

20. Letters of administration and letters testamentary shall be granted by the Supreme Court to the Administrator-General, according to the practice of the Supreme Court, and shall be granted by the Resident Magistrates' Courts in the same way, as nearly as may be, as such letters of administration and letters testamentary would be granted to any other executor or administrator. Such letters of administration and letters testamentary shall bear the stamp to which they would have been liable if granted to a private person.

Letters of administration, etc., granted to him by Supreme Court.

21. Subject to this Act, the rights, duties, powers, and liabilities of the Administrator-General, in applying for and obtaining letters of administration or letters testamentary, and in acting as administrator or executor, shall be the same in all respects as under similar circumstances the rights, duties, powers, and liabilities of private persons applying for and obtaining letters of administration or letters testamentary, or acting as administrators or executors would have been if this Act had not been passed.

Rights, duties, powers and liabilities of Administrator-General.

22. It shall be the duty of the Collector of Taxes in each parish to ascertain to the best of his ability, and to report to the Administrator-General, the names of all persons who shall die in the parish under such circumstances as to entitle the Administrator-General to the administration of their estates.

Duty of Collectors to report deaths.

23. Whenever it appears to the Supreme Court that there is good ground to believe that the Administrator-General is, or is likely to become, entitled to the administration of any estate, and that the property of such estate is likely to be damaged or diminished for want of a proper person to take charge thereof, before letters of administration or letters testamentary can be taken out, or while it is doubtful who will apply for and obtain letters of administration or

Jurisdiction of Court before or pending proceedings for administration.