

thereafter file a bond as aforesaid, or if two such summonses shall be returned "*non est*," and the party shall not appear according to the tenor of the second summons, or appearing, shall not within twenty days thereafter file a bond as aforesaid, letters of administration may be granted as aforesaid; provided, nevertheless, that in case of sickness of, or accident to such executor, or reasonable excuse made in his behalf, the court may at discretion allow a further time, not exceeding forty days after such return or appearance, for filing such bond.

- *Georgetown College v. Browne*, 34 Md. 450.

1888, art. 93, sec. 45. 1860, art 93, sec. 45. 1798, ch. 101, sub-ch. 3, sec. 5.

44. If the sole executor be out of the State at the time of authentication or probate, and shall not within six months thereafter return and file a bond as aforesaid, letters of administration may be granted as aforesaid; but in case the said executor be out of the State, and shall return at any time before the expiration of the said six months, there may be a summons and the same proceedings thereon as if he had been in the State at the time of the authentication or probate; and upon the said proceedings letters of administration may be granted before the expiration of six months. But it shall not be held necessary to proceed by summons as aforesaid, in case the party be as aforesaid out of the State at the time of the authentication or probate, and shall return as aforesaid; but letters of administration after the expiration of the said six months may be granted without such proceeding by summons against the executor so returning.

Ibid.

Ibid. sec. 46. 1860, art. 93, sec 46. 1798, ch. 101, sub-ch. 3, sec 6.

45. If there shall be more than one executor named in a will, there may be the same proceedings with respect to each of them as if he were the only executor named; and any circumstances under which letters of administration may be granted, on failure of a sole-named executor, shall authorize the granting of letters testamentary to one or more of the executors, on failure of one or more of the rest; and any circumstances under which letters of administration may be granted, on failure of a sole-named executor, shall authorize the granting of such letters of administration on failure of all the executors; and in no case where there are several executors named in a will shall letters testamentary be granted to one only, or to any number of them less than the whole, or shall