

letters of administration of the goods of persons dying intestate, take sufficient bonds of the respective person or persons to whom any administration is to be committed, with two or more able sureties, respect being had to the value of the estate, in the name of the governor, lieutenant-governor, or person administering the government of the said province, or with the condition in form and manner following, *mutatis mutandis*. "The condition of this obligation is such, that if the within bounden A. B. administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of C. D. deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come into the hands, possession or knowledge of him, the said A. B. or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the registry of      court, on or before the      day of      next ensuing, and the same goods, chattels and credits, and all other the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, at the time of his death, which at any time after shall come into the hands or possession of the said A. B. or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make or cause to be made, a true and just account of his said administration, at or before the      day of      and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed by the judge of the court, for the time being, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, as the said judge by his decree or sentence, conformably to the provisions in a certain act of parliament, entitled, "An act for the better settling intestate estates," and passed in the 22d and 23d year of the reign of Charles the 2d, and also in a certain act passed in the first year of king James the second, contained, shall limit and appoint, and if it shall hereafter appear, that any last will or testament was made by the deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same unto the said court, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said A. B. within bounden, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in the said court, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue:" which bonds are hereby declared and enacted to be good and binding to all intents and purposes, and pleadable in any courts of justice.

sons to whom administration shall be granted.

form and conditions of such bonds.

such bonds pleadable.

XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said judge of probate and surrogate respectively, and they are hereby enabled to call by citation under the seal of their several courts, such administrators to account, for and touching the goods of any person dying intestate within their several jurisdictions, and upon hearing, and due consideration thereof, to order and make just and equal distribution of what remaineth clear, after all debts, funeral and just expences of every sort, first allowed and deducted, according to the provisions in the said statutes herein before mentioned, contained. Provided always, to the end that a due regard be had to creditors, that no such distribution of the goods of any person dying intestate be made, until after one year be fully expired, after the intestate's death; and that such and every one, to whom any distribution and share shall be allotted, shall give bonds with sufficient sureties, in the said courts, that if any debt or debts truly owing by the intestate shall be afterwards sued for and recovered, or otherwise made to appear, that then and in every such case, he or she shall respectively refund and pay back to the administrator, his or her ratable part of such debt or debts, and of the costs of suit, and charges of the administrator by reason of such debt, out of the part and share so as aforesaid allotted to him or her, thereby to enable the said administrator to pay and satisfy the said debt and debts, so discovered after the distribution made as aforesaid.

Method of making distribution of the proceeds of an intestate's estate.

after the term of one year.

Security to be given the administrator against demands which may arise after distribution.

XII. And in order to enforce, when it shall be necessary, due respect and obedience to the