

goes by the former, at the time when distribution is to be made, makes it necessary to explain to them as well the words, as the intent of the law, in that respect: act of assembly 1715 chap. 39. § 8. The words are these,

“ No negro or other slave shall be sold or
 “ disposed of, by any administrator, for pay-
 “ ment of debts, or otherwise reserved for the
 “ administrator's own use, in satisfaction of
 “ any debts due to the said administrators;
 “ nor any execution served upon any negro, or
 “ other slaves, so long as there shall be any
 “ other goods of the deceased, sufficient to sa-
 “ tisfy the just debts of the deceased.”

And § 16—“ That all negroes and other
 “ slaves after the transmitting the estate to the
 “ county courts, as aforesaid, shall be appraised
 “ to the guardians or trustees, and preserved
 “ by them, and be employed to the said
 “ guardians or trustees use and benefit; and the
 “ like number of slaves, and of the like ability
 “ of body, be returned to the said orphans out
 “ of their increase, or otherwise, at their full
 “ age, by this law limited.”

From which two paragraphs the intent of the law may be plainly collected, and appears to be this, that when it is found necessary to