

cannot discover the smallest trace of any circumstance to that effect. — in several cases no Inventory can be found, although I am certain they have been rendered, that of Martin's Estate evidently was filed, as two attested copies were given from the Office by Mr. Garrett, from which I have taken a copy. —

Some Administrations have been granted without a memorandum of anything being made, or a bond required; in others Bonds have been taken which cannot be found, I have with difficulty found ^{out} to whom the Administration has been committed. —

in one case Mr. Garrett brought an action and recovered Judgment in favor of an Administrator, to whom Letters had never passed, and neither Bond had been taken, nor Inventory rendered. — In some cases the Administrators and their Sureties are either dead or run away. in others again, the Estates have been represented ^{in court}, and Commissions

ones have been appointed, and then the business sits without further proceedings. in short, to bring the Affairs of the Office within any regular shape will be a

very difficult task; and although the prospect of remuneration is very slight and uncertain, still I shall not shrink from the attempt, provided you will favor

me with general directions for my Government. — in one Instance I must request to be particularly informed. — About twelve ago one German Davis of this County died,

his Widow administered under Mr. Garrett, Richard Mead was one of her Sureties and an Agent for her; this personal Estate was sold as well as a farm lot, but, from what

I can learn, no Debts have been paid. the Widow is dead or married again, at any rate she has left the Country, and Mead has gone to Upper Canada. I am applied to for

redress by a principal Creditor, and am at a loss what Steps to take. — I have carefully searched the Registers Office, and find neither Bonds, Inventory, or issued any

Documents or Minutes whatever relative to the transactions, although I perfectly recollect the Widow and Mead being frequently with Mr. Garrett on the business of

the Estate. — I cannot say whether an Order for the Sale of the real property was obtained from Fredericton, but have understood that the payments for the Land was

principally made. — the purchaser has absconded likewise without leaving any thing on Record, and the Land is in possession of a Tenant put thereon by him. —

The Creditor wishes for Administration, which I have deferred granting him until I should consult you. — I am inclined to think that Letters were granted to the

widow, although nothing appears in the Office to justify that opinion. — therefore it may be advisable to grant Administration de bonis non; but the business waits for your explicit direction. —

You will also oblige me by letting me know whether it becomes a part of my official Duty, as your Deputy, to draw up the

Letters

Letters of Administration &c. — there are as yet no printed blanks of either Letters or Bonds in the Office, and as the Deputy Register does not possess the pen of a ready or correct writer, with a view to expedition and to avoid altercation with him, I have hitherto been at the trouble of preparing the Letters; — this I am not inclined to continue unless my Duty requires it, in which case I will do it cheerfully.

The above are all the circumstances that occur to me at present should any thing further become necessary, I will apprise you of it. — in the mean time you may rely on my close attention to the point you have confided to me. — With sentiments of great Respect and Esteem, I am,

Sir Your ever faithful and obedient Servant

Wm. H. W.