

If the deceased was indebted in any particular sum, which by composition is paid with a less sum, that difference shall be assets: so of money recovered, and interest received.

Direction  
with regard  
to the inven-  
tory.

If the deceased had mortgaged a lease for years, his executor or administrator may redeem it, with his own money; but the lease shall be assets in his hands for so much as the lease is worth, above the sum paid for the redemption of it. All these and such like acquisitions, made by virtue of their office, are assets in the hands of, and chargeable to such executor or administrator.

But altho' the rule be general that all property whatever, not being, or belonging to the free-hold, ought to be appraised, yet the convenient apparel of the widow, according to her degree, is to be excepted. In like manner, if any husband administers upon his wife's estate, (which is sometimes necessary) what he gets in virtue of his administration, only, is to be returned; and these are liable only to the payment of her debts before marriage; the residue belonging to her husband.

It hath been the practice of some executors, not to return negroes which are specifically willed,