

lished as the court may direct, not less, however, than once a week for four successive weeks, fifteen days before the day fixed by such order for the appearance of the absentee; and if no appearance be made the court may, if it see fit, summon before it, and examine, under oath, any relations or friends of such absentee, respecting his absence, and if no information or evidence shall be obtained indicating the probable existence of such absentee, the court may judicially determine such absentee to be dead, and may proceed to probate the will or codicil in the usual manner and to grant letters testamentary thereon, or to grant letters of administration, as the case may be, as upon the estate of a deceased person; and such probate and such letters, either testamentary or of administration, when granted, shall have the same force and effect as if granted upon the estate of a person proven by direct testimony to be dead.

*Blackburn v. Craufurd*, 22 Md. 447. *Muncaster v. Muncaster*, 23 Md. 286. *Belt v. Blackburn*, 28 Md. 227. *State v. Warren*, 28 Md. 338. *Hokamp v. Hagaman*, 36 Md. 511. *Pole v. Simmons*, 45 Md. 246. *Wilson v. McCarty*, 55 Md. 277. *Ruby v. State use of Longnecker*, 55 Md. 484. *Dalrymple v. Gamble*, 66 Md. 305. *Alexander v. Leakin*, 72 Md. 204. *Macgill v. Hyatt*, 80 Md. 256. *Carey v. Reed*, 82 Md. 383. *Polk v. Linthicum*, 93 Md. 94. *Jones, Admr. v. Harbaugh*, 93 Md. 282. *Cummings v. Robinson*, 95 Md. 87.

1888, art. 93, sec. 231. 1860, art. 93, sec. 231. 1798, ch 101, sub-ch. 15, sec. 12.

**235.** The orphans' court shall have full power, authority and jurisdiction to examine, hear and decree upon all accounts, claims and demands existing between wards and their guardians, and between legatees or persons entitled to any distributive share of an intestate's estate, and executors and administrators, and may enforce obedience to and execution of their decrees in the same ample manner as the courts of equity in this State. They shall keep a seal for their several courts, and for the office of the register of wills of their several counties; and the said seal shall be affixed to all certificates of the court or of the register, and to every process and writ issued from the court.

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