

convert the personal estate of the deceased into money, for the purpose of paying debts, the negroes must not be sold, until all the other goods and chattels have been disposed of; when that is not sufficient, then so many of the negroes, as will make up the deficiency; the remaining negroes are to be surrendered in specie to the representatives, in part of their distributive shares, for so much as they were valued in the inventory; when it happens that the negroes to be distributed are less in number than the representatives, or that through other circumstances no equal division can be made, the common practice is, for the several representatives, either to draw lots for such negroes, on refunding a rateable part, where it exceeds their share, or to set them up at publick vendue; in which last case, if they sell for more than they were valued at in the inventory, the gain is theirs equally, and if they sell for less, the loss is theirs also; for the administrator having no prospect of advantage from such sale, ought not to bear the loss of it.

Uncommon
cases of ad-
ministration.

Where husband and wife, or any other two persons, whose interests are connected, die within a short time of each other, it may be proper to explain, when one administration is sufficient, and when not; for instance—a widow,