

1831, c 315, s 2
To be barred of
dower or share
in personal
estate, unless
she renounces
bequest or
devise
26 Md 274, 366,
27 Md 547, 40
Md 461, 537.

Time within
which.

Form of renun-
ciation.

Id s 286
1798, c 101,
sub-c 13, s 3
To renounce the
whole where
devise of part of
both real and
personal estate.
23 Md 222,
20 Md 348

Id s 287
1798, c 101,
sub-c 13, s 4.
Effect where
devise only a
part of real
estate, or only a
part of personal
estate
5 Md 534

Id s 288
1798, c 101,
sub-c 13, s 5.
Not barred, if
nothing passes
by devise
13 Md 443

within six months after the first grant of administration upon her husband's estate, she shall deliver or transmit to the court, or register of wills where administration has been granted, a written renunciation in the following form, or to the following effect: "I, A. B., widow of ———, late of ———, deceased, do hereby renounce and quit all claim to any bequest or devise made to me by the last will of my husband, exhibited and proved according to law; and I elect to take in lieu thereof, my dower or legal share of the estate of my said husband." But by renouncing all claim to a devise or bequest, or devises or bequests of personal property made to her by the will of her husband, she shall be entitled to one-third part of the personal estate of her husband which shall remain after payment of his just debts and claims against him, and no more.

229. If the will of the husband devise a part of both real and personal estate, she shall renounce the whole, or be otherwise barred of her right to both real and personal estate.

230. If the will devise only a part of the real estate, or only a part of the personal estate, the devise shall bar her of only the real or personal estate, as the case may require; *provided*, nevertheless, that if the devise of either real or personal estate, or of both, shall be expressly in lieu of her legal share of one or both, she shall accordingly be barred unless she renounce as aforesaid.

231. But if in effect nothing shall pass by such devise, she shall not be thereby barred, whether she shall or shall not renounce as aforesaid, it being the intent of this article and consonant to justice, that a widow accepting or abiding by a devise, in lieu of her legal right, shall be considered as a purchaser with a fair consideration.

WIDOW'S DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE.

232. In all cases where administration shall be granted, and an inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of the decedent shall have been returned by the administrator to the Orphans' Court, the widow of such deceased person shall have the right to take to herself and apply to her own use and the use of her children, such household and kitchen furniture, or other personal property, as she may choose; *provided*, the same shall not exceed in value, according to the inventory and appraisement, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; *and provided further*, that the amount of personal property so selected to be taken by her, shall be deducted from her distributive share of said personal estate: this section not to apply if the decedent left real estate to the value of one thousand dollars.

233. If the widow have no children and the decedent is solvent, then the widow shall have the right to take and apply to her own use such property to the said amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, under the provisions of the last preceding section; but if the widow have no children and the decedent, is insolvent, then the

Art 93, s 291
1849, c 543, s 1.
Widow may
choose house-
hold furniture,
etc., at appraisement

PROVISIONS.

What sum not
to exceed as
appraised

1862, c. 101
What propor-
tion of solvent
or insolvent
decedents' pro-
perty, childless
widow to take