

Lieutenant General) who shall have power by Ver-
- tue of this Act to keep a Record and to use a lesser
- Seal for probates and other matters pertaining to
his Office and to convert or cite any witnesses or
- other persons by proceffe out of the Chancery to take
recognisances to administer an oath or oaths to
- any parties or witnesses to determine touching
the Validity or in Validity of Testaments and to
- do all other things necessary for such probate
and for ^{the} making of Inventories taking of ac-
- counts and giving of discharges of full Admin-
- istration and for the recording of the same

And where any person dieth intestate or in the
- nature of intestate the said Secretary or his Depu-
- ty as afore shall commit the Administration
of the intestates goods to the widdow of the De-
- ceased (if there be any living within the province)
- and if there be none or that the Widdow refuse it
then to the eldest Son or otherwise the eldest
- Daughter of the deceased (if there be any capable
of that charge living within the province) and if
- there be none or that such eldest child refuse it
then to the eldest brother or sister of the deceased
- intestate, capable thereof living within the
province and if there be none or that such
- Brother or Sister refuse it then to the nearest
of kinne capable thereof living within the
- province and if there be none or that such nearest
of kinne refuse it then to the greatest creditor
- of the deceased claiming or accepting thereof

Provided that if the partie to whom
- the Administration is due by Vertue of this
Act be in these parts at the time of the decease
- of such intestate partie and absent from St
- Maries such partie to whom the Adminis-
- tration is due shall be expected for two months
- to claime and take the administration and in
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