

or neglect of an executor or person entitled to administration to qualify, or from any other cause; and such letters may be granted to one or more persons in the discretion of the court in case the personal estate of the deceased shall be supposed to be in different counties.

98. The form of such letters shall be as follows: Maryland, ss :
The State of Maryland to all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting: "Know ye that whereas _____ of _____, deceased, had, as it is said, at his decease, personal property within this State, administration whereof cannot immediately be granted, but which, if speedy care be not taken, may be lost, destroyed, or diminished; to the end, therefore, that the same may be preserved for those who may appear to have a legal right or interest therein, we do hereby request and authorize _____ of _____, to secure and collect the said property wheresoever the same may be in this State (or in _____ county or counties), whether it be goods, chattels, debts, or credits, and to make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory thereof, and to exhibit the same with all convenient speed, together with a reasonable account of his collection into the office of the register of wills of _____ county. Witness _____, chief justice of the Orphans' Court of _____ county. Test: C. D., register of wills for _____ county."

Id s 61
1798, c 101,
sub c 3, s 15
Form of letters

99. Every collector, before such letters shall be granted to him, shall execute a bond to the State in a penalty, and with security approved by the said court, to be filed, recorded, and sued as an administration bond with the following condition: "The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden _____ shall well and honestly discharge the office of collector of the goods, chattels, and personal estate and debts of _____, deceased, in the State of Maryland (or _____ county); and shall make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory or inventories of such said goods, chattels, personal estate, and debts, as shall come to his possession or knowledge, and the same shall in due time return to the register of wills of _____ county, and shall also deliver to the person or persons who shall be authorized by the Orphans' Court of said county to receive them, such of the said goods, chattels, personal estate, and debts, as shall come to his possession (except such as shall be allowed for by the said court), then the above obligation is to be void, or it is otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

Id s 62
1798, c 101,
sub-c 3, s 16
Bond

Condition of
bond

100. Every collector, on the grant of letters, shall take the following oath: "I, _____, do swear that I will well and honestly discharge the office of collector of the goods, chattels, personal estate, and debts of _____, deceased, according to the tenor of the letters granted to me by the Orphans' Court of _____ county, and agreeably to the directions of law, to the best of my knowledge, so help me God."

Id s 63
1798, c 101,
sub-c 3, s 17
Oath