

Rules  
concerning  
inventories.

SEC. 11. In case an inventory be returned by a collector, duly appointed, the executor, executrix or executors, or administrator, administratrix or administrators, thereafter administering, shall, within three calendar months after the date of his, her or their letters, either return a new inventory, in place of the collector's inventory, or any acknowledgment in writing, that he, she or they, have received from the collector the articles contained in the first inventory, or consent to be answerable for the same, in the same manner as if the said inventory had been made out after his, her or their administering upon the estate; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to render any executor, executrix or executors, administrator, administratrix or administrators, answerable for not making a return of the inventory aforesaid, wherein it shall appear to the court that he, she or they, have been prevented from making such return by the improper detention of the goods of the deceased by the collector aforesaid.

SEC. 12. The executor or administrator shall either finish the crop on hand at the death of the deceased, or sell the same, as he shall judge the most convenient; and in case he shall not deem it convenient to finish the crop, the person entitled to the land on the death of the testator or intestate, or his or her guardian or next friend for him or her, in case of infancy of the party, may take the said crop at the appraisement of the appraisers as aforesaid, paying ready money, or giving bond, with good security, approved by the orphans court, or the register of wills of the said court, if the said court be not in session at the time of making such sale, for paying the money within six months; and in case the said party, or his or her guardian for him or her, shall not take the crop at an appraisement, the executor or administrator may sell the same to any other person, for ready money, or on credit as aforesaid; provided nevertheless, that he shall not sell it at less than the appraisement, without the approbation of the orphans court granting the administration, or an order, prescribing the terms, by the said court, passed as aforesaid.

SEC. 13. If an executor or administrator shall not, within three months after the date of his letters, exhibit to the orphans court an inventory as aforesaid, a summons, returnable within not less than eight, or more than thirty days, may, ex officio, or on application of a person interested, be issued against such executor or administrator, to shew cause wherefore such inventory hath not been exhibited; and if the summons be duly returned 'summoned,' or upon two citations returned 'non est,' by the sheriff of the county wherein the party resided at the time of obtaining his letters, or of the county wherein the letters were obtained, in case the party doth not reside in the state, and if