

Administrations, on the estates of intestates, are to be granted, generally, in the following order—If the intestate be a married woman, the administration belongs to her husband, as her *next, and most lawful friend*, within the statute; and this is confirmed by the statute of the 29th Car. 2d. cap. 3—And if the husband die before administration granted to him, his executors or administrators, and not the wife's next of kin, shall be entitled, 1 P. Will. 381; but if the wife was the executrix, or administratrix of another, then, as to the goods she had, in such capacity, administration must be granted to the next of kin of the person, on whose estate she administered.

To whom administration is to be granted.

To the husband of his wife's goods.

If the intestate be a married man, the administration is to be granted to the widow, or to the next of kin, as the commissary shall think fit, or to both, if he pleases, and this either jointly or separately; for he may grant several administrations of several parts of the goods of the intestate; but if the intestate leave a bond, an administration cannot be granted of part of the sum due to one, and part to another, because it is an entire thing. 1 Salk. 36.

To the wife of the husband's goods, or to the next of kin, at discretion.

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