

1031. - The possessor of a bill of exchange is deemed to be the lawful holder if he shows his title through an uninterrupted series of indorsements, even if the last indorsement is in blank. When an indorsement in blank is followed by another indorsement, the person who signed this last indorsement is deemed to have acquired the bill by the indorsement in blank. Cancelled indorsements are deemed to be non-existent.

Where a person has been dispossessed of a bill of exchange, in any manner whatever, the holder who shows his right thereto in the manner mentioned in the foregoing paragraph is not bound to give up the bill unless he has acquired it in bad faith, or unless in acquiring it he has been guilty of gross negligence.