

rected; *Provided*, that no estate which may be valued at a less sum than five hundred dollars, shall be subject to the tax imposed by this section; this not to apply to negroes manumitted by deed or will.

125. Every executor or administrator to whom administration may be granted, before he pays any legacy, or distributes the shares of any estate liable to the tax imposed by the preceding section, shall pay to the Register of Wills of the proper county or city, two and a half per centum of every hundred dollars he may hold for distribution among the distributees or legatees, and at that rate for any less sum, for the use of the State.

126. When any species of property other than money or real estate, shall be subject to said tax, the tax shall be paid on the appraised value thereof, as filed in the Register's office of the proper county or city; and every executor shall have power, under the order of the Orphans' Court, to sell if necessary so much of said property as will enable him to pay said tax.

127. Every executor or administrator shall, within thirteen months from the date of his administration, pay said tax on distributive shares and legacies in his hands, and on failure to do so he shall forfeit his commissions.

128. In all cases where real estate of any kind is subject to the said tax, the Orphans' Court of the county in which administration is granted, shall appoint the same persons who may have been appointed to value the personal estate, to appraise and value all the real estate of the deceased within the State.

129. The form of the warrant to such appraisers shall be the same as to appraisers of personal property, except that the words "real estate" shall be inserted therein, instead of the words "goods, chattels, and personal estate,"—and the words "price of property," instead of the word "article."—And the appraisers shall take the oath prescribed for appraisers of personal estate, except that the words "real estate" shall be substituted for the words "goods, chattels and personal estate," and their duties and proceedings shall, in every respect, be the same as those of the appraisers of personal estate.