

that I will well and truly, without partiality or prejudice, value and appraise the goods, chattels, and personal estate of _____, deceased, so far as the same shall come to my sight and knowledge, and will in all respects perform my duty as appraiser to the best of my skill and judgment, so help me God."

209. The appraisers shall proceed as conveniently as may be to the discharge of their duty; and shall set down each article with the value thereof in dollars and cents; all the valuations on one side of the paper shall be set down in one column distinctly in figures, opposite to their respective articles; the contents of each column shall be cast up and set down, and likewise the contents of the whole shall be cast up and set down under the last column.

210. When the inventory shall be finished, the appraisers shall certify the same under their hands and seals, and a certificate of their having taken the oath aforesaid, shall be thereto annexed; and every inventory shall be returned to the proper officer within three calendar months from the date of the letters, or within such time from the date of the warrant, in case a second warrant shall have issued, as the case may require, unless further time on application of the party shall be granted by the court; and it shall be the duty of any administrator or collector taking out the warrant, to return the inventory or inventories which shall be delivered to him by the appraisers; and on failure by the administrator or collector, attachment may issue to enforce the return. And on the attachment, the court shall have power to fine the party not exceeding thirty dollars.

211. If there be any of the persons interested in the administration within three miles of the place where the personal estate is to be appraised, it shall be the duty of the administrator or collector, and of the appraisers, to give notice to the said persons, or at least two of them, of the time and place appointed for making the appraisement.

212. Every collector likewise shall (unless superseded) return within the time and under the form aforesaid, with an affidavit of the truth annexed, an inventory of the money of the deceased which he hath collected, belonging to the deceased, or received in discharge of debts due to the deceased.