

SEC. 14. In case of delay, on account of the absence from the state of an executor, executrix or executors, named in a will, or of a contest relative to the right of administration, or of a contested will or codicil, or of the negligence of any executor or executrix, named in the will, to take out letters testamentary, or the absence or negligence of any person entitled to letters of administration, or on any other account, the orphans court of the county wherein the will was proved or authenticated, or where letters of administration ought to be granted, may, at discretion, issue letters, authorizing the collection and preservation of the goods of the deceased, and the returning an inventory thereof; and the said letters may, at discretion of the court, be directed to one person only, or to several persons, in case the goods or chattels and personal estate of the deceased shall be supposed to be in different counties.

How and of whom letters testamentary or of administration are to be obtained.

SEC. 15. The form of such letters shall be as follows: 'Maryland, sc. The state of Maryland, To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Know ye, that whereas ———, of ———, deceased, as it is said, had, at his (or her) decease, personal property within this state, the administration whereof cannot immediately be granted, but which, if speedy care be not taken, may be lost, destroyed or diminished; to the end, therefore, that the same may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, we do hereby request and authorize ———, of ———, to secure and collect the said property, wheresoever the same be in this state, (or in ——— county or counties,) whether it be goods, chattels, debts or credits, and to make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory thereof, and to exhibit the same, with all convenient speed, together with a reasonable account of his collection, into the office of the register of wills for ——— county. Witness A. B. chief justice of the orphans court for ——— county. Test, C. D. register of wills for ——— county.'

SEC. 16. But before letters to collect shall be granted, the party shall give bond, with approved security, to be filed, recorded and sued as aforesaid, in such penalty as the court shall direct, and the condition thereof shall be as follows: 'The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden ——— shall well and honestly discharge the office of collector of the goods, chattels, and personal estate and debts of ———, deceased, in the state of Maryland, (or ——— county,) and shall make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory or inventories of such of the said goods, chattels, personal estate and debts, as shall come to his or her possession or knowledge, and the same shall in due time return to the register of wills of ——— county, and shall also deliver to the