

after his administering upon the estate; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to render an administrator answerable for not making a return of the inventory aforesaid, when it shall appear to the court that he has been prevented from making such return by the improper detention of the goods of the deceased by the collector.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 93, sec. 215 1798, ch. 101, sub-ch. 6, sec. 13.

215. If an executor or administrator shall not, within three months after the date of his letters, exhibit to the orphans' court an inventory as aforesaid, a summons returnable within not less than eight or more than thirty days, may, *ex officio*, or on the application of a person interested, be issued against such administrator, to show cause wherefore such inventory hath not been exhibited; and if the summons be duly returned, "summoned," or upon two citations returned "*non est*" by the sheriff of the county wherein the party resided at the time of obtaining his letters, or of the county wherein the letters were obtained, in case the party doth not reside in the State, and if he doth not appear at the return of the summons, or appearing, shall not show cause satisfactory, the court may immediately enter on its proceedings and record that the letters be revoked, and may proceed to grant other letters in the same manner as if such executor had not been named in the will, or as if such administrator was not in existence; and the power of such executor or administrator shall thereupon cease, and he shall be bound to deliver up, on demand, to the person obtaining such letters, all the property of the decedent in his hands, or be liable to be used by such person on his administration bond, and the court may pass an order for the purpose.

Ibid. sec. 216. 1798, ch. 101, sub-ch. 6, sec. 14.

216. If there be more than one administrator named in the letters, any one or more of them, on the neglect of the rest, may return an inventory, and the administrator so neglecting shall not thereafter interfere with the administration, or have any power over the personal estate of the decedent; but the administrator so returning shall thereafter have the whole administration, unless within two months after the return the delinquent or delinquents