

have the same power over minors committed thereto; and all indentures or contracts so made shall be recorded in the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city, within thirty days from the execution thereof.

23. All apprentices, except those bound to tradesmen and mechanics residing in any town, shall be compelled to perform reasonable labor in wheat, rye and hay harvest only, unless the particular contract shall be otherwise.

24. If any person shall entice any apprentice or other minor from the care, direction, service or employment of the father, guardian or master of such apprentice or other minor, or shall induce or encourage any apprentice or other minor to disobey any lawful command of his father, guardian, or master, or shall permit any apprentice or other minor to enter or remain in any house, store, shop, apartment or dwelling used or occupied by such person after notice from the father, guardian or master of such apprentice or other minor prohibiting the same, such person shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of twenty dollars, the one-half thereof to the use of the State and the other half to the use of the informer who shall sue for the same, to be recovered before a justice of the peace by action of debt in the name of the State in the same manner as small debts; and the father, guardian or master of such apprentice or other minor shall also be entitled to recover damages in an action on the case against the person so offending.

25. If any contract of apprenticeship, whether defective in form or not, hath been partly executed, the Orphans' Court may award and compel the terms, or any part of the terms, to be performed by the master or mistress, or by the apprentice, as justice and equity may require; and the master or mistress of any apprentice may detain the said apprentice in his or her service till such apprentice shall be discharged by the court, and may maintain such action against strangers as if such apprentice had been legally bound to serve.

26. If any apprentice shall abscond or run away from his master or mistress, or in any way absent himself from the service of said master or mistress, the Orphans' Court, may, during the whole of the remainder of the time during which such apprentice hath to serve, or at any time within five years thereafter, award such compensation to be made by such apprentice