Planche v Colburn [1831] EWHC KB J56


Facts

- The plaintiff entered into an agreement to write a book for the defendant
- The agreed contract price was 100 pounds payable upon completion
- The plaintiff started writing the book and had finished a lot of it
- The defendant then decided not to go ahead with the project and refused to pay the plaintiff, despite the plaintiff being ready, willing & able to perform

Held

- The claimant was entitled to recover because the defendant had prevented the performance.

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