

county, wherein *he* hath, or his predeceffors have granted adminiftration, where the amount of the inventory of fuch deceased's eftate, together with the lifts of fperate debts, and ready money fince received, (as being part of the inventory \*) do not exceed the fum of £. 50 current money. Act of afsembly 1715, Ch. 39. †

Eftates above £. 50 to be fettled by commiffion from the commiffary-general.

To enable him to pafs the account on larger eftates, whereof the inventory, and lift of debts fperate exceed £. 50 current money, application muft be made to the commiffary-general, who thereupon iffues his efpecial commiffion, directed to fuch deputy commiffary, empowering him to pafs the fame, within a certain time therein limited; ufually within three months for the counties on the eaftern, and two months for the counties on the weftern fhore.

Order in which debts are to be paid.

The paffing of accounts, as it is the moft material part in an adminiftration, fo it is alfo, the moft difficult point to adjust, and requires the utmoft attention, and care of the deputy commiffary, in developing the intricacies, frequently attending on specialties, accounts, and other

\* Vide fol. 21.

† The power of deputy commiffaries in paffing of accounts, was extended by the act of 1763, commonly called the *infpection law*, to £. 150; but that act expiring in 1770, the old regulation took place.