

SEC. 16. *And*, whereas by the laws of England the age is not allowed to any but the heir at law, and it appears to this general assembly that children, other than the heir at law, are within the same reason, and the allowing thereof here will be advantageous to minors, *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all persons under the age of twenty-one years, who shall hereafter be entitled to any lands, tenements or hereditaments, by purchase, shall not be obliged, during their minority, to answer any suit or ejectment in relation to the said lands, tenements, hereditaments, any more or otherwise than they would be if such lands, tenements or hereditaments, became their right by descent.

Minors not obliged to answer, &c.

See 1785, ch. 80, sec. 1.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That every administrator obliged by the act, entitled, an act for the application of such intestates' estates as leave no legal representatives, &c. to pay the balance of the estate to one of the public treasurers, shall hereafter be obliged to pay and satisfy the balance of such estate to the visitors of the public school of the county where the deceased resided, in the same manner as such administrator should have been obliged by law to pay the same to any legal representative in case any such should have appeared, to be applied to the use of such school; save that by the acts now in force, sundry particulars of the goods and chattels are directed to be paid in specie, according to appraisement, to the legal representatives, in this case, such administrator shall pay the said balance of such estate in current money, or in specie, at the direction of the visitors, for the payment whereof, if in current money, he shall be allowed ten per cent. if in specie, five per cent. and no more.

Administrator to pay the balance, &c.

See 1802, ch. 101, sec. 11.

SEC. 18. *Provided*, That in case such administrator be of kin to the deceased, within the fifth degree of either consanguinity or affinity, then such administrator, and all others that are as nearly related to the deceased as such administrator, shall have as good a right to such residue as if he or they were brothers or sisters' children to the deceased, and such balance shall be distributed accordingly.

Proviso.

See 1798, ch. 101, sub ch. 10, sec. 14; sub ch. 11.

SEC. 19. *Provided, nevertheless*, That in case there be a widow, no collaterals shall be admitted, other than these directed by this act, but such widow shall have the whole residue of such estate, any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Proviso.

See 1798, ch. 101, sub ch. 11.

SEC. 20. *Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted by the authority, advice and consent aforesaid*, That in case such

Proviso.