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count.

the within and foregoing account is just and true as stated, and that he hath bona fide paid, or secured to be paid, the particular sums for which he claims an allowance: which thereupon after due examination is passed—(and if the account is passed by virtue of a commission, it is added) by virtue of a special commission from the prerogative-office, dated the ———

By — — deputy commissary of — county.

The account so finished, being returned to the prerogative-office, is there recorded, and the balance thereof (if any) is from thence transmitted to the county court, with a distribution of such surplufage among the several representatives of the deceased; the performance of which is enforced by process out of said court.

Before I conclude the article of account, I must endeavour to explain the inconveniency arising from allowances being made by some deputy commissaries, for legacies and part of widows thirds, and distributive shares of the estate, paid away at different times to the representatives, previous to the final settlement of the estate; those payments should never be inserted by them, much less distribution made and balances finally struck between parties, in no case whatever, (except as below) whether the