

## Theatre of Pain

Laws governing Real Property, as distinct from personal property, come from a large extent from one of two systems: feudal, which has at its base the motivation of loyalty, and jurisprudence, its base being a moral code of conduct.

The concept of property encompasses both the ownership of an object as well as one's relationship to the object. We are thinking about property as something inherently as much about how we interact with each other as what we own.

But problems start to abound with boundary problems.

Much of property law is not only to do with ownership, but the edges of ownership as it butts up against other owned and expressed things.

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As a particularly English example, if a tree grows over and across a garden boundary, the adjacent garden inhabitant is entitled to cut ALL the branches and the roots, or pick all the berries and fruit on their side of the boundary, but then Must offer it all back to the neighbor, who is entitled to take the goods, and the effort of extraction as well.

This could mean war.

During the American Civil War in 1862 in an effort to extend the sphere of influence of the northern states, the American government under Lincoln passed the Homestead Act, which granted a free plot of land in the Western territories - A homestead of 160 acres- to any one who had NOT taken up arms against the American government, upon condition that they simply



















made a minor improvement to the land.

So inherent within this expansionist understanding of the right to ownership, is an objectification of surface.

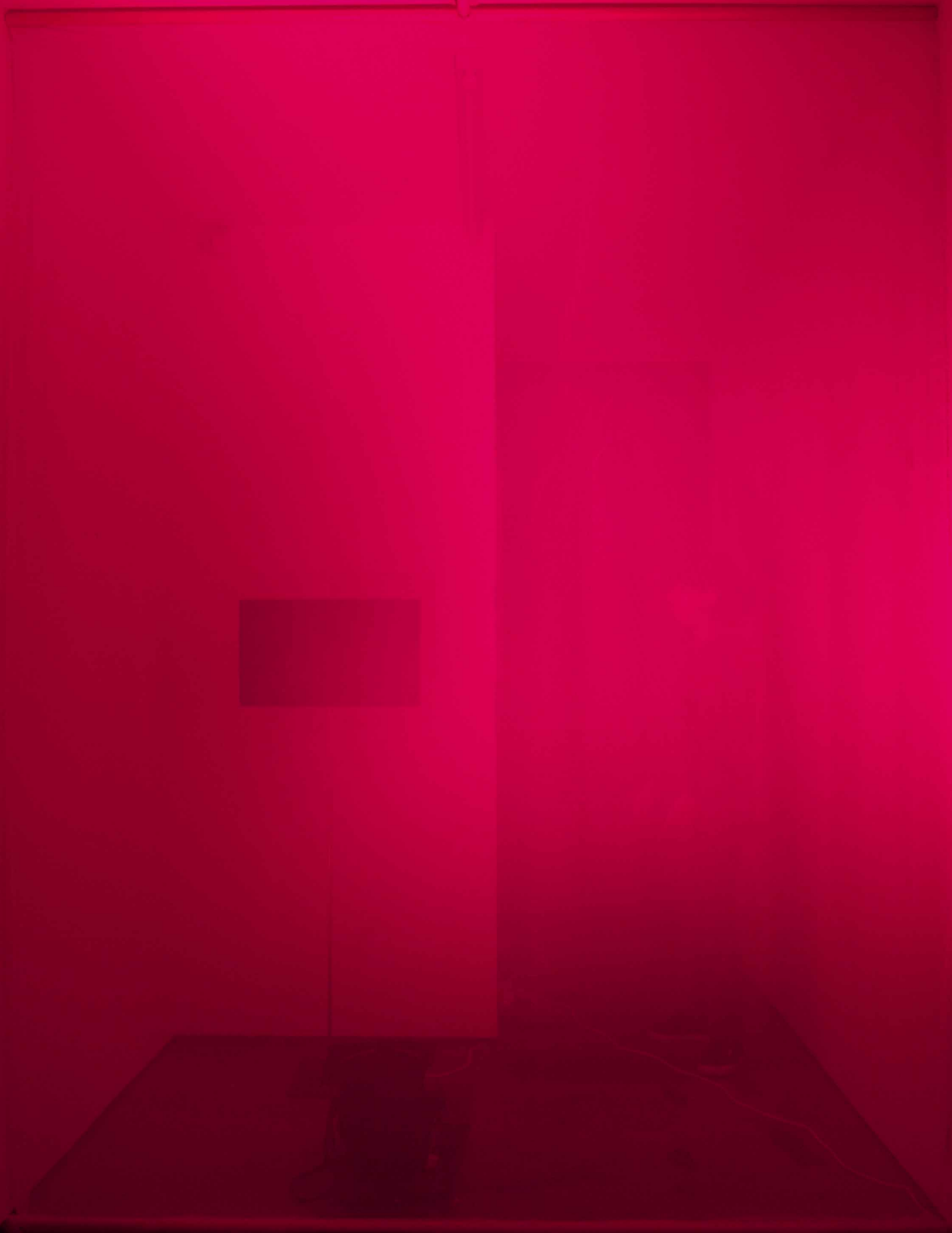
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Chattel as a concept is defined as productive property that is moveable as opposed to immovable and unproductive, like gates and stables. If you're interested, the word Cattle comes, obviously, from Chattel, and is also the basis of the word, capitalis, of or belonging to the head. Heads of cattle.

Laws governing chattel formed the basic conditions for serfdom, slavery, debt bondage, unfree labour, human trafficking, and wage slavery. Over time, it seems we have found many ways of letting productive bodies move around in specific spaces.

If the farm animal roams, it is still yours.























In the next development in property conception, the Corporation, which came into its modern form around the time of the abolition of western slavery, is defined as an entity unto itself separate from but comprised of a group of people. The liability of a corporation rests solely on the outline of this association of people, and not the actual people, or their property or chattel, moveable or immovable.

An aside- I heard recently that married women in the UK were not entitled to their own bank accounts until 1965.















If the parts fail, the whole survives regardless, like real shadows.

Let's think finally of Capitalism in reverse, like a film loaded incorrectly, showing a negative process of goods exchange; lets think about re-possession.

There is a very distinct group of people that have right of entry to a private home without permission in the UK, and only under a specific set of conditions - you can find this list on [www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/ManagingDebt/DebtsAndArrears](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/ManagingDebt/DebtsAndArrears)

But it in the end it is only Bailiff's that are allowed to enter and legally take all your moveable goods, except your bed. Historically, bailiff's were the sole custodians of an area, mayors that acted as the debt collectors for the governing body. Technically, Boris Johnson is a bailiff.

And forced entry does include putting a foot in the door.

















On a final note on the pain of property movement: when taking documents or other evidence to be used against you in court from your house, Bailiff's are not required to explain the reason for what they have removed, but you are, luckily, entitled to a receipt.