

2. Cap. 24. any *father* of full age or under, may by deed, or will, dispose of the custody of his child born, or unborn, to any person except a popish recusant; either in possession, or reversion, 'till the child attains the age of twenty-one.

Guardians appointed under our peculiar laws.
On which head I shall be more particular.

Orphans, under our acts of assembly, entitled to any part of an intestate's estate, shall appear in court, and if fourteen years of age shall chuse, and if under that age, the court will appoint, a guardian, in whose hands such part of the estate will be committed, under the following conditions and restrictions; to wit.

Such guardian must enter into bond, with two sufficient sureties, for securing and delivering such estate to the orphans when at age; that is, males at twenty-one and females at sixteen years, or day of marriage; whereupon the court makes an order to the executor or administrator, for the delivery of such orphan's estate into the hands of such guardian. And no executor or administrator ought to deliver up such estate to any guardian, so chosen or appointed, until such guardian have produced a