

31. Articles contained in the said accounts shall be taken as a
forthwith to make such articles and laws with the necessary
belonging unto the Comptrolly General before written and printed
to send them forth.

And whereas many men have bequeathed and devised a trust
may bequeath or devise to their wives by their last wills a considerable part
their personal estate intending no doubt but not expressing that such bequest
or devise should be in full of such wives part portion or third part of the said
estate and yet such wives widows and whets have not only claimed such beque
and devise as legacies but have further claimed their part of the remaining
estate of their deceased husbands

For it further enacted by the authority aforesaid by and with
the advice and consent aforesaid that in such case when the testator
bequeathes or devises a considerable part of his personal estate to his wife
and it appears not in any part of his will or codicil that he intended the
said devise as a legacy to his wife only and that she might never the less
have her third part of his remaining estate that it shall be at the election
of such wife widow or whet within forty days inclusive to make her
election before the Judge for probate of wills or the respective Deputy Com
missionary in each respective County whether she will be content with such
devise or will have her thirds and whoso she devise and if she make
choice to have what is bequeathed or devised to her then by that choice
she shall be forever barred from claiming her third part aforesaid the
if she renounce what is bequeathed and devised she shall then have
her third part aforesaid and be barred of her devise but shall not choose
or have both.

provided always that such part of the personal estate to be
to pay the debts of the deceased as other part of the estate is or shall be

And if such wife widow or whet have any part of her inheritance
paid or real estate of inheritance devised to her by any will
it do not appear by any part of the will that she intended to
her real estate aforesaid and a dowry out of the residue of
be paid her it shall be lawful for such wife widow or whet
election as aforesaid within the time aforesaid