries): Harris v. Huntbach, I Burr. 373. The same is true where the the liability of that other, though previously existing, is discharged by the guarantee: Goodman v. Chase, I B. & Ald. 297.

Promises are not within the statute if there is any interest or liability in the guarantor or his property, except such as arises out of his promise : Fitsgerald v. Dessler, 7 C.B. N.S. 374, for instance where a lien or security is given up in consideration of the promise : Walker v. Taylor, 6 C. & P. 752, or where a right to distrain goods in which the promissor is interested is given up: Williams v. Leper, 3 Wils. 308. The statute does not apply where the immediate object of the guarantee is not the discharge of a third person's liability, though such discharge follows indirectly: Castling v. Aubert, 2 East. 325; for instance, the promise of a del credere agent. the immediate object being only to secure care on his part, is not within the statute, though he is personally liable if the purchasers make default: Wickham v. Wickham, 2 Kay & J. 478, nor are promises to pay another's debt in consideration of a transfer of the debt within the statute: Ansicy v. Marden. 1 B. & P.N.R. 124.

Secondly, of agreements in consideration of marriage. Part performance of such agreements is sufficient to except them from the operation of the statute: *Taylor* v. *Beech*, I Ves. Sr. 296, and of course promises to marry are not in any sense within it: *Harrison* v. *Cage*, I L'd. Ray'd 386.

Thirdly, of contracts for the sale of land. Contracts collateral to a transfer of an interest in land are not within the statute: *Morgan* v. *Griffith*, L.R. 6 Ex. 70, or preliminary to such a transfer, as for instance a contract for the searching of a title: *Jeakes* v. *White*, 6 Ex. 873.