

1. **T**HE commissary general shall call all executors and administrators to exhibit inventories within three months, and to render accounts within twelve months after administration granted, of the personal estate of persons deceased.—1715. c. 39. §. 3.

2. Administrators failing herein, when thereunto legally cited, the judge may issue attachment against them to compel the performance, as well as to answer for the contempt.—*Ibid.*

3. And in case of failure herein, after two attachments returned to two separate courts, the judge may revoke the first administration, and grant administration *de Bonis non*, to the person having the next right; which person shall qualify and give security, as usual, and then may either sue the former administrator in the commissary's court, for exhibiting an inventory, &c. or apply to the commissary for assignment of his bond, and put the same in suit (if need be) for any neglect, maladministration, &c. *Ibid.*

4. The rules in this act shall be observed by the commissary general, in passing the accounts of administrators and executors.—*Ibid.* §. 6.

5. No allowance shall be made, in the accounts of administrators, but for debts *bona fide* owing by the deceased, and really paid, or secured to be paid by such administrator, and necessary charges.—*Ibid.*

6. No negro or other slave shall be sold by any executor or administrator, or reserved for his or her own use, for payment of any debt owing to such executor, &c. nor shall any slave be taken in execution for any debt due from the deceased, so long as there shall be other goods sufficient to satisfy such execution: The executor or administrator shewing such other goods, which the sheriff, &c. is required to demand.—*Ibid.* §. 8. and 1729, c. 24. §. 2.

7. But such slaves shall be kept upon hazard of the estate, and employed in finishing the crop begun in the life time of the deceased, viz. to the last of *January* ensuing; and such crop shall be assessed to the creditors, or dividable among the widow and children, and relations, if there be no creditors; and the administrator shall be allowed his reasonable charges, expended in finishing such crop, on passing his accounts with the commissary.—1715, c. 39, §. 8.

8. The commissary general shall allow 10 per cent. for their trouble, to executors or administrators, for all money, tobacco, or other goods or chattels by them *bona fide* paid.—*Ibid.* §. 23 (see below, Art. 10 and 11.)

9. And 10 per cent. on the whole residue, where the residuary legatees of persons making wills, or kindred of intestates to whom due, are non-residents;