

he doth not appear at the return of the summons, or appearing shall not shew cause satisfactory, the said court may immediately enter on its proceedings, and record, that the said letters be revoked, and may proceed to grant other letters, in the same manner as if such executor had not been named in the will, or as if such administrators were not in existence; and the power of such executor or administrator shall thereupon cease, and he shall be bound to deliver up, on demand, to the person obtaining such letters, all the property of the deceased in his hands, or be liable to be sued by such person on his administration bond, or the court may pass an order for the purpose.

SEC. 14. If there be more than one executor or administrator named in the letters, any one or more of them, on the neglect of the rest, may return an inventory, and the executor or administrator so neglecting shall not thereafter interfere with the administration, or have any power over the personal estate of the deceased; but the executor or administrator so returning shall thereafter have the whole administration, unless, within two months after the return, the delinquent or delinquents shall assign to the court some reasonable excuse which it shall deem satisfactory.

The wearing apparel exempted from appraisement by 1830, ch. 17.

#### CHAPTER VII.

LEASES for years, estate for the life of another person or persons, except those granted to the deceased and his heirs only, and all goods, wares, merchandise, utensils, furniture, negroes, cattle, stock, provisions, tobacco, and every kind of produce, the crop on the land of the deceased by him or her begun, unless where the lands are *divided*,\* things annexed to the freehold or building, which may be removed without prejudice to the building, clothing, ornaments, and every other species of personal property, (except those things which are denominated heir-looms, and the clothes of a widow, and ornaments and jewels proper for her station, and the clothing of the family,) shall be included in an inventory to be taken and returned as aforesaid, and shall be considered as assets in hands of an executor or administrator.

Assets.

\* Crops growing upon the land are assets, 1802, ch. 101; 1807, ch. 136.

Interest on money due for property sold, are assets, 1818, ch. 217.

By 1818, ch. 217, money received for hire of negroes belonging to the deceased are assets.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

SEC. 1. EVERY executor or administrator shall, within fifteen calendar months after the date of his or her letters, return to the court which granted them a full account of his or her administration; provided nevertheless, that if the said party shall with-

Accounts of administration, and the conduct of executors and