

Taylor V Caldwell [1863] 3 B&S 826

The case about discharging obligations under contract law.

Evidence

The plaintiff agreed to rent a concert hall from the defendant. Before the concert for which the premises had been rented, a fire occurred at the hall in question. The plaintiff sued for a breach of contract, but it was evident that neither of the parties were to blame for the accident.

Problematics

It was necessary to determine whether the defendant was liable for the breach of conditions under the contract.

Resolution

In this case, the defendant was found not liable under the doctrine of frustration. The parties could not keep their obligations under the contract because the rented property could no longer be of any use to the plaintiff. The contract was considered unenforceable, and the defendant no longer had any more obligations in terms of the invalidated agreement.

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