

of law been exhibited, proved and recorded, in the office of the register of wills for _____ county, a copy of which is to these presents annexed, and administration of all the goods, chattels and credits, of the deceased, is hereby granted and committed unto _____, the executor, executrix or executors, (or one or more of the executors,) by the said will appointed. Witness A. B. chief justice of the orphans court of _____ county, this _____ day of _____. Test. C. D. register of wills for _____ county."

14. In case of delay, on account of the absence from the state of an executor, executrix or executors, named in a will, or of a contest relative to the right of administration, or of a contested will or codicil; or of the negligence of any executor or executrix, named in the will, to take out letters testamentary; or the absence or negligence of any person entitled to letters of administration; or on any other account, the orphans court of the county wherein the will was proved or authenticated, or where letters of administration ought to be granted, may, at discretion, issue letters, authorising the collection and preservation of the goods of the deceased, and the returning an inventory thereof; and the said letters may, at discretion of the court, be directed to one person only, or to several persons, in case the goods or chattels and personal estate of the deceased shall be supposed to be in different counties.

15. The form of such letters shall be as follows: "Maryland, sc. The State of Maryland, To all persons, to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Know ye, that whereas _____, of _____, deceased, as it is said, had, at his (or her) decease, personal property within this state, the 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 shall 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 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 for _____ county. Witness A. B. chief justice of the orphans court for _____ county. Test. C. D. register of wills for _____ county."

16. But before letters to collect shall be granted, the party shall give bond, with approved security, to be filed, recorded and sued as aforesaid, in such penalty as the court shall direct, and the condition thereof shall be as follows: "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 of the said goods, chattels, personal estate and debts, as shall come to his or her 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 the said county to receive them, such of the said goods, chattels, personal estate and debts, as shall come to his or her possession; (except such as shall be allowed for by the said court,) then the above obligation is to be void; or is otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law."

17. And every collector as aforesaid shall be required, on granting the said letters, to take the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may require: "I _____ do swear, or affirm, as the case may be, 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."

18. Every collector so appointed shall have power to collect the goods, chattels, personal estate and debts, according to the tenor of the said letters, and to secure the same at such reasonable and necessary expence as shall be allowed by the court; and the court may authorize him, immediately after appraisement, to sell such as shall be perishable, or not to be preserved, and to account for the same; and for the whole trouble incurred by a collector, the court may allow a commission on the amount of the property and debts actually collected;