

$(x, d) = h$  i.e.  $x = x_1 h$ ,  $d = d_1 h$  where  $(x_1, d_1) = 1$ .  
 Since  $x \notin q$ ,  $h \notin q$  ( $\because h \mid x$ ), further since  $q$  is a prime and  $d_1 h = d \in q$ ;  $d_1 \in q$ . Now  $(x_1, d_1) = 1$  and we claim that  $x_1$  is a unit, for if not  $x_1$  is a member of at least one of  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$ . Suppose that  $x_1 \in p_s$ , then since  $q \subset p_s$ ;  $x_1, d_1 \in p_s$ . Further since  $R$  is an HCF domain and  $R_{p_s}$  is a valuation domain  $x_1, d_1$  are non units in  $R_{p_s}$  and so  $(x_1, d_1) \neq 1$  in  $R_{p_s}$  a contradiction implying that  $x_1$  is a unit i.e.  $x \mid d$  and obviously the same procedure holds for each integral power of  $x$ .  
 (3) Let  $d, d'$  be as in the hypothesis and let  $(d, d') = h$  i.e.  $d = d_1 h$ ,  $d' = d_1' h$  such that  $(d_1, d_1') = 1$ . Obviously  $h \in q$  and this leaves us with two possibilities to consider  
 (a)  $d_1, d_1' \notin q$   
 (b) one of  $d_1, d_1'$  is in  $q$ .  
 In case (a) holds  $d_1, d_1' \mid h$  by (2) above and so  $d \mid d'^2$  and  $d' \mid d^2$ . And in case (b) holds; if  $d_1'$  is in  $q$  then  $d \mid d'$ . To show that there exists a positive integer  $r$  such that  $d' \mid d^r$  we first prove that there exists an  $m$  such that  $d' \mid d^m$ . Suppose on the contrary that  $d' \nmid d^m$  for each  $m$ , then for all  $m$ ,  $d' \nmid d^m$  in  $R_q$ . But then  $R_q$  being a valuation domain  $q = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} d^n R_q$  is a prime ideal properly contained in  $dR_q$  (cf Theorem 17.1 (3) page 187 [11]) that is  $d' R_q \subset q \subset dR_q$  i.e.  $q' = q \cap R$  contains the minimal prime of  $d'$ , but since we assumed that  $q$  is the minimal prime of  $d$  and this result contradicts our assumption we infer that there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $d' \mid d^m$ . Now if we let  $(d''^m, d') = d''$  ( $n$  greater than  $m$ ) such that  $d'' = ad''$ ;  $d' = bd''$ , then  $(a, b) = 1$  and  $b \notin q$  (for if  $b \in q$ ,  $a \notin q$