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DEPUTY COMMISSARY'S
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O F
ADMINISTRATION.

THE word *Administration* is not known in the civil, or canon law, in any other sense, than as relative to publick Government; neither was it known in the law of England, before the statute of *Edward the 3d.* but as it would be a matter, rather of curiosity, than of use, to give a distinct, historical account by whom, under what pretences, and in what manner, the goods of intestates were formerly disposed of in England, I shall not enter into that large field; but proceed to observe that, by the statute of *13th. Edward 1st. cap. 19.* it was enacted, “ where a man dies intestate, and in debt, and the goods come to the ordinary to be disposed, he, the said ordinary, shall satisfy the debts, so far as the goods extend, in such sort, as the executors of such persons should have done, in case he had made a will,” &c.

Statute 13
Edward 1st.
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