

## 6 ADMINISTRATION.

“ as the severall county courts, who are hereby  
“ empowered and directed to take the same,  
“ shall approve of, payable to the lord proprie-  
“ tor, in the penalty of two hundred pounds  
“ sterling) for the due and just execution of his  
“ office; which bonds shall be lodged in the  
“ prerogative-office; and liable to be assigned  
“ and sued, as the sheriff's and other publick  
“ officers bonds are.”

Every deputy commissary then, nominated  
Their qualifi- and appointed as aforesaid, having legally qua-  
cation. lified himself thereto, by taking the oaths to go-  
vernment, and oath of office, and having enter-  
ed into bond and returned the same into the  
prerogative-office, with the approbation of the  
justices of the county court thereon endorsed,  
proceeds (with a due regard to the laws in such  
cases made and provided) to execute his office  
in the following manner and form,

Within a convenient time after the death  
of any person dying intestate, within his coun-  
ty, it is his duty to call upon the next, and most  
lawful friends of the deceased, to take out let-  
ters of administration; if none such, or, on  
being called upon, on their refusal, letters  
may be granted to a creditor, or other person.

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