

in any way related to the parties concerned, to make such distribution amongst the persons entitled, as to them shall seem meet and proper; or if, in their opinion, upon a view of such articles, no distribution amongst the persons entitled could be by them made which would operate equally, but a sale thereof would be more advantageous to them, they shall return to the Orphans' Court their opinion in writing, and the court shall thereupon order a sale of such articles upon reasonable notice, and cause the proceeds of such sale to be equally distributed among the parties entitled.

140. When any person entitled, after payment of debts, shall be in want of subsistence, or greatly straitened in his circumstances, and shall apply to the Orphans' Court by petition, and satisfy the court that he is in want of subsistence or greatly straitened in circumstances, and that it probably will not require more than one-half of the assets to discharge the debts, the court may direct the administrator to deliver to the petitioner any part of what the court shall suppose will be his distributive share, or any part of a legacy or bequest in money not exceeding one-third part, the said petitioner giving bond, with security approved by the court, to the administrator for returning the same or an equivalent, with interest, whenever so directed by the court, and the court shall have power to determine in a summary way on any such petition, after summons against such administrator duly returned summoned or *non est*.

141. And the court in like manner, on any petition by a person in such circumstances, to whom a specific legacy or bequest has been made, being satisfied that the assets, exclusive of all specific legacies, will not be nearly exhausted by debts, may direct the executor or administrator with the will annexed, to deliver to the petitioner the said specific legacy or bequest, on his giving bond as aforesaid.

142. Where a bequest of personal property or money is made to a female, and directed by the will to be paid on her attaining to full, mature, or to lawful age, such female shall be entitled to receive and demand such personal property or money on her arriving at the age of eighteen years, or being married.

143. Any administrator shall be entitled to appoint a meeting of persons entitled to distributive shares or legacies, or a residue